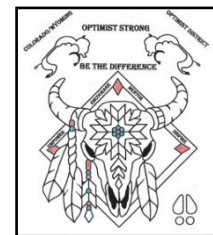




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Good Morning Optimist

On this beautiful sunny summer morning, our greeters today were **Jack Kleinheksel** and **Don Roth**. Fortunately or unfortunately we could have had two additional greeters this morning, due to a computer crash on our schedulers computer. **Jon Wachter** lost his original greeters list and in the haste of getting his computer back up to date, he rescheduled all the greeters for July. With two different lists floating around we could have had four greeters fighting for the honor of being our welcomers.

First Bell

With our President **Jim Easton** on vacation today, Jon Wachter takes on another role and rings the bell promptly at 7:00 a.m.

Invocation & Pledge

Pat Bush reads the invocation this morning... *"Make all our friends feel that there is something in them. Make them appreciate that each has their unique talents and brings something to our world."* Pat then leads us in the pledge of allegiance.

Another Birthday

It is brought to our attention that today, July 6th, is **Pat Bush's** and **Dan Rodriguez** birthdays. The gathered immediately assembled a stirring rendition of Happy Birthday to Pat and Dan. As normally expected the signing of this traditional age anniversary song, which started back in the early 1900's, was something to be heard—Not!



Pat Bush & Dan Rodriguez enjoy the Birthday serenade.

From the Prez

For the Prez, **Jon Wachter** acknowledges our Charter members who are here this morning, **Kent Gloor**, **John Young**, and **Oscar Sorenson**. Absent charter members are **Greg Hurd** and **Bill Litchfield**. Thank you for your generosity to our community and what you have done all these years. Well done gentlemen!

A Bit of OCMS History

As you may recall, the Optimist Club of Monaco South (#256164) was chartered according to Optimist International, on July 20, 1976, and formally founded on September 11, 1976. From an original group of 43 members. Today the club has grown to over 130+ members. Dr. **Ed Fankhauser** was the founder of the Club and Denver Happy Canyon Club was the sponsor. Today, along with Dr. Ed. five charter members are still active.



Announcements

One Hundred Percent Day: Jon Wachter reminds us that 100% Day is coming up on Friday, September 14th, so please plan to attend.

Also, August 16-19 is the **CO-WY District Convention**, which will be held in Breckenridge, CO. See the GUMS distribution email for agenda and registration information. Additionally, **Kent Gloor** will be hosting a party on the Thursday before the event, please signup and let Kent know if you plan to attend.



Photo: Noel Hasselgren

March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball: Pat Bush announced the March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball Tournament is fast approaching. It will take place on Saturday, August 4th at the Majestic Commerce Center in Aurora. We will be parking cars from 6:30 a.m. to about 10:00 a.m. Pat said he will buy breakfast for those who volunteer to work the tournament and that he will be passing around a signup sheet over the next couple of weeks, so mark the date on your calendar.

Dime-A-Day Program: Perry Allen said in an email, that he would like to break the \$3,000 level. He figures that if we get two donations per week for the rest of the year, we will reach this goal. Just two checks a week is all that he asks—See Perry and bring your checks.

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 reports that on Saturday, July 28th, we will be cooking for Brent's Place. Brent's Place, East 17th Place and Quentin Street, Aurora, CO, is a long-term home away from home for families and children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses while they receive treatment at local hospitals. Volunteers will be flipping and serving pancakes and sausage. More details and a sign-up sheet to follow.

Glass Half Full Band: Past President Randy Marcove mentioned that last Sunday the band Glass Half Full was recruited to play at a paid event this Saturday evening, July 7th, at Maddie's Biergarten in Castle Rock. Bob Meyer then takes the mic and tells us a little about this local pub.

OI Junior Golf: Bob Meyer also provided a brief update on the 49 Jr. golfer's going down to Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, for the OI Golf Tournament. This event featuring the top finishers of Optimist Championships, District qualifiers. The 49 golfer's will be the most from any Optimist Club. Bob shares that his committee was able to maintain the level of support necessary. It should be a great week for the kids with activities, food, and golf.

Glass Half Full Band: In follow to Randy's comments, Phil Perington shared that the OI Magazine did a two-page layout on the Glass Half Full Band. Additionally, he reported that he is looking to have our club be an Honor Club again this year. This means we need to have several new members. The magic number as recorded last week is 144.

Several Items from our Treasurer: Greg Young reported on several items:

1. He still has **OCMS Hats** for sale at \$10 each. They have a blue Monaco South logo on a ball cap style.
2. Everyone is encouraged to **have breakfast** at the meeting — we need to beef up our meal sales to make it sustainable — otherwise the club has to pay. We have a slated number of breakfasts promised to our caterer and if that number is not met the club has to pay. The breakfast is only \$8 for members, and that includes coffee, juice, tax, and tip. Best deal anywhere! Remember, that just having coffee or juice is \$2. Oatmeal is \$5 or \$6 with coffee/juice.
3. Also, do not forget that on **100% Day** we will be having a special meal, for the same low price! Also, do not forget that guests who are prospective members and visiting Optimists from other clubs are free, so bring a guest to our next meeting.

4. **Rockies baseball tickets** for the July 15th or August 26th are still available and only \$23 per ticket. The money goes to support the Junior Golf Program. Call **Joe Marci** at 303-847-7844. Unsold tickets for July will be turned back soon, so do not delay.

King Soopers and Safeway Cards: Frank Middleton tells us about that he has the reloadable cards for King Soopers and Safeway. Purchase these re-

loadable gift cards and support Monaco South youth projects. He further explains that on Friday, July 20th Camaraderie Day he will have a drawing to thank members who support this fundraiser. To get in this drawing he will have pieces of paper on each table. If you are using a Monaco South King Soopers or Safeway reloadable gift card you will put your name on the paper and put it in the golden jug. If your wife or significant other is also carrying a Monaco South gift card you can enter twice. Two winners will be called: First Prize is a \$50 gift certificate to King Soopers and the Second Prize is a \$25 certificate.

Palisade Peaches: Dr. Bob Finkelmeier announced "The peaches are coming; the peaches are coming," and there should be a good crop this year. Same price as last year \$30 per box—a two layer tray box with 18 to 36 peaches depending on size. These peaches are tree-ripened, handpicked, and assorted by a family owned artisan grower, and are delivered in a refrigerated truck. From the sale of each box a donation comes back to either Monaco South or the Tamarac Optimist Clubs. Call, 303-756-5829, or email Bob at rfinkelmeier@comcast.net.



Bob Avery's Plea for MS150 Team: Although as reported last week, **Bob Avery** did not make the ride in this year's MS150, but he was beating the drum for those who donated. He also shared that he is scheduled to be gone last two weeks of July for backpacking, with the Boy Scouts at the Philmont Scout Ranch. Waite Phillips, of Phillips Petroleum, was the benefactor for this camp.

Bob then shares a bit of history about the ranch ... in 1938 as Philtorn Rockymountain Scoutcamp, today's Philmont Scout Ranch is a bustling center for high adventure and training. Youth and adults take advantage of the Ranch's camping, training, and work programs. More than 1 million Scouts, venturers, and leaders have experienced the adventure of Philmont since the first camping season in 1939. Throughout its existence, conscientious attention to low-impact camping techniques has helped maintain the Ranch's wilderness. Today over 22,000 scouts go through the program every summer.

Do we have a drawing?

Yes, we do and there is \$60 dollars in the pot and the lucky card is the 5 of Clubs. Members holding tickets for cups this morning include **John Greene, Steve Kady, Les Volpe, Dan Rodriguez, Bill Morgan, and Steve Kady.**

While **Tom Glazier** and **Phil Perington** go for drawing the 5 of Clubs. However, both came up short.

Jon Wachter draws **Steve Kady's** name out for having his name tag on. He just asked someone else to draw for him, but they too came up short. They drew the 6 of Clubs.

BRING IN A NEW MEMBER —



Craig Eley

The Declaration of Independence: Democracy or Hypocrisy

Craig Eley is our guest speaker this morning. The topic today the Declaration of Independence. The United States Declaration of Independence is the statement adopted by the Second Continental Congress meeting at the Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 4, 1776. The Declaration announced that the Thirteen Colonies then at war with the Kingdom of Great Britain would regard themselves as thirteen independent sovereign states no longer under British rule. With the Declaration, these new states took a collective first step toward forming the United States of America. The declaration was signed by representatives from New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

The Lee Resolution for independence was passed on July 2 with no opposing votes. The Committee of Five had drafted the Declaration to be ready when Congress voted on independence. John Adams, a leader in pushing for independence, had persuaded the committee to select Thomas Jefferson to compose the original draft of the document, [2] which Congress edited to produce the final version. The Declaration was a formal explanation of why Congress had voted to declare independence from Great Britain, more than a year after the outbreak of the American Revolutionary War. Adams wrote to his wife Abigail, "The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America"—although Independence Day is actually celebrated on July 4, the date that the wording of the Declaration of Independence was approved.

After ratifying the text on July 4, Congress issued the Declaration of Independence in several forms. It was initially published as the printed Dunlap broadside that was widely distributed and read to the public. The source copy used for this printing has been lost and may have been a copy in Thomas Jefferson's hand. Jefferson's original draft is preserved at the Library of Congress, complete with changes



Craig Eley
Photo Noel Hasselgren

made by John Adams and Benjamin Franklin, as well as Jefferson's notes of changes made by Congress. The best-known version of the Declaration is a signed copy that is displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and which is popularly regarded as the official document. This engrossed copy was ordered by Congress on July 19 and signed primarily on August 2.

The sources and interpretation of the Declaration have been the subject of much scholarly inquiry. The Declaration justified the independence of the United States by listing colonial grievances against King George III and by asserting certain natural and legal rights, including a right of revolution. Having served its original purpose in announcing independence, references to the text of the Declaration were few in the following years. Abraham Lincoln made it the centerpiece of his policies and his rhetoric, as in the Gettysburg Address of 1863. Since then, it has become a well-known statement on human rights, particularly its second sentence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness—or the health of all moms and babies. We support research, lead programs and provide education and advocacy so that every baby can have the best possible start. This has been called "one of the best-known sentences in the English language," containing "the most potent and consequential words in American history." The passage came to represent a moral standard to which the United States should strive. This view was notably promoted by Lincoln, who considered the Declaration to be the foundation of his political philosophy and argued that it is a statement of principles through which the United States Constitution should be interpreted.

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Thank you Craig for an interesting presentation!

Reports from the OI Convention in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, July 7-10, 2018



At left, Craig Eley's, first report from the 100th Optimist International convention shows a sign with his caption "Canada appears to be way ahead of the USA in healthy parking!"



While Phil Perington sends this report, "I just met Miss Canada, she loves Optimists."

Weekly Greeters	
7/13/18	Steve Kady & Joe Marci
7/20/18	Frank Middleton & ?
7/27/18	George Buzick & Phil Perington

See the **100th Optimist International Convention Agenda** attached to the GUMS distribution email, it can also be down loaded from <https://www.optimist.org/documents/2018-Convention-Agenda.pdf>.



Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 41st Year — Chartered in 1976
See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

July 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
July 18	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting <u>Canceled due to vacations</u>
July 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
July 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
July 28	Sat	7:00 am	Pancake Breakfast, Brent's Place Kid's Cure Walk, Anschutz Medical Campus East 17 th Place & Quentin Street, Aurora, CO
Aug 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Kendra Black, South by Southeast Festival
Aug 4	Sat	6:30 am	March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball, Majestic Commerce Center, 20100 E. 32nd Pkwy.
Aug 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Paul Simon, Taste of Olli East
Aug 16-19			CO-WY District Convention, Breckenridge, Colorado-Doubletree Hotel

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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		
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.