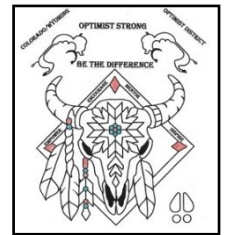




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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush



Good Morning Optimist



HAPPY NEW YEAR! — We hope all of our Optimist members are settling in their regular routine after the busy holiday season.

Greeted us for the first meeting of the New Year



with bright, smiling faces, and strong warm handshakes were **Bob Avery** and **Jon Wachter**.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

First Bell of 2018 & Invocation/Pledge

President **Jim Easton** was still on the job calling the meeting to order almost on time. President Jim called on **Karl Geil** to give the invocation. Karl called on all of us to continue our commitment to the youth of our community throughout the new year. He then led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Guest

Jon Wachter introduced our first guest of the new year, Henry Schonewise. Henry had visited us before when he was with the President of Denver Teachers' and Helen Phelps Awards. Now that he is past-president of the 2017-2018 Board of Directors for that

organization he says has more time on his hands and thought he might pay us a visit again. *Welcome, Henry. We hope you continue to come!*

New Member Induction

Prez Jim inducted **Dan Rodriguez** into membership of Monaco South. Dan joined last August but had not been formally inducted yet. Dan is the owner of Signarama on S. Monaco, and a professional magician. Dan did a great job of entertaining us during our "Kid's to Breakfast" at the last week's meeting.



From the left, Tom Glazier, Prez Jim Easton, Dan Rodriguez, & John Oss.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Tree Lot Tear Down

Prez Jim thanked last Saturday's crew who finished the Christmas tree lot cleanup. They included **Bob Avery**, **Pat Bush**, **George Buzick**, **Noel Hasselgren**, **Joe Marci**, **Gary Miller**, **Mike White** and his son Ryan, and **Steve Kady** gave us moral support. As mentioned in last weeks *GUMS*, they performed very well in the 15-degree cold weather. Editor, *"If I missed any one it is because I listed the names from memory and mine is not as good as it once was."*

OCMS Club Policy Documents

The OCMS Club Policy Document has been updated and approved by the board. It is attached to this weeks *GUMS* distribution email.

Please read the policies and if there are any questions, please direct them to the Board of Directors, President, Jim Easton. may suggest changes at anytime to the policies. Also for your reference are the OCMS Club Bylaws. Any change to the Bylaws requires a vote of the membership.

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Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am
*****INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN*****

Announcements

CO-WY Brain Bowl:



A tired looking **Karl Geil** announced that the Brain Bowl is no longer coming but that it is here. The North Regional Tournament will be held tomorrow at Standley Lake High School. Ninety-five teams are competing meaning we will have 38 different competition rooms in action. We have just enough readers to cover all the competition rooms. Therefore, he implored all readers need to show up, preferably on time, but show up none the less. All volunteer's need to be on site by 7:00 a.m. Karl will have a report on the results at our next membership meeting. The next competition is the Central Region Tournament on January 20th at Heritage High School in Littleton.

CO-WY Junior Golf: Joe Marci



announced that the coming of the New Year starts our Junior Golf Tournament preparation. The Optimist Junior Golf program always has an exhibit at the Golf Expo, February 19-21. So, Joe will be needing help staffing the exhibit for three days. If you are interested in helping at the exhibit, please signup at the next several membership meetings or give Joe a call.

Dime-A-Day Program: Perry Allen



reminds us that he is collecting donations for the Dime-A-Day program. You can join the program by making a \$36.50 donation (get it; a dime each day for the current Optimist year) to the Optimist International Foundation. These are unrestricted funds for the foundation to use to support scholarships, optimist projects, and administrative functions of OI. Perry reminds us all that we need to make this donation annually so if you donated last year that is great, but you also need to donation this year. By the way, he says you do not have to limit yourself to just one donation. He will take several donations and you can even combine them on one check to make it easier for you. Get the donation form from the GUMS distribution email.

Optimist Oratorical Contest:



The New Year also brings a new Oratorical Contest. **John Oss** announced that he and **George Buzick** will be working with George Washington High School to encourage the students to enter our local contest. Last years they had all of the students in the GW speech program enter our contest. John will keep us informed as the contest approaches.

Update on Bob Hugo:

As most of us know, Past President and Past Governor **Bob Hugo** suffers with Alzheimer's disease and is in an elderly housing facility. **Mark Metevia** reports that Bob is doing well but struggles with memory loss. We should keep him in our thoughts and prayers.



Englewood Optimist Club: **Phil Perington** reports that the Englewood Optimist Club, that we co-sponsored last year, is doing well. This club was built around golf and meets at the Broken Tee Golf Course clubhouse. They meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 a.m. They have been working with Englewood High School (EHS) to start a golf program there. It looks like EHS maybe expanding their golf program in the near future. Phil invites all Monaco South members to pay a visit to one of the Englewood Optimist Club meetings.

Weekly Drawing

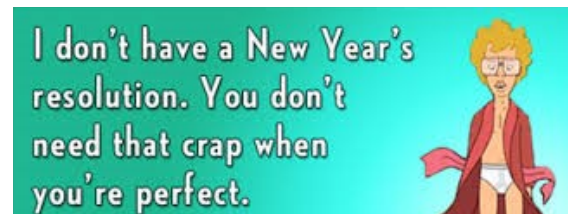
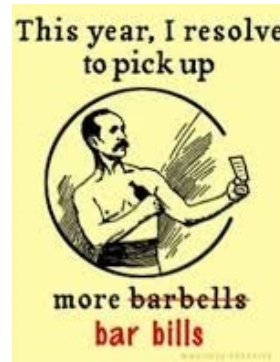
The pot was up to \$150.00 today. The winners that went after the pot were **Ed Collins** and **Maggie**



McHenry a member of the Florence Crittenton staff, but neither pulled the right card. The cup winners were **Jim Easton**, **John Oss**, **Gary Strowbridge**, **Russ Paul**, **Bill Morgan** and **John Stoffel** who then pasted his cup to our speakers from Florence Crittenton.

Tom Overton name was called for wearing his badge, but he had the same luck that Ed and Maggie had — so sad. Next week, it the pot is up to \$160.

Humorous New Year's Resolutions



Florence Crittenton Services

Julia Jung, Lynn Dolven & Maggie McHenry

Tom Mauro introduced our guest speakers this morning, **Julia Jung** a past recipient and current volunteer at Florence Crittenton Services. Julia provided some background information on Florence Crittenton, which was first established in Denver in 1893 as a home for unwed mothers. As she described, they would provide care for the teen moms during pregnancy when they left their own homes to have their babies. The child would most often be put up for adoption and the teen mom would go back to their own homes after birth. Florence Crittenton provided these services up to 1981 when social norms had shifted to acceptance of unwed teen mothers. Now most teen moms remain with their families.



Tom Mauro introducing Julia Jung.
Photos Noel Hasselgren

In 1984, Florence Crittenton services partnered with Denver Public Schools to help teen moms continue their education and graduate high school. Their all girls' high school, which opened in 2015, is complete with day care services. The new Florence Crittenton High School, is where teen mothers can earn a Denver Public Schools diploma on-site.

Prior to the Florence Crittenton High School, there was only a 38 percent graduation rate among teen mothers. Now nearly 90 percent of the unwed mothers that attend Florence Crittenton High School will graduate. They have since established an early childhood education center to help the children of teen moms become "kindergarten ready." Over 90 percent of teen moms at Florence Crittenton are women of color and 80 percent are Latina.

Julia then introduced **Lynn Dolven**, Director of Development, and **Maggie McHenry**, Development Associate.

Lynn shared that of the 3.2-million-dollar annual budget that it takes to run Florence Crittenton Services, 1.8 million dollars comes from the Denver Public Schools. The rest comes from fundraising efforts and



Lynn Dolven & Maggie McHenry provide insight on the development activities along with some of the Florence Crittenton services it supports.

donations. The two biggest fundraising events are a "**Miles for Moms**," a 5K run/walk and a "**Cycles of Success**" luncheon, which is coming up on Thursday, March 8th, at the Hilton Denver City Center, formerly known as the Denver Marriott City Center, and the

keynote speaker will be advice columnist Amy Dickinson.

They also run several major donation drives. These funds are used for a school and child care supply programs, holiday gift giving, and a summer bridge program, which includes camp and summer employment. The parenting supply drive provides the essential supplies that teen moms need to continue their education while being a new parent.

The Florence Crittenton organization is always looking for volunteers, especially men volunteers. Volunteers help with administrative duties, grounds keeping and/or maintenance or event setup. More information can be found at www.florcritco.org.

January Super Citizen Presenters

Jan 16 @ 2:30	MPB	Tom Kramis
Jan 25 @ 1:00	McMeen	Mike White
Jan 26 @ 3:00	Bradley	Jon Wachter

Weekly Greeters

1/12/18	Joe Marci & Jim VanderKamp
1/19/18	Santa Claus & Al Gapuzan
1/26/18	Gary Strowbridge & Mark Metevia

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 41st Year — Chartered in 1976

See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

Jan 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Jan 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Jan 20	Sat	6:45 am	Central Regional Brain Bowl, Heritage HS, Littleton, CO
Jan 24	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Jan 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Bill Morgan, Building Violins
Feb 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 3	Sat	6:45 am	South Reginal Brain Bowl, Horizon Middle School, 1750 Piros Drive, Colorado Springs
Feb 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 10	Sat	8:00 am	CO-WY 2 nd Quarter Conference, Cianiao's Restaurant, 9650 Sheridan Blvd.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR, Friday, Feb. 16 — Sweetheart to Breakfast

**Past Presidents of the
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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Don St. John	2001-02
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Jack Rife	2002-03
John Young	1982-83	Karl Geil	2003-04
Pat Bush	1983-84	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Greg Young	2007-08
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Phil Perington	2008-09
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Bill Walters	1991-92	Paul Simon	2012-13
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	John Oss	2014-15
Mark Metevia	1994-95	Michael Chavez	2015-16
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THE OPTIMIST CREED — Promise Yourself . . .

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
 To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
 To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
 To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
 To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
 To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
 To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
 To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
 To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
 To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.