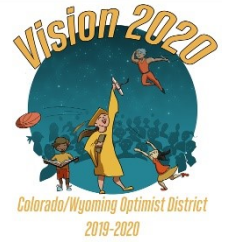




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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 43 Years  
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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush

### Good Morning Optimists Zoom Virtual Meeting

At the stroke of 8:00 a.m. sharp, President **Bob Meyer** gavelled the meeting to order with 36 members and guests present. Or, should I say he hammered the garden spade, since he does not have a bell? At any rate, since **Dan Rodriguez** was not present, at least yet, Bob read the invocation about making all our friends feel there is something in them by giving them positive encouragement in their daily endeavors.



Immediately **Tom Hoch** jumped in and told us his friend Ollie was going through a divorce and that the judge awarded her \$800 per month. Hearing that, Ollie said he would pitch in some money as well. *What are friends for?*

### This Day in History

As is the routine, Pres Bob shares some birthday's and events that happened on this day, like July 17th is National Peach Ice Cream Day (Editor, Hope you have some frozen peaches left over from last year.) and National Wrong Way Corrigan Day (See the story, [Click here](#)).



July 10<sup>th</sup> Birthdays: 1763, John Jacob Astor; 1889, "Perry Mason" author Erle Stanley Gardner; 1899, Jimmy Cagney; 1912, Art Linkletter; 1917, Phyllis Diller; 1935, Donald Sutherland; 1935, Diahann Carroll; 1937, fictional character Elmer Fudd; 1947, Camilla Parker Bowles; 1954, Angela Merkel; and 1976, country singer Luke Bryan.



Major Events on this date: Congress authorizes paper currency, 1861; First US Dental School, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, is established, 1867; First ship carrying gold from the Yukon arrives in Seattle, 1897; Babe Ruth draws his 2,000<sup>th</sup> base on balls, 1934; "Wrong Way Corrigan" leaves New York City flying to Long Beach, CA ends up in Ireland, apparently by mistake, 1938; Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak ends, 1941; An estimated 34 1/2" of rain falls in Smethport, PA, 1942; the last of World War II, Potsdam Conference is held, 1945; Construction of Disneyland starts, 1954; Disneyland televises its grand opening, 1955; US Senate rejects Medicare for the aged, 1962; First two female agents begin FBI training, 1972; New York Yankees manager Billy Martin

and Reggie Jackson fight in dugout after Jackson refuses to bunt—Martin suspends Jackson, 1978; Ronald Reagan formally accepts Republican nomination for President, 1980; Paris-bound Flight TWA 800 explodes off coast of Long Island, killing all 230 on board, 1966; Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 is shot down, killing all 283 passengers and 15 crew members, 2014; and "El Chapo" is finally recaptured, 2019.

### From the Prez

**President Bob** reported on Thursday evenings Board Meeting and indicated several items of business discussed. Top of the list was the in-person meetings. Bob said that the final survey regarding a member's willingness to attend such meetings had 27 members favoring and 35 with a reluctance to attend. **Tom Glazier** who has been looking into a meeting place reported that he had some further contact with Café de France Express, 4155 E Jewell Ave., and that the owner thought that she could get the cost of breakfast down to \$10, including tax but without tip. Editor's note, "as long as she doesn't have to serve food." The breakfast plates would be prepared in the kitchen then members would have to pick up their plate. The Board will continue to monitor the virus status. In the meantime, Tom will assemble a small group of members to conduct a few test "mini-meetings" at the restaurant to get a feel of how the in-person meetings might work.



### Announcements

2020-2021 Super Citizen Awards: **Tom Mauro** asked if the Super Citizen Awards program had been discussed at the Board Meeting. The answer was that it had not in detail, but much will depend on how Denver Public Schools will conduct their in-person class schedules. Editor, learned that DPS will start the school year on August 24<sup>th</sup> with the remote learning option only. They will be phasing in classroom sessions later as the virus resurgence is controlled. Until then, the program will have to be on hold. It was mentioned that **Robert Wardlaw** and all the school representatives need to stay in touch with the SC schools and report back.

Boys & Girls Thanksgiving Dinner: Like everything else, COVID19 has thrown the Boys and Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner into some doubt. **Michael Chavez** is continuing to

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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\*\*\***

## Presidential Rants & Raves



We had another successful MSOC weekly membership meeting on Friday with over 45 members participating in the Zoom meeting which started at 8 a.m. and lasted for a little more than an hour.

The link for the recurring meetings is always the same for all of our Friday morning meetings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82299870918?pwd=ZkdTQlJhbmwzcW9KV2k3RjJwZW55QT09>.

The Zoom meeting number and passcode are in the weekly GUMS distribution email.

Once again, I am asking for suggestions on what you would like to discuss at future Club meetings. I do not want to impose my own ideas at every meeting. Remember, this is your Club.

Results from the informal survey on holding in-person MSOC meetings at the restaurant that **Tom Glazier** checked out are in. There were 27 "Yes" votes; 35 "No" votes; and one "Neutral". The votes came from the majority of members who were regular attendees at pre-COVID-19 MSOC meetings. At least six of the "Yes" votes expressed concern about the cost of the meal. Tom Glazier asked for several MSOC members to go to the restaurant and check it out.

**Scott Henke**, a former Monaco South member, and owner of [Onsite Consulting](#) made a highly informative presentation on computer security and safety. Many questions were asked by members and answered by Scott. Since the Q & A's extended beyond 9 a.m., it was decided that members should send me an email with additional questions that I will consolidate and send to Scott to be answered at a future Zoom meeting. After the meeting, Scott sent me a coupon to be used by any MSOC member that is good for a free PC Diagnostics and Tune-up. The coupon is attached to the GUMS distribution email. Also attached to the GUMS email is a document with "helpful hints" that Scott used during his presentation. To show our appreciation for Scott's presentation, we made him a "Friend of Optimism."

After the meeting, I learned that **John Walsh** died last week. More information is available at [https://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/obituary/john-walsh?fh\\_id=14405](https://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/obituary/john-walsh?fh_id=14405).

Starting at our July 31st meeting, **Greg Young** will be conducting training on how to best use the MSOC website.

He will prepare 5 to 10-minute briefings for weeks when we do not have a formal speaker. This will help members stay informed about MSOC projects and activities as we transition into **Dr. Bob's** "retirement" from publishing GUMS at the end of September. A committee is examining the best way to keep members informed. Several different software packages are being studied for the replacement of GUMS in October.

The Board of Directors held their monthly Zoom meeting last Thursday night with discussions about, among other things, how the COVID-19 pandemic will affect the Super Citizen program, the Thanksgiving dinner for the Boys and Girls Club and Girls, Inc., and the Christmas tree lot. As we get closer to those activities, difficult decisions will have to be made based on the ever-changing guidance from State and Local leaders. We will continue to keep members informed well in advance of those activities.

Even though we are not meeting face-to-face, the MSOC membership drive continues. Please find new members and forward their membership applications and check to the Board to be voted on. It looks like I may be getting a "replacement" time share week later this year, so that week will become the prize for the member who brings in the most new members before September 30. Come on guys, we need new members!

Although we have been successful in reaching more than 50 members with our weekly Zoom meetings, there are another 70 or so members we need to reach out to. I suggest that you reach out to members who we have not seen on the Zoom meetings and invite them to join us for future meetings or at least check in with them to see how they are doing. All it takes is a few minutes to possibly brighten someone's day as we all endure the "new normal" of "stay-in-place." If you find Club members who need assistance, please let me or Michael Chavez know so that we can set up "phone trees" to help those who may be unable to get out for grocery store trips or medical appointments.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and your loved ones; practice safe health procedures; and we will see you at some point in the future.

If you need to contact me, please call 303-919-4532 or email me at [meyerrob@comcast.net](mailto:meyerrob@comcast.net).

**Yours in Optimism,  
Prez Bob Meyer**

## Announcements Continued

plan for the dinner, but we just have to hope the virus will let it happen.

**Christmas Tree Lot:** **Tom Kramis** echoed the virus status for the Christmas Tree Lot. He reported that we have ordered a reduced number of trees and will continue with the planning. We are just hoping to get the chance to sell them.

**Club Website:** **Greg Young** will be giving some presentations on how to navigate the club website starting next week, see <https://www.monacosouth.org/>. These presentations will be presented in short increments over several weeks since there is a lot to learn.



**Walk for the Canal:** You are invited to Walk FOR the Canal: Get pledge, get prizes, get moving outdoors! Go to: <https://www.classy.org/campaign/walk-for-the-canal/c292527> For 71 days starting August 1<sup>st</sup> to October 10<sup>th</sup>, coming together as one Canal community - at your own pace, on your own time, in your own way - in support of the Canal.



## The Passing of John Walsh

January 28, 1927–July 8, 2020

Obituary and services are pending. Memorials may be made to Risen Christ Church, 3060 S. Monaco Pkwy, Denver, CO 80222, [www.risenchristchurch.org](http://www.risenchristchurch.org) or The Salvation Army, <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/> in John's name. John was brought into the club by **Tom Overton** in 1994. He was 93 of age and died after declining health for several years.

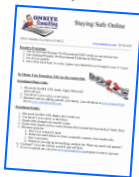


One of John's acquaintances, Kary Cross, writes: "John was my mentor and taught me almost everything I knew about the air cargo industry. I remember he invited me to play in the Flying Tigers Golf tournament. He was standing next to me as I hit 9 balls in a row out of bounds at Arrowhead on a par 3. I asked him if I could hit another ball and he replied Go ahead and hit another one. They are your balls and you can hit as many as you want! I lost 11 balls that day and won a dozen balls from the golf clubhouse after the tournament and went home 1 ball ahead of where I started."

## Staying Safe Online

Scott Henke

Our guest speaker today was Scott Henke owner of On-site Consulting, and a former member of the Monaco South Optimist Club. Scott specializes in maintenance, repairs, and consulting, since 1982. He talked today about how an ounce of preventive care can avoid a pound of repair for your computer and software. He also a "Staying Safe Online" handout, to access [Click Here](#).



Scott recommends that you have two pieces of software installed on your computer to help keep it running efficiently. That software is a good antivirus and a good backup program. He recommends [ESET](#) and [Carbonite](#) respectively for these purposes. The ESET program can provide protection against viruses but also against hackers, protects passwords and other personal information, and allows Onsite to monitor your computer. Carbonite will do automatic backups of all your software and data files in the cloud so that it is completely unconnected to your computer. The cloud is a virtual entity that is made up of other computers on the internet.

Scott also recommends keeping your computer software updated. Several software packages will periodically issue updates to fix vulnerabilities in the applications or add additional features. Some are automatic updates while others are optional. Updates can contain bugs which cause problems with the operation of the software, so Scott recommends only the automatic updates.

Finally, Scott recommends that your computer has a tune-up at least once a year and is replaced or at least the hard drive replaced every five to seven years. As your computer reads and re-writes files to your hard drive, they become fragmented over time. The tune-up is a through reorganization of the files on the hard drive, defragmenting the files and cleaning old pieces of information off of the drive. It

keeps the computer operating efficiently, increasing the speed that it retrieves information. Onsite Consulting also checks for uninstalled software updates. Onsite can perform tune-ups at a low cost and Scott has MSOC members a free diagnostic and tune up, see the **GUMS** distribution email.

Scott then talked a bit about scams. There are unsavory characters on the internet that are constantly trying to get you to send them money or personal information so that they can steal your identity or worse. Things you need to know is that the IRS, Microsoft, Apple, a bank or legitimate financial service will NOT ASK for your personal information over the internet. No, you most likely did not win a lottery or drawing that you did not enter and no you should not hold very large sums of money from foreign countries for a while for a share of the fortune. Scams can come via phone calls or email. Treat all communications from strangers and most unexpected communications from people you know with skepticism. Remember the old adage, "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is."

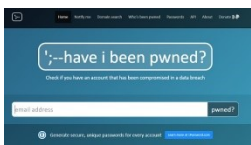
Hover over links in emails to see the full address of the link and make sure it is not sending you somewhere other than where you want to go. If you are confused, contact them yourself rather than going through a link. Legitimate companies doing business on the internet will not ask for payment using gift cards. When you are doing business over the internet, be sure you are aware of who they will share your information and opt-out of sharing that information when possible.

For more information or to enlist Scott's help with computer maintenance, contact Scott at Onsite Consulting, 6446 E Hampden Avenue, Denver 80222, 720-482-8383, [scott@henke.com](mailto:scott@henke.com), or [www.onsitedenver.com](http://www.onsitedenver.com).

**President Bob** will be collecting additional questions for Scott via email and will invite Scott back for a future presentation to address those additional questions.

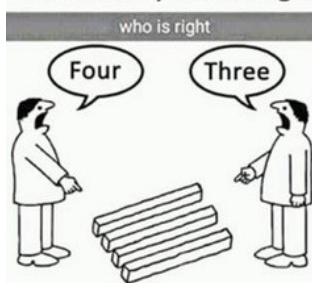
## Have I Been Pwned

During Scott Henke's presentation, he mentioned this website, <https://haveibeenpwned.com/>, it allows Internet users to check whether their personal data has been compromised by data breaches. The service collects and analyzes hundreds of database dumps and pastes containing information about billions of leaked accounts, and allows users to search for their own information by entering their username or email address. Users can also sign up to be notified if their email address appears in future dumps.



## Steve Kady Shares ...

This is really confusing!!



**Asked my doctor today how long he thinks this covid thing will last. He responded with: "How should I know I'm a doctor, not a politician"**

## On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt

We had a good response to last week's question: What was the nickname given to the Route 25 expansion? Thank you **Karl Geil**, **Dick Nickoloff**, **Tom Glazier**, **Bob Hartwig**, **George Buzick**, **Bob Avery**, and Pat Bush for supplying the correct answer: **T-Rex**.

This week's question is: **Colorado has more National Parks than any other state. How many National Parks does Colorado have?** (Hint: It is a number less than six.)

Email your answer to [Warren.Allentown@gmail.com](mailto:Warren.Allentown@gmail.com)



## Weekly Greeters

7/24/2020

In Person Meeting Suspended Due to Virus  
Attend a Zoom Meeting starting at 8:00 a.m.

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

Due to the need to be cautious during the CONVID-19 outbreak, meetings are virtual until at least the end of July. Please check back for updates.

July 24	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
July 31	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Aug 7	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Aug 14	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Aug 20	Thu	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting: TBD
Aug 21	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Aug 28	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Sept 4	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Sept 11	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting

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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.