



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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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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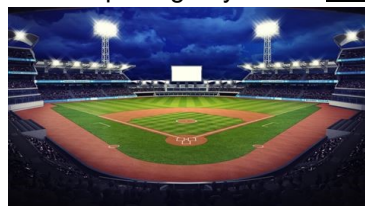
Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush



### Good Morning Optimists Zoom Virtual Meeting

President Bob Meyer read the invocation once again this week. He called on us to look at the sunny side of everything and make our optimism come true by righting wrongs and defending the defenseless.

Prez Bob reported he has been looking forward to today as it is opening day for the Colorado Rockies baseball season.



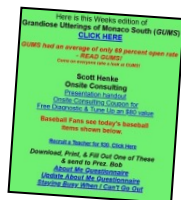
Rockies Opening Day 2020 with no fans in Coors field.



Due to the virus, the 2020 season will only be 60 games long. The Rockies will play 40 games against their divisional opponents and 20 games against the American League West teams. The playoffs will be held with the normal 10 qualifiers. The only changes are that the National League will also use designated hitters and that all extra innings will start with a runner on second base in an effort to keep extra innings to a minimum. **Go Rockies!**

### From the Prez

It was reported that Prez Bob said he had not seen any discount coupons for computer tune-ups that our guest speaker from last week, Scott Henke, had said he would send to us. Well everyone, if you look at last week's GUMS distribution email you will find it. It will be here this week as well.



### This Day in History

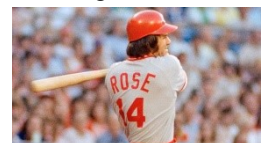
Once again Prez Bob shares the past birthdays and events of July 24<sup>th</sup>. And who knew that July 24<sup>th</sup> is National Tequila Day and National Amelia Earhart Day?



July 24<sup>th</sup> Birthdays: Simon Bolivar, 1783;

French Author Alexandre Dumas, 1802; Amelia Earhart, 1897; "Wonder Woman" Lynda Carter, 1951; Karl Malone, 1963; Barry Bonds, 1964; and "J Lo" Jennifer Lopez, 1969.

Major Events on this date: 1534, Jacques Cartier lands in Canada, claims it for France; 1847, Brigham Young and his Mormon followers arrive in Salt Lake City; 1880, First commercial hydroelectric power plant in the world begins generating electricity in Grand Rapids, MI; 1917, Trial of Mata Hari begins in Paris; 1941, US President Franklin Roosevelt demands Japanese troops out of Indochina; 1952, US President Harry Truman settles 53-day steel strike; 1958, Ted Williams is fined \$ 250 for spitting at Boston fans again; 1965, Casey Stengel resigns as New York Mets manager; 1968, Hoyt Wilhelm's 907<sup>th</sup> game breaks Cy Young's record for pitching appearances; 1969, Apollo 11 returns to earth; 1978, Pete Rose ties National League's hitting streak of 37 games; 1978, Billy Martin resigns as New York Yankees manager after commenting "One is a born liar; the other a convicted one" about George Steinbrenner and Reggie Jackson; 1983, "Pine tar" game, George Brett's home run is disallowed; 1992, MLB Commissioner Fay Vincent reinstates New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner; 1993, New York Mets pitcher Anthony Young loses record 27th straight game; 2019, Facebook agrees to pay \$ 5 billion fine for violating consumer privacy; and 2019, Special Counsel Robert Mueller report to US Senate does not conclude that President Trump committed a crime of obstruction of justice, it also does not exonerate him and finds that Russia interfered in the US Presidential Election to benefit Trump.



Cincinnati Reds, Pete Rose 44-game hitting streak 1978.

### Announcements

Mini Face-to-Face Member Meeting: Tom Glazier reported that the experimental in person mini-meeting was held at the Café de France Express on Thursday, July 23rd. Eleven members participated including Noel Hasselgren, Henry Schonewise, Bob Avery, George Buzick, Tom Mauro, Tom Kramis, Cap Hermann, Ed Leuty, Alan Malask, Pat Bush, along with Tom. They are now in self quarantine for the next two weeks and will be tested for COVID before meeting again. They all agreed that the breakfast was excellent, and the courtyard was nice. The best thing about the in-person meeting was getting to visit with fellow Optimist members. Tom Mauro reported that hand sanitizer was avail-



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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 about 40 members participating in the Zoom meeting which started at 8:00 a.m. and it lasted for an hour.

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

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.

**Tom Glazier** and 10 other MSOC members went out for breakfast at Café de France Express, the restaurant that Tom had scouted out as a possible location for in-person MSOC meetings. The food was universally praised, and it looked like up to 20 people could be seated in the outdoor patio area with appropriate social distancing. After Tom returns from a short trip, he will try to gather a larger group to return to the restaurant.

With no speaker on the schedule, MSOC members held a virtual "Camaraderie Day." **Pat Bush** described the buildings he has structurally designed around the Denver metro area. It was good to get everybody involved in the meeting. We will have to hold another "Camaraderie Day" in the near future. Thanks, guys, for a good time!

Starting July 31, **Greg Young** will be conducting training on how to best use the MSOC website at <https://www.monacosouth.org/>. He will present a 5 to 10-minute briefings for the next few 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.

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 Greg Young for the Board to vote 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 newest 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

able, and the windows can be opened for ventilation. Alternate in-person meeting locations were briefly discussed. The American Legion Hall was brought up again. President Bob said he had talked with them and was told that the top brass had made the decision that they would host no outside groups for the foreseeable future. Some discussion was had about meeting in a park setting. However, that may require obtaining a permit and would probably require development of a formalized COVID-19 mitigation plan. Tom plans on having another test mini-meeting assuming we get through the quarantine and have favorable test results.



**2020 District Convention:** The Colorado/Wyoming District Convention had been rescheduled early on during the COVID19 lockdown. It was to be combined with the 2020-21 first quarter conference and held October 16<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> at Little America in Cheyenne, Wyoming. **President Bob** said he would check with District Governor, **Tony Carpenter** to be sure that information is still valid in light of the resurgence of the virus that we are currently seeing. You can always check the CO-WY District webpage, under Conferences, at <https://www.optimistcowy.org/>.

**Sven & Ollie Story:** **Tom Hoch** said Sven and Ollie were talking about their Caribbean Cruise vacation when Ollie asked Sven, "If you are stranded on a deserted island, who would he like to be with on that island?" Ollie thought for a couple of seconds and then replied, "Mic!" Sven asked, "Why Mic of all people?" Ollie replied, "Because Mic has a boat."

**Chatty Gargoyle at Denver International Airport:** There was some side discussion today about this 243 year old—this is here to clear the air on all the conspiracies at DIA. Turns out this gargyle is wiser than anyone thought, and is sharing more than planned. Along with giving travelers his two cents, he's surprising them with smiles and plenty of laughs. We believe interactions at DIA should not only be helpful, but fun too. "That's the art of airpotting."

See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKVOtx7BIfk>

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## Buildings In Denver

Pat Bush

**Tom Mauro** was reflecting on the face-to-face breakfast comradery and shared he enjoyed what respect he had for fellow member, **Pat Bush**. Tom said he was enhanced during our in-person mini-meeting last Thursday when he learned that Pat's engineering firm had done the structural design of the many of the tall buildings around the Café de France Express.

Pat added that his firm had designed many of the office towers around the old Writer's Manor hotel complex. The old hotel site now has the Best Buy, Dress for Less, and Petco shopping center just north of the Café de France Express location at Mexico Ave. and Colorado Blvd. Pat's firm designed that shopping center as well as the Colorado Center Building Two on the Northwest quadrant of the Colorado Blvd. and I-25 interchange.



Colorado Center Tower Two

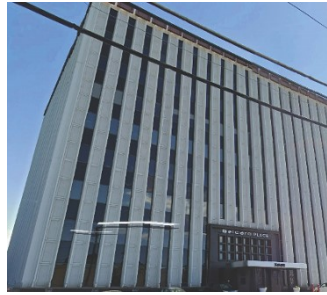


Writer's Tower Four

His firm also designed the Empire Park Tower Four just north of these buildings. **Karl Geil** is probably familiar with that building since his office is in the first tower of Empire Park.

They also did the Cherry Tower building that **Bob Avery** office is in.

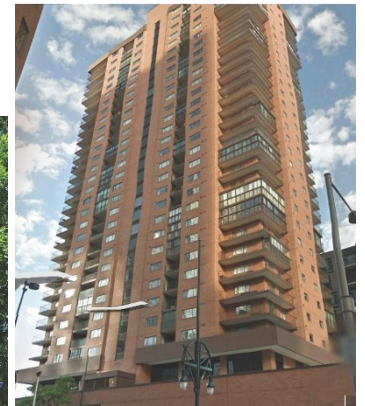
The two biggest projects that Pat's firm designed and that you may be familiar with are the Larimer Place Condominiums on Larimer Place between 15<sup>th</sup> Street and the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall in lower downtown Denver and the Southwest Plaza Mall out on Bowles and Wadsworth. Pictures of the buildings



Empire Park Tower Four



Cherry Tower



Larimer Place Condominiums



Southwest Plaza Shopping Mall

## Tour de France

Sports are coming back into stadiums without fans. But the Tour de France is an interesting circumstance. They are holding all stages of the Tour virtually this year. The tour is a computer animated peloton connected to the real riders on stationary bicycles in their home countries and are controlling their own avatar. Resistance is applied to their bicycles when going uphill. They can draft each other. The virtual Tour de France has been shown on NBC Sports Network over the last several weekends. You can see replays on YouTube if you are interested. While I am not a cycle racing enthusiast, I found it interesting with all the technology behind the event. You should check it out and are some links to

start with:

- How to Watch Zwift's Virtual Tour De France 2020: Timings, Live Streams, Routes and Schedule @ <https://www.forbes.com/sites/andrewwilliams/2020/07/03/how-to-watch-zwifts-virtual-tour-de-france-2020-timings-live-streams-routes-and-schedule/#7c6dd496ec33>
- Virtual Tour de France 2020 - Live Stage 1 @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6OOKzJVPFI>
- Virtual Tour de France 2020 - Live Stage 2 @ <https://cyclingtips.com/2020/07/what-happened-in-the-virtual-tour-de-france-over-the-weekend/>

## On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt



We had three people give responses to last week's question and all three got the right answer. The question was: *How many National Parks does Colorado have?* **Bob Avery**, **Dick Nickoloff**, and **Bob Finkelmeier** gave the correct answer: Four.

This week's trivia question is: *How many Major League Professional Baseball teams are there?* Pick from one of these three answers: a) 20, b) 25, c) 30, or d) 35

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



## Weekly Greeters

7/31/2020

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 August or maybe September. Please check back for updates.

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
Sept 17	Thu	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting: TBD

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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	Everett Gardner	2018-19
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		
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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.