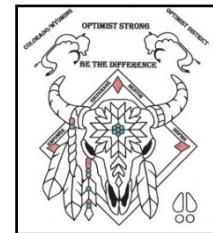




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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush

Good Morning Optimist

It was a beautiful sunny morning. So nice, in fact, that your editor rode his bicycle to the meeting in shirt sleeves and shorts. We were greeted by the equally sunny **Bob Avery** and **Woody Thibodeau**.



Photo Noel Hasselgren

Opening Bell

The first bell was rung by President **Jim Easton** at 7 a.m. and he called **Jon Wachter** to delivered the invocation. Jon commenced by asking everyone to greet his neighbors and then read the weekly invocation.

Guests

Mark Metevia announced that he **Mark Smith** and **Jim Leuschner** spent some time together recently calling past members of Monaco South to invite them back to a meeting. Out of that effort they were able to get **Nick Newey** to visit this morning. It was good to see you, Nick. We hope you will join us once again, Nick.

144 and Counting

President **Jim Easton** asked all of the members to keep the number 144 in mind as we go through the summer season. That is the number of members we need to have at the end of September to qualify for honor club. He encouraged each of us to be recruiting new members starting now to assure that we will be at 144 members come September. He emphasized that if we all bring a couple of guests to meetings and projects over the summer, we should be able to sign up the new members needed. Ask friends, co-workers, church members, neighbors, golfing buddies, or people you meet at ballgames or at any other social activity—*Just Ask!*



Announcements

Unfortunately, due to an accident on I-25 our scheduled speaker, Mike Hesse, Board President of the Denver Police Museum was unable to make the meeting, so we started

quickly into the morning announcements.

Greeters Program: **Jon Wachter** shared his appreciation to everyone that has participated in the Greeters Program. The “Greeters” are often the first smiling face we see on a Friday morning and they help our guests and/or a potential member’s find a friendly host—hopefully the guy that invited him. The Greeters Program was **Bryce Slaby’s** idea about 15 years ago and it is a great contribution to our club as it puts in action an important line from our creed, “... *greet every living creature you meet with a smile.*” Our friend **OC Larson** set a great example on how to run the program as he organized and made reminder calls to each designated “ambassador” on a weekly basis for many years, before handing it over to Jon roughly 3-years ago. Jon said he was happy to announce that our June Greeters feature four (4) men that have not done this in many years—if at all. This week we have the witty **Woody Thibodeau**—Welcome back Woody, along with our attendance taker, **Bob Avery!** Next week they are followed by a first time ever “Greeter,” past president **Randy Marcove**, along with yours truly. On the 22nd, this first Summer Friday, new daddy **Allen Pierce** greets you with president elect **Everett Gardner**. Another standout, a man who does not like to wake up early but is turning over a new leaf in his life, past president and most recent CO-WY past governor, **Paul Simon** along with **Jim VanderKamp** who wrap up the month of June. *Thanks gentlemen for coming in early to greet all of us.* If you like to participate in this early morning activity, contact Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645.

GUMS Changes: **Bob Finkelmeier** shares that in the coming weeks the small group that receives *GUMS* by USPS mail—a few members who do not use computer based email—will see a change in how it is mailed. After numerous years of a group of members, who have come together every Monday morning to have breakfast and to fold and prepare *GUMS* for mailing each week, have decided to retire. Kudos goes out to a long list of those members who participated in this,

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*****

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such as **Bill Walters, Marlin Kent, Ralph Pedersen**, and more recently, **Jim Piccinelli, Dick Zolman, Marc Goodbody, Joe Marci**, and probably many others—thank you for doing this! Those members who now receive *GUMS* by mail, will still get it, but it will be mailed in an envelope, printed on two pages, back-to-back, and in color.

Greg Young, backed up by **Bob Finkelmeier**, will now be doing this mailing.

For those that receive *GUMS* via email, you too will see some slight changes in format. *GUMS* will be slightly reformatted so that pages one, two, and three, can be better utilized, while the last page will be devoted to the club calendar and club officer contact information. Overall, these small changes will allow for more pictures to be included. Should you have any other suggestions, please contact *GUMS* chief editor, Bob Finkelmeier.

Rockies Game for Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** reported that Monaco South Optimist members will enjoy the Rockies game this Sunday and raise money for the benefit the Optimist Junior Golf program. Joe said, he sold some 83 tickets to fellow members and friends to raise over \$400.00 for Junior Golf. **Phil Perington** shared he still had a ticket available if you would like to get to this game. *Now all we need is for the Rockies to whip the Dodgers to make it a perfect day.*

Junior Golf Tournaments: **Joe Marci** urgently needs volunteers to help with the Junior Golf Tournaments on June 8th and 15th. He only had two members signup when he passed around the signup sheets last week. If you can help on either or both tournaments give Joe a call at 303-771-3748 or 303-847-7844.

New Member Orientation: **Frank Middleton** reminded us that MSOC will be holding a new member orientation on Tuesday, June 12th at the Silicon STEM Academy, 4201 E. Yale Ave., Suite 130. All new members are welcome to attend. Call Frank Middleton for more information.

CO-WY Casino Night: **Paul Simon** announced that the CO-WY District is sponsoring a Casino night on Friday, June 22nd at the American Legion Hall. Note, it was miss-announced last week in *GUMS*, that it was being sponsored Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club. [Click here to see Flyer](#).

Tickets are only \$30 and that includes \$1,000 worth of poker chips, food, and entertainment. The event runs from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The District committee will split the proceeds evenly between the National Childhood Cancer Campaign and local cancer projects. There will be a cash bar benefiting the American Legion.

Paul also mentioned that he is looking for Blackjack Dealers and he will scheduling them in 1-hour increments if he has enough. If you or someone you know wants to be a dealer, please let him know.

Dime-A-Day Program: **Perry Allen** is back in town for the summer. He spent the winter in San Diego, Cal-



ifornia with his employer. He announced that Monaco South members supported the Dime-A-Day Program to the tune of 37 members donating about \$1,500 in the 2014-15 year—Perry's first as Chairman. Last year the total was about \$2,600 and so far this year we have had 42 members donating \$1,800. Perry 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.

T1DOC Online Auction: The T1DOC Optimist Club's Online Auction closed last Tuesday. **Ron Gustas** indicated that their goal was to raise \$10,000 for summer camp scholarships for kids with Type 1 diabetes. At the close of the auction they had raised just over \$9,900. At the close of this meeting they reached their goal. **Jim Easton** and **Allen Pierce** each donated \$50 to put them over the top. *Congratulations to T1DOC and thanks to Jim and Allen!*

Charlie Korsoski Awards: **Paul Stratton** announced that **Lowry Elementary** presented the Charlie Korsoski Super Citizen Award last Wednesday. Lowry also awarded the Jimmy Brown Perfect Attendance award to seven students. One student was receiving the award for the second year in a row.

Hamilton Middle School also presented their Charley Korsoski Award last Tuesday. **Tom Mauro** also mentioned that Hamilton's Designation Imagination (DI) Team competed at the nationals recently. They finished in the top 10 in their category. Tom did mention that the Slavens DI team won an international championship.

Kent Gloor announced that **Samuels Elementary** presented their Charley Korsoski award to Rachel Van-Wagner yesterday. **Noel Hasselgren** was on hand to take photographs of the event.



Korsoski Award recipient Rachel VanWagner with Kent Gloor.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Other Korsoski recipients were, Viola Ryan, Bradley International School; Gabriella DeMaria, Hamilton Middle School; Brodie Gerstenberger, Holm Elementary School; Leena Taha, Lowry Elementary School; Daniela Suarez-DeLucio, McMeen Elementary School; Ayla Bennett, Most Precious Blood Catholic School; Margaret Trujillo, Slavens Elementary School; and Kayla Morrison, Highline Academy.

MS150 Bike Ride: **Michael Chavez** reported that the Colorado 2018 MS150 Bike Ride will be on Saturday and Sunday, June 23rd and 24th. Monaco South and Tamarac Optimist Clubs sponsor the lunch rest stop on Sunday. Michael is looking for 12 to 18 members to help setup and man the station. The station will be in Johnstown this year. See Michael over the next couple of weeks to signup. **Bob Avery** announced that he will be riding in a separate "High Roller" ride this year. That will be a 55-mile event to Parker and back.

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He will be soliciting donations. Bob has been participating in this event for about 25 years. He figures he has raised nearly \$60,000 for MS research.



HOBY Leadership Conference: Paul Bernard reminds us that the HOBY Youth Leadership Conference will be held on Saturday, June 23rd at the University of Denver. He needs volunteers to speak to the attendees about the importance to volunteerism to our communities and what he does as a Optimist member. He does not know the start time yet, but believes it will be about 5 p.m. He will pass along more information when it is available.

Happy Bucks

Since our speaker was a no show, we did a "Happy Bucks" session. This is where a member can donate \$1 to express a reason that he is happy this morning. If he is happy for many reasons, he donates a Happy Buck for each reason. Some of the happy thoughts were: **Jack Kleinhessel** was happy that he was happy. **Kent Gloor** was happy for his 5th grandchild. **Gary Strowbridge** was happy that his granddaughter participated in the Colorado High School State Golf Tournament with Grandview and she had the second lowest total score. **Ron Gustas** was happy this club makes such a difference. **John Stoffel** was happy that his granddaughter graduated from college Magna Cum Laude. **Perry Allen** was happy to be back in Colorado with us and for finding his brother this year. **Tom Kramis** was grateful that his kids went to Slavens where they were well prepared to enter college studies.

And, **John Oss** was so happy that his son graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School this year, he followed up via e-mail, "During Happy Bucks I jested a bit about James Oss and his TJHS graduation status. You can see by his picture that he jests a bit too by insuring his bow tie is set at a jaunty angle. As you see from the program he graduated with or above a 3.5% grade point average. He was a MSOC Super Citizen at Highline Academy. He took two girls to the prom and was voted Mr. T.J. He is going to CU as a physics major. I am very proud of him. He



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Weekly Greeters

6/8/18	Randy Marcove & Jon Wachter
6/15/18	Curt Boell & John Young
6/22/18	Allen Pierce & Everett Gardner
6/29/18	Jim VanderKamp & Paul Simon

will be teaching robotics for the third year at our very own John Scarborough's Silicon STEM Academy." Treasurer **Greg Young** is still calculating the number of additional "Happy Bucks" that John Oss now owes.

Updates

Dick Zolman let us know that he spent May 11th and 12th May in the hospital due to edema and to ended up running many tests. The bottom line is some minor heart and severe lung problems which we already knew. Will have some more tests and radiation this week and next. Still feel good, but somewhat limited in what I am able to do. He followed up on May 31st with, "I am doing OK and feel good. Will start radiation sessions in next week or so to attack the lung cancer. Should work out fine. May take it easy for awhile though, Have been getting up early last few days for appointments at U Hospital, Dick."



In an email from former member **Ricardo Ortiz**, said, "Hello everyone! Hope this email finds you all well! Just wanted to say thank you for keeping me in our GUMS letters. As I am traveling across the country, It reminds me of our time together! I can't wait to settle down and start getting involved in our community! I love seeing how you all are involved continuously!"



I have traveled to many different states this year, but not Colorado. If I make it out there, I would love to come and help out sometime. Or even swing by for a Friday meeting. Please let me know if I can do anything for you all or the club, even if I am not physically there. Please let everyone know I said hello and that I truly miss them and our times together. **Ricardo Ortiz**, Field Operations, **Chick-fil-A, Inc.**, 423-736-7471. ricardo.ortiz@cfacorp.com, 5200 Buffington Road, Atlanta, GA 30349."

Drawing Winners

The lucky drawing winners included **Allen Malask**, **Bob Meyer**, **Phil Perington**, **Bob Avery**, **Allen Malask** again, **Carl Brown**, **Allen Malask** for the third time, but his luck ran out at the card drawing. **Phil Perington** also got an chance at a draw as well, but he too was not as lucky.

Ron Cisco's name was drawn from the jar and he drew the correct card for \$20. This is the second time in a year that Ron has drawn the correct card. Calls are starting to echo through the hall for a Special Council investigation since Ron controls the card deck.



Could it be that **John Young** is assisting him?

Do You Know These Graduates?

In last week's GUMS there was a picture of two grads, **Greg Hurd** & **Kent Gloor**, who were correctly identified by **Ron Cisco** with a telephone call at 5:08 p.m. to Editor **Robert Wardlaw**. **Craig Eley** came in second via an email at 5:09 p.m. **Bob Avery** also replied, but mentioned **Gary Strowbridge**. BTW, Ron got his reward see above. ☺

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 41st Year — Chartered in 1976

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

June 4	Mon	7:30 am	CO-WY Junior Golf Fundraiser, Broken Tee Golf Course, 2101 W. Oxford Ave.
June 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Francis Owens, Anchor Center for Blind Children
June 8	Fri	7:30 am	CO-WY Junior Golf Tournament, Boys 10-15, Aurora Hills Golf Course, 50 S. Peoria St.
June 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
June 15	Fri	7:30 am	CO-WY Junior Golf Tournament, Boys 16-18, Boulder Flatirons Golf Course, 5706 Arapahoe

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Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Don St. John	2001-02
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Jack Rife	2002-03
John Young	1982-83	Karl Geil	2003-04
Pat Bush	1983-84	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Greg Young	2007-08
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Phil Perington	2008-09
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Bill Walters	1991-92	Paul Simon	2012-13
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	John Oss	2014-15
Mark Metevia	1994-95	Michael Chavez	2015-16
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- 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.