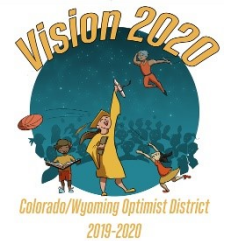




# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimists Zoom Virtual Meeting



On this last day of July, **President Bob Meyer** called the virtual meeting to order once again. After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Prez Bob shared that July 31<sup>st</sup>, is National Avocado Day and National Talk in an Elevator Day.



Not knowing the significance of National Talk in an Elevator Day, your editor looked up what this is all about. According to the [National Day Calendar](http://NationalDayCalendar.com) website, "... the last Friday in July, is National Talk in an Elevator Day, which encourages us to strike up a conversation with someone in an elevator. While most of us use this time to check our smart devices, this day points us in another direction." Of course in today's world you still need to maintain social distancing and have on a mask.

### This Day in History

Prez Bob shares the past birthdays and events of July 31<sup>st</sup>. July 31<sup>st</sup> Birthdays: Economist Milton Friedman, 1912; Sportscaster Curt Gowdy, 1919; Baseball player and manager Hank Bauer, 1922; "Harry Potter" author J. K. Rowling, 1965; Country singer Zac Brown, 1978; and Harry Potter fans celebrate the wizard's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. With a number of MSOC member's having birthdays in July, no one has it on this day.

Major Events on this date: 781, Oldest recorded eruption of Mt. Fuji; 1498, On his third voyage to the New World, Christopher Columbus discovers Trinidad; 1620, Pilgrims leave England on their way to America; 1703, Author Daniel Defoe is placed in a pillory for the crime of seditious libel after publishing a politically satirical pamphlet ... and is pelted with flowers; 1777, 19-year old Marquis de Lafayette is made a Major General in the Continental Army; 1865, First narrow-gauge mainline railway in the world opens in Grandchester, Australia; 1876, US Coast Guard Officers' Training School is established in New Bedford, MA; 1954, Milwaukee first baseman Joe Adcock becomes the third player in the 20<sup>th</sup> century to hit four home runs in a 9-inning game ... Lou Gehrig and Gil Hodges were the first two; 1970, Chet Huntley retires from NBC ... ending the "Huntley-Brinkley Report;" 1970, "Black

Tot" Day ... the last day of the officially sanctioned rum ration in the Royal Navy ... a practice started in 1740; 1971, Apollo 15 astronauts take a 6 ½ hour electric car ride on the moon; 1972, Thomas Eagleton withdraws as the Democratic Vice President candidate; 1988, The last Playboy Club closes in Lansing, MI; 1990, Nolan Ryan records his 300<sup>th</sup> career victory; 1995, Walt Disney announces the acquisition of Capital Cities/ABC for \$19 billion ... network of properties now consists of Disney, ABC Sports, ESPN, and ESPN2; 1999, Discovery Program: Lunar Prospector is deliberately crashed on the moon by NASA, ending its mission to detect frozen water on the moon's surface; and 2012, Michael Phelps becomes the greatest medal winner in Olympic history with his 19<sup>th</sup> career Olympic medal and his 15<sup>th</sup> overall gold medal.



Apollo 15 astronauts take a 6 ½ hour electric car ride on the moon.  
Photo NASA

### From the Prez

**President Bob** mentioned that he received some emails last week saying members enjoyed **Pat Bush's** impromptu talk about projects his firm had designed. They would like other members to give presentations about themselves. Bob reminds us that there is a [member questionnaire link](#) on the **Constant Contact** email that will help spark ideas about what to talk about. If interested in giving a talk about your life and/or career, contact either **Bob Meyer** or **Paul Bernard**.

**Prez Bob Meyer** also shared that the Junior Golf Tournament to be held at the Green Valley Ranch course is still being planned. Registration opened this past week and they have already received 51 entries. It seems these young players are chomping at the bit to get out there and play golf. This tournament is held in the middle of October, so we still have a little time to get over this COVID stuff.



Photo of Optimist Golf sign at Green Valley Ranch 2019

More photos from the 2019 **Green Valley Ranch 2019 Tournament** can be found at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/f2eekfthj2bpivy/AAAECD3O7MDRDzs7gRo3zJWWha?dl=0>

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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 lasted for an hour.

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. Please send me some suggestions!

With Denver Public Schools delaying in-person learning until at least mid-October, our Super Citizen programs will remain on hiatus. Super Citizen school representatives, please give everyone up to date on your school.

I participated in a Zoom call on Thursday night with about two dozen other Optimist Junior Golf volunteers. We would have all been down at Trump National Doral Resort in Miami if not for the COVID-19 pandemic. It was good to catch up with my old friends. Plans for the November Tournament of Champions at PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens were discussed.

Registration for the Optimist Junior Tour event at Green Valley Ranch in October opened about a week ago and, as of Friday morning, we had 51 junior golfers already registered. Typically, we will have 85 – 100 competitors for the event, so it looks we are well on our way to reach those numbers again with over two months until the tournament date.

**Greg Young** was our guest speaker today and conducted training on how to best use the MSOC website. It was a highly informative presentation and should result in more accurate member information and updated information about Club activities and projects. Thank you, Greg! Greg will provide additional website training on August 21.

**Greg Hurd** will make another of his fun presentations on trains on August 14. The topic this time will be the "Bullet"

trains.

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 medical appointments, etc.

To get to know new members better, I would like them to complete the "About Me" questionnaire that is attached to the GUMS distribution email. I would like the new members, if they are comfortable doing so, to speak up at an upcoming Zoom membership meeting. If we cannot get them "live" on Zoom, we will attach their completed "About Me" questionnaire in an upcoming GUMS, but I would much prefer to see them talk about themselves during a meeting.

By the way, if you would like to make a presentation, please let me know by separate email so that I can make sure to include you in an upcoming meeting.

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

**Super Citizen Award Program: Robert Wardlaw**, Super Citizen Chairman, announced that Denver Public School will delay in-person classes until the end of the first quarter in October and that there will be no assemblies with outside groups for even longer than that. **Tom Mauro** said he would still like for the club to pursue a Super Citizenship program in some form. **Bob Finkelmeier** stated that he has been seeking out the contact information for our Super Citizen School's, since some school principals have changed. He will send out that information to the SC School representatives and would like them to verify it. Robert Wardlaw indicated that he will follow up with school coordinators to get that information and discuss how the schools might want to participate in some kind of Super Citizen program.

**Bradley International Super Citizen Update: Jon Wachter**, school representative, reported that **Meg Cypress**, the 2019 Colorado Teacher of the Year at Bradley International has accepted an assignment at Place Bridge Academy for this coming school year. It is an assignment that Meg wanted for the challenge of teaching students that have English as a second language. While she is sad to be leaving the many friends she has at Bradley, she felt this



was an opportunity that she could not pass up. She asked Jon if the Monaco South Optimist Club would be interested in starting a Super Citizen program at **Place Bridge Academy**, formally Place Middle School at 7125 Cherry Creek N Drive. Jon indicated he would follow up with them to see if the principal and staff are interested in our program.



Editor: **Place Bridge Academy** has classes from kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, with a student population just over 1,000 with more than 60 different languages and over 40 different countries from around the world represented in their student body. Place also has a "Newcomer Centers" alongside their mainstream classrooms in grades K-6 to provide concentrated English language development.

**Tom Hoch's Friend, Sven:** Tom reported that he was talking with Sven last week when Sven mentioned that his son, Sven Jr., wears the largest shoes in his middle school class. Junior asked his dad if this is an indication that he will be a large man. Sven replied probably not. It is probably having more to do with Junior being 19 years old.



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## Announcements Continued

**Directory Advertisements:** Tom Mauro reminded all members that had advertised in the hard copy version of the membership directory, such as the one on the left, that they could still donate the advertising fee to the club



even though the online version does not contain any business ads. However, Tom promises to talk up your company every chance he gets so that you can still generate the one million dollars of business that you would have generated if there was a hard copy of the directory with your business advertisement.

**In-Person Membership Meetings:** Greg Young reported that he talked again with the American Legion Hall and that nothing has changed with their status. Still absolutely no outside group meetings for the foreseeable future even though they are open for members. In fact, they have laid off Heather the caterer that had been making breakfasts for us. If we are to have in-person meetings, it will have to be at another location. So, we just have to keep looking for the best options available.

Someone brought up the idea possibly to meet at [Piccolo's](#). Steve Kady said he would check it out. Steve reports back in an email, "I finally got a chance to speak with [Vince Canino](#), owner of Piccolo's. He informed me that he had turned the large room that was adjacent to the dining room back to the landlord. He said their has not been enough business to pay the rent." Like every other place in town, they are being supported by the take out business and not

the seated business. So, it is back to the drawing board!

**2020-21 CO-WY District:** Terri Kearney, District Governor elect, has asked our own **Jon Wachter** to be the Zone 3 Lt. Governor for the next Optimist year. Zone 3 will have [Monaco South](#) and [University Hills Optimist Clubs](#) in the zone next year. Jon has accepted the office. Congratulations Jon on your new post.

**CU Medical Campus COVID Research:** Kent Gloor has talked with several researchers at the University of Colorado Medical Center and they have a positive outlook that an effective Corona Virus vaccine will be found soon. This would be a game-changer on many levels as schools plan to start the school year with virtual classes, many businesses are still severely restricted in their operations, everybody is under a mandate to wear facial covering and mass gatherings are still banned. Let us hope for the best.

**Dime-A-Day:** Perry Allen was "zoomed" into our membership meeting while on his way to work in Evergreen. He wanted to remind everybody that the Dime-A-Day program has not been on lockdown. He asks that everybody dig deep into their pockets for a very worthwhile program. Send your checks, made out to the OI Foundation, Dime-A-Day Program to Perry or Greg Young.

**Easy Life in Ouray:** We heard from a former member, [Scott Walker](#), now living in Ouray, Colorado. He wanted to let us know that he is alive and well. Scott enjoys the mountain life, especially the slower pace. He is thinking about us when he throws his fishing line in the water.

## Virtual Tour of the MSOC Website

Led by Greg Young

Greg Young gave us a virtual tour of the Monaco South website. First, we must get there. It is easy. Just type [www.monacosouth.org](http://www.monacosouth.org) into your web browser. That will take

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you to the club's website and put you on the home page. There is a blue banner at the top of the page with several links. Below that are pictures rotating through various events of the club. To the right of the pictures are additional links many that will take you to other sites like the Colorado/Wyoming District website, Optimist International, OI Foundation, etc. Below are our club logo and a brief description of our club. There is also a "contact us" section where visitors can leave their name, e-mail, and a brief message and we can get back in touch with them. Going through the rest of the links we have:

**About Us:** This is a reprint of the club description, an invitation to join the club, and a listing of officers and key people.

**Calendar:** This is a calendar with a list of planned meetings, projects, and speakers. You can subscribe to the calendar and you will be notified of any update to the calendar when it is made. You can do this by hitting the "Subscribe to Calendar" button below the calendar.

**Contact Information:** This page gives a visitor another chance to leave his contact information so the club and contact him and answer any questions he may have.

**Club Biography:** Gives a description of what the club is all about and lists when and where we meet.

**Club Newsletter Archives:** A member can look up any newsletter back to 2006. Greg is also scanning in newsletters in the 1980s but this is an ongoing project.

The links above are all available to visitors. Members can access a membership directory by logging in to the members-only area. This is done by hitting the [Member Login](#) button at the very top right-hand corner of any of the web pages. This will take you to a login page where you enter your username and password. These were sent to each to each member when the website launched, and you were asked to log in and change your username and password. If you have forgotten your login username and password, get in touch with **Greg Young** and he will enable you to set a new username and password. When in the members-only area, you can edit your profile, your directory information, and access other features. Greg encourages all members to go in and update their profile and preferences.

## On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt



We had four participants and four correct answers to last week's trivia question: **How many Professional Major League Baseball Teams are there?** Thank you **Dick Nickoloff**, **Bob Hartwig**, **Phil Perington**, and **Joe Marci** for participating.

This week we will go back to Colorado National Parks. As noted in a previous question, there are four national parks located in Colorado. **Which one of the four listed below is NOT a park located in Colorado:** a) Black Canyon, b) White Sands, c) Mesa Verde, or d) Rocky Mountain

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

## Weekly Greeters

8/7/2020

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

**Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 44<sup>th</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.

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
Sept 18	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: 100 Percent Day via Zoom Virtual Meeting

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**Past Presidents**

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	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		
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.