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Good Morning Optimists OCMS Charter Birthday — 43 YEARS

Happy Birthday to the Optimist Club of Monaco South, which was chartered July 20, 1976. With the recent passing of **Dr. Ed Fankhauser**, the founder of the club, there are five remaining charter members of the club still on the active roster. They are: **Kent Gloor, Greg Hurd, Bill Litchfield, Oscar Sorensen, and John Young**. We salute all of them who, over the past 43 years, have spent thousands of hours being “Friends of Youth” and supporting their community in so many ways.

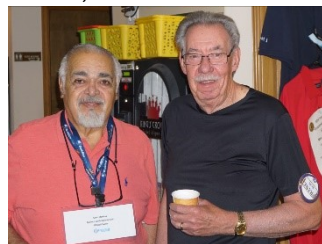
District Number: 25 (COWY) Colorado - Wyoming
Club # 25164
Club Name: Denver-Monaco South, Co
Date Chartered: July 20, 1976
Club President: Everett Gardner
City/State/Province, Country (Language): Denver, Colorado, United States (English)
Meeting Location: American Legion Hall Post #1 Every Friday of each Month at 7:00 am Note: Be there 15-30 min for breakfast
Sponsored by: Club #: 25120 - Denver-Happy Canyon, Co
Club's Web Page: http://www.monacosouth.org



At this time, take a moment to reflect on the 43 past presidents, soon to be 44, listed in the Clubs Membership Roster and on page 4 of *GUMS*. Additionally, review the *In Remembrance* of those members who passed over the years. Thank you!

On This Date

Today's sizzling Greeters were none other than **Ron “The Postmaster” Cisco** and **Frank “The Entertainer” Ross**, who welcomed members with a smile and a



Ron Cisco & Frank Ross
Photos Noel Hasselgren

handshake. Joining them in welcoming members was **Frank Middleton** with his magical deck of cards, which transforms the routine seating arrangement to a “get to know someone else” environment.

While instructions are sometimes not followed fastidiously, members were randomly given a card with a table number and were supposed to sit at that table. This allows members to talk to people whom they might not usually sit with and promotes camaraderie throughout the club. Kudos to Frank for promoting this idea in spite of the pushback from some members!

First Bell

In the absence of the globe-trotting Prez **Everett Gardner** and Vice Prez **Bob Meyer** being in Florida, chairing the 66 golfers representing the CO-WY District at the Optimist International Junior Golf Tournament, **Vice Prez Steve Kady** waited patiently to gavel the meeting to order at the appointed time.



Vice President Steve Kady

Invocation

Vice Prez Steve called on **Paul Gibson** to give today's invocation. Paul urged everyone to be hopeful about an outcome and being able to see the bright side of a situation. He then led the *Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag*.

Guests

Guests today included **Craig Eley's son Paul** and his grandson, **Orion**.



Pictured are granddad Craig Eley with grandson Orion making the rounds meeting Monaco South members.



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.

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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*****

From VP Steve Kady

VP Steve mentioned that there was much discussion at Thursday's Board of Directors meetings about membership and what an important part the members of this club play in the support of their community. Steve said he would be unveiling some ideas about increasing membership in the not too distant future.

Announcements

Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast: Those of you who have volunteered to work the Brent's Place Pancake breakfast on Saturday, July 27th can sleep in a little. The event this year does not start until 10 a.m., so organizer **Paul Bernard** says you do not have to show up until 9:00. Be sure to wear a Monaco South hat and put on some sun screen. Paul will have maps next week.



Palisade Peaches: **Bob Finkelmeier** announced "the peaches are coming; the peaches are coming," and said this year we should have an all-time bumper crop. Peach growers are expecting a great harvest year!



Our peach's come in a two layer tray box with 18 to 36 peaches depending on size. The peaches are tree-ripened, handpicked, and assorted by a family owned artisan grower, and are delivered in a refrigerated truck. The price this year is \$35 per box for these premium peaches and all proceeds go to support Monaco South or Tamarac Optimist youth activities. Call, 303-756-5829, or email Bob at rfinkelmeier@comcast.net.



JDRF & Automezzi Event: **Ron Gustas** said that those who had signed up for the JDRF Automezzi for the Sunday, July 21st event, would be receiving an email from Hannah Hoogenboom on the specifics of where to park and how to sign up on line. This event takes place at the Jeffco Fairgrounds and details can be found at <https://automezzi.colorado.com/>.

Update on James Dockter & Scout Jamboree:

Bob Avery said he had heard from **James Dockter**, who was transferred back east by the Boy Scouts of America. James wanted to thank the men of Monaco South Optimist Club for introducing him to Optimism and has joined an Optimist Club in Columbus, Ohio.



James Dockter

Bob will be gone for two weeks, July 22-August 2, attending the Boy Scout World Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in Glen Jean, West Virginia. More than 45,000 scouts are expected to attendance in the hills of western Virginia. He is looking for volunteers to take Club attendance for the next couple of weeks. Learn more about the Jamboree at www.2019wsj.org/.



Bob also thanked club members for their support of him in the Ride for MS and suggested you can still contribute on line should you care to.

Club Morning Breakfast: **Greg Young** reminded us that we have to pay for 25 breakfasts, whether we have eaten or not, and suggested that you cannot get this quality of breakfast, coffee, and juice for the paltry sum of \$8 anywhere else. He also added that coffee and juice are \$2. So, please pay cashier **Gary Miller**.

South By Southeast Community Festival: **Greg Young** also reported that he is still recruiting volunteers for Councilwoman Kendra Black's, "South By Southeast" community festival on Saturday, August 17th from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Bible Park, 6802 E Yale Ave. For details [Click Here](#). Volunteers will be parking cars and directing participants to various venues. He really needs volunteers for late afternoon and evening time slots.

Update on Allen Malask: He was reported that **Allen Malask** is recovering from recent illness and may need rides to and from the doctors, hospitals, etc., since he cannot drive on his own. Give Allen a call if you are available to help—303-726-3700.



Allen Malask

Charter Members in Attendance

VP Steve Kady called all charter member in attendance at today's meeting to stand and to be recognized.



In attendance, joining VP Steve on stage, were **Oscar Sorensen** and **Kent Gloor**. Thank you gentlemen for your 43-years of dedication!

Morning Camaraderie



Weekly Greeters

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

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

Rained Out Denver Municipal Band Concert

As was reported in *GUMS* a week ago, the Denver Municipal Band was to hold a concert in Southmoor



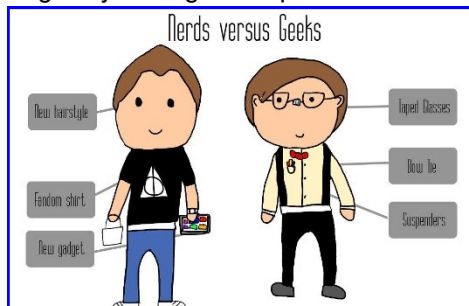
Park on the evening of Saturday, July 13th, starting at 7:30 p.m. Well mother nature did not get the word, so it got rained out. Southmoor Park

East HOA president and MSOC member **Casey Funk** then reported, *"Ben Franklin once said nothing in this world is certain except for death, taxes, and rain on the SPEHA band concert evening. But what looked like a canceled concert turned into an extraordinary and special evening when John and Sue Griebel allowed the brass quintet to play from their front porch to the few remaining residents that stayed around. They played for about an hour. How fun and special. Thank you to our neighbors John and Sue!"*

By the way, that is **Henry Schonewise**, MSOC member, sitting on the front steps to listen to the small ensemble of assembled musicians on the front porch pictured above. The next Municipal Band concert is tonight in Washington Park, starting at 6:00 p.m.

From the Editor — Nerds vs Geeks

Nerd and Geek have similar etymologies, with neither originally having much positive association. According to



Benjamin Nugent, author of *American Nerd: The Story of My People*, the word nerd first appeared in the Dr. Seuss book, *If I Ran the Zoo*, in which one of the zoo creatures, an angry little old man,

was called a "nerd." Nugent also notes a 1951 *News-week* article using the word nerd to refer to "a drip or a square," which gets closer to modern stereotypes regarding nerds.

Geek was originally an early 20th-century term for a carnival worker who was so unskilled that the only thing the

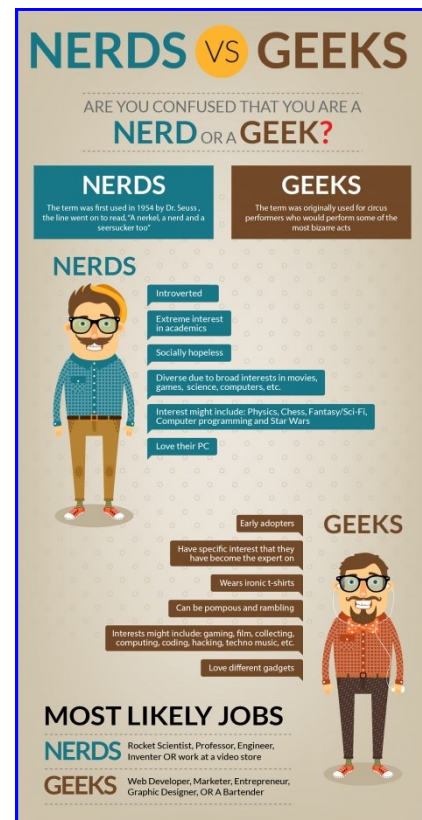
worker could do at the carnival to entice an audience was to bite off the heads of live animals. Essentially, a geek was a socially undesirable person who lacked any skill or ability.

Both terms still retain their original connotations of undesirable social traits and behaviors, but in the late 20th century their meanings became more fluid in nature, with the two terms often considered interchangeable. The last few decades in particular have seen associations with geek and nerd trending as more-positive social markers.

Geeks are now more generally described as "more community-oriented," more likely to engage in "*fannish*" behavior such as collecting memorabilia, and more interested in trends.

Nerds tend to be associated with specialized technical knowledge, more interested in detailed theory than trends, and more given to serious study of a subject matter.

Both are now considered far more desirable for their expertise and enthusiasm for even esoteric topics than in the past. Whether someone is a nerd or a geek is now largely determined by personal preference rather than a hard set of characteristics, with no need to bite off the heads of any animals.



Do We Have a Drawing

With a mere twenty dollars in the pot, thanks to



Lucky Jack wins the pot!

Jack Kleinheksel taking it away last week, participation was not as spirited as last week. This week **Gary Strowbridge**, **Ed Collins**, **Cesar Camarena** (a double twice), **Craig Eley**, and **Paul Gibson** all took cups of money. This forced **Ed Collins**, on his second winning ticket, and **Steve Kady** to draw for the **Jack**

of **Diamonds**. Neither was successful, thus giving **Mike McMahon**, who was wearing his



nametag, the opportunity to become \$20 richer. Alas, he too was unsuccessful, so next week's pot will increase by \$10, with 12 cards left in the deck. It is time to play to get back your losses.

Remember to Bring in a New Member!



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Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd Year — Chartered in 1976

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

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: TBA
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: Principals from Super Citizens Schools
Aug 16-18		8:00 am	CO-WY District Convention, Pueblo Convention Center, 320 Central Main, Pueblo, CO
Aug 17	Sat	10-7 pm	South By Southeast, Bible Park, 6600 E. Yale
Aug 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Aug 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: John Paterson, Volunteer Coordinator, Brent's Place
Sept 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Stan Cohen	2000-01	Paul Simon	2012-13
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		
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Ralph Symalla	1998-99	Ed Collins	2010-11		
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Cy Regan	1999-00	Randy Marcove	2011-12		

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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.