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Good Morning Optimists

On a clear, bright day, the 193rd of 2019, forty-two members were graciously greeted by **Steve Kady** and **Terry Shroyer**, both of whom knew that on this date in 1843, Joseph Smith (Mormon Leader) said that God allows polygamy.



Steve Kady in back & Terry Shroyer in front.
Photos Noel Hasselgren

They also both knew that on this date Vice President Aaron Burr is involved in a duel with Alexander Hamilton, first Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, resulting in the death of Hamilton. And, last but certainly not least, that on this date, Alexander Cartwright, recognized as the inventor of modern baseball, died at the age of 72.

First Bell

In the absence of **Prez Everett Gardner**, who is in Joplin, Missouri, **Vice Prez Bob Meyer**, fresh back from the Optimist International Convention in Louisville Kentucky called the meeting to order by banging a miniature Louisville Slugger on the bell.



Invocation

Vice Prez Bob called upon **Karl Geil** to provide this morning's words of wisdom. Karl urged everyone to "think only of the best."

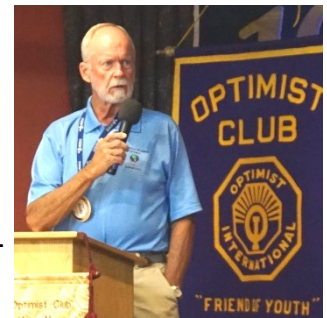
Guests

Our guest today was **Uli Kappas**, President of the University Hills Optimist Club. Uli was requesting some assistance at the upcoming Scottish Festival in Wheat Ridge Citizen's Park on August 3&4. Please contact either Uli @ 303-979-1800 or John Oss @ 720-210-8056, if you are available to help on either of these days.



From VP Bob Meyer

Vice Prez Bob said he had a great time at the convention, which was attended by at least 1,300 Optimist from all parts of this nation and others. He got a chance to visit Churchill Downs and meet a number of members from the many clubs represented. He said he is looking forward to driving the 2,300 mile round-trip to the Optimist International junior golf tournament at the Trump National golf course in Doral, Florida. The CO-WY District will be represented by 66 golfers, the largest contingent in the OI organization and more the 10 percent of all golfers participating. Congratulations to **Joe Marci**, **Ron Cisco**, and **Bob** for their commitment and stellar efforts in achieving this coup for CO-WY District!



Bob Meyer

July Birthdays

Another outstanding round of the traditional "Happy Birthday" was enjoyed by all present, in honor of those celebrating birthdays in July; who are **Stephen Avery**, **Pat Bush**, **Cliff Eley**, **John Greene**, **Tom Hoch**, **Steve Kady**, **Jack Kleinheksel**, **Jim Leuschner**, **Randy Marcove**, **Wyatt McCallie**, **Mark Metevia**, **Dan Rodriguez**, **Paul Simon**, **Donlie Smith**, and **Andy Towt**.

Welcome Back Craig

Vice Prez Bob welcomed back **Craig Eley**, minus the lower lobe of his lung, which was extracted by a robot named "Zena," according to Craig. Craig appeared to be in good spirits, in spite of the prospect of more surgery in about a month. We all wish him the best!

Announcements

Dime-A-Day: **Perry Allen**, our Dime a Day champion said that he had received a check from **Wyatt McCallie** for \$365, bringing to 6 the number of members who have donated that amount. Perry is matching each "Dollar a Day" contribution with his own "Dime a Day" or \$36.50, which means Perry himself has contributed \$219. Perry is shooting for 4 more donors of \$365, before September 30.



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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 Continued

Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast: Paul Bernard announced that the Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast is on Saturday, July 27th. The start time for this even will be a little later this year starting at 10:00 a.m., and go to 2:00 p.m., so you will not have to get up quite so early. This is a joint event with the Tamarac Optimists and is for a wonderful cause. Paul mentioned a possible tour of Brent's Place later this year, so we can get a feel for what it's all about.



Rockies Tickets to Support Junior Golf: Joe Marci said he still has Rockies tickets available for various Rockies games. The proceeds go to support the 66 golfers going to Florida. See Joe for available games.

Successful Living

For many who may not be aware, **John Young** has accumulated and written numerous materials on Optimism and positive living. Below is just one from about 25 titled "Successful Living" which is very appropriate in today's world.

- ◇ Practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty.
- ◇ Everything can be taken from a man but the last of human freedoms; the ability to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances.
- ◇ Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.
- ◇ Don't fight forces, use them.
- ◇ Optimism is a choice and one of the most powerful we can make. Ronald Regan
- ◇ Asking "What If" questions is not only a lot of fun; it also gives you the freedom to think along different lines.
- ◇ Creativity can solve almost any problem. The creative act, the defeat of habit by originality, overcomes everything.
- ◇ It is wise to learn. It is God-like to create.
- ◇ I can live for two weeks on a good hug—compliment.
- ◇ Two things stand like stone, kindness in another's trouble, courage in your own.
- ◇ Interest is not enough, you have to have passion.
- ◇ Take a chance! All life is a chance. The person who goes the farthest is generally the one who is willing to dare and do. The "sure thing" boat never gets far from shore.
- ◇ All mankind is divided into three classes: those who are immovable; those who are movable; and those who move." Ben Franklin
- ◇ Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far up they can go.
- ◇ We cannot allow the fear of what might be to stop us from moving toward our goals in life.
- ◇ People are always blaming their circumstances for

what they are. The people who get on in this world are they who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them. George Bernard Shaw

- ◇ To be happy, drop the words "if only" and substitute instead the words "next time."
- ◇ The greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions, and not our circumstances. Martha Washington
- ◇ Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter.
- ◇ Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.
- ◇ The foolish and the dead alone never change their minds.
- ◇ Don't hold to anger, hurt or pain. They steal your energy and keep you from love.
- ◇ The doors we open and close each day decide the lives we live.
- ◇ The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.
- ◇ Pull the string and it will follow wherever you wish. Push it, and it will go nowhere at all.
- ◇ One thing you can't recycle is wasted time.
- ◇ Wisdom outweighs any wealth. Sophocles
- ◇ Be big enough to admit your mistakes, smart enough to profit from them and strong enough to correct them.
- ◇ Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought.
- ◇ To have equanimity, you must choose kindness over being right most of the time.

Picture of Tom's Car

Last week this photo was share for GUMS readers. Since no caption was provided, we think it is a picture of a vintage Buick Riviera and two old MSOC members, **Tom Mauro** and **Michael Chavez**.



This Months Editor, George Buzick



Make the GUMS editors job easier—Should you have an announcement or story for GUMS, please put it in writing or in an email and send to either the monthly editor or to **Bob Finkelmeier** who pulls GUMS together each week, Thank You!

Allen Yockey Celebration of Life

Remember **Allen Yockey**, a Celebration of Life for Allen will be held on Tuesday, July 23rd at 9:30 a.m. at the Living Way Fellowship Church, 345 East Wildcat Reserve Parkway, in Highlands Ranch. Near S. Broadway and E. Wildcat Reserve Parkway.

Weekly Greeters

Sign-Up with Jon Wachter to be a greeter, it is a good way to meet members.

7/19/19	Frank Ross & Ron Cisco
7/26/19	Gary Strowbridge & Russ Paul
8/2/19	Tom Glazier & Karl Geil
8/9/19	Jim VanderKamp & Bob Avery

Hannah Hoogenboom & Gina Hallisey Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund & Automezzi Exotic Italian Car-Motorcycle Show

Ron Gustas introduced our speakers today, Ms. Hannah Hoogenboom and Gina Hallisey. As we know, Ron has been promoting this special event since it is fundraiser for the JDRF organization. One Hundred Percent of the ticket sale proceeds from attendees of the "Automezzi Colorado 2019 Celebration" goes to the JDRF Diabetes Foundation.

While Gina was setting up her slide presentation, we had a little update on Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund from Hannah Hoogenboom, JDRF Development Director. Hannah said that JDRF is doing research for a number of auto-immune diseases, but specifically oriented toward Type 1, which is prevalent in children. There is some concern about the affordability of insulin, especially in the lower socio-economic areas.

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease that strikes both children and adults suddenly. It has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle. There is nothing you can do to prevent it. And, at present, there is no cure.

In T1D, your pancreas stops producing insulin—a hormone the body needs to get energy from food. This means a process your body does naturally and automatically becomes something that now requires your daily attention and manual intervention. If you have T1D, you must constantly monitor your blood-sugar level, inject or infuse insulin through a pump, and carefully balance these insulin doses with your eating and activity throughout the day and night.

However, insulin is not a cure for diabetes. Even with the most vigilant disease management, a significant portion of your day will be spent with either high or low blood-sugar levels. These fluctuations place people with T1D at risk for potentially life-threatening hypoglycemic and hyperglycemic episodes as well as devastating long-term complications such as kidney failure, heart attack, stroke, blindness, and amputation.

She explained that with Type 2 the pancreas still works and effects of disease can be controlled through diet, exercise and other methods whereas, with Type

1, insulin is the only answer as the pancreas cannot uncton. She commented that pancreas transplants are not common, because of organ rejection. She mentioned that there are over 100 different autoimmune diseases and that they often "travel together," meaning that many people have more than one.

Our other speaker, Gina Hallisey, is the Automezzi event coordinator with 30+ years of expertise in the end-to-end development and execution of innovative events. Gina has owned and operated her own event company, Get Connected Events successfully since 2000, assisting both private business and public entities with venue/event design, event operation/logistics, sales management and staff training. She also serves as the Director of the Automezzi Exotic Italian Car and Motorcycle Show.



Gina Hallisey

The Automezzi Exotic Italian Car and Motorcycle Show presented by Ferrari of Denver celebrates its 29th year and is the largest gathering

of all Italian exotics in Colorado. With the recent move to its new home at the Jeffco Fairgrounds Pavilion and Lawn, the Automezzi has grown into the "New Italian Experience" offering Italian food, Italian specialty cocktails and authentic Italian music.

The event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Sunday, July 21st. Ticket price is \$7.00 and proceeds will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF). For more information see the website at www.automezzi.com.

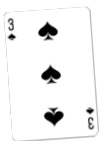
Note: After Gina left our meeting she headed Fox Channel 31 to promote the 29th Annual Automezzi Colorado event. You can hear her comments and see Steven Wiskow talk about one of these amazing Ferrari cars. Go to <https://kdvr.com/2019/07/12/29th-annual-automezzi-colorado-jdrf-july-21st/>.



dedicated to finding a cure

Do We Have a Drawing

"We have a drawing!" Those words, uttered by **Dr. Bob**, raised the hopes of the sparse crowd of 40+ members who wanted to win the \$200 pot by drawing the Three of Spades, one of only 14 cards left in the deck. **Jon Wachter** and **Bill Morgan**, who both went for the big money, but were unsuccessful, so there was not much suspense for the other winners, **Bob Meyer**, **Phil Perington**, **Bryce Slaby**, **Paul Gibson**, who had to be satisfied with mere cups of money. Suspense mounted as **VP Bob Meyer** called names of several absent members before pulling **Jack Kleinheksel's** name



from the jar. As luck would have it, luck had it! Jack was wearing his name tag and pulled the Three of Spades from the deck and claimed his \$200! What a guy! Note: Jack later told this



editor that his dad used to tell him "Even a blind pig can find a truffle once in a while."

BTW, check out page 29 in your April 2019 Member Directory and see if you notice any similarities to one of the pictures.



Lucky Jack wins the pot!

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd Year — Chartered in 1976
See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

July 16-21, July 21-26, & July 26-31, 2019, OI Junior Golf Championship, Miami Florida

July 18 Thur 6:15 pm OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room
 July 19 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
 July 26 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Harry Fegley, Voyage Around the World
 July 27 Sat 8:30 am Pancake Breakfast for Brent's Place, Anschutz Campus, 17th Place & Quentin St.
 Aug 2 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Principals from Super Citizens Schools
 Aug 9 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Bob Meyer, Junior Golf Kids
 Aug 15 Thur 6:15 pm OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room
 Aug 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
 Aug 16-18 8:00 am CO-WY District Convention, Pueblo Convention Center, 320 Central Main, Pueblo, CO
 Aug 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Avery	1989-90	Don St. John	2001-02	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Jack Rife	2002-03	John Oss	2014-15
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bill Walters	1991-92	Karl Geil	2003-04	Michael Chavez	2015-16
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Kent Gloor	1992-93	Bryce Slaby	2004-05	Craig Eley	2016-17
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Donlie Smith	2005-06	Jim Easton	2017-18
John Young	1982-83	Mark Metevia	1994-95	Paul Bernard	2006-07		
Pat Bush	1983-84	Bob Safe	1995-96	Greg Young	2007-08		
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Tom Overton	1996-97	Phil Perington	2008-09		
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Peter Dimond	1997-98	Ron Cisco	2009-10		
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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.