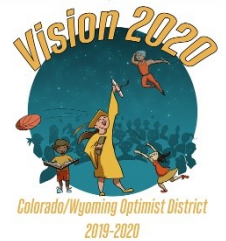




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Good Morning Optimists Zoom Virtual Meeting

President **Bob Meyer** rings the bell for us promptly at 8:00 a.m. and issues a "Good morning Optimists." This is the beginning of the Flag Day weekend!



President-elect **Dan Rodriguez** reads us the invocation as we enter the Flag Day weekend.



A Betsy Ross depiction
Humphrys Flag Company

"Early founders of the nation on this day in 1777 adopted a flag to symbolize their solidarity and in the belief of a new type of republic. They selected stars and stripes to speak both of colonial individuality as states' rights drawn upon a broader field of federal identity. Our pledge as a people means even more in today's world on this Flag Day. Fill us with promising hope and peaceful unity as

we stare at the starry sky. Enable us to reach out farther and farther with the broad bands of freedom and compassion to fellow citizens of the world most in need. May this flag, before which we stand, be a mirror of these people and a sign of this promise to others that equal justice under governing law, assures progressive victory over egoism and evil, both in times of prosperity and adversity, in times of war and peace. We can stand strong now and forever."

Dan then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then follows up with a magic trick. Showing us his magic bag in which he has the cloth of the 3 colors, Red, White, and Blue, of the flag. He puts them into the bag and with magic pulls out a beautiful American flag.

This Day in History

Prez Bob shared the happenings on this date, June 12th, the 163rd day of the year and tells us it is National Loving, Peanut Butter Cookie, and Jerky Day. "Who would have thought?"



June 12 Birthdays on this date: George H. W. Bush, 1924; Vic Damone, 1928; Anne Frank, 1929; Jim Nabors, 1930; and Mark Calcavecchia, an American professional golfer and a former PGA Tour member, 1960.

Major Events on this date: New Amsterdam legally becomes an English colony and is renamed New York, after the English Duke of York, King Charles II's brother, 1665; Comstock Silver Lode in Nevada is discovered, 1859; Harry Hou-

dini frees himself from a strait jacket while suspended upside down 40' above the ground, 1923; Al Capone is indicted on 5,000 counts of prohibition and perjury, 1931; Anne Frank gets her diary as a birthday present, 1942; Bill Haley's "Rock Around the Clock" is released, 1954; Janis Joplin debuts in Kentucky, 1970; Nicole Brown Simpson, O.J. Simpson's ex-wife, and her friend Ron Goldman are brutally stabbed to death outside Nicole's home in Brentwood, California. OJ Simpson was later tried for the murders and although the evidence against Simpson was extensive he was found not guilty, 1994; First major league baseball inter-league game, Giants beat Rangers 4 to 3, 1997; and Singapore summit between Kim Jong-un and Donald Trump, 2018.

From the Prez

In honor of Flag Day, the American Legion will be hosting a Flag Day event at Veterans Park, 2100 E Iowa Ave., behind Denver Police Department District 3, on Sunday, June 14th at 10:00 a.m.



Board Meeting, Thursday, June 18th, via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. **Prez Bob** will be sending out invites to Board members and those interested in attending. If you have something you wish to present or would like to comment on, please contact Bob Meyer.

Announcements

Russ Paul Update: Joe Marci reports that **Russ** had been in the hospital Monday of this week but is home now. They checked his heart and he appears to be okay. He and Joe will be attending church on Sunday morning.

In an email note, Joe, added I forgot to mention that **Russ Paul** has a great 36 inch circular table with 2 matching chairs that anyone could have by picking them up at his place. They were donated to him but he does not have the room for them. Should you know someone who might need a table and chairs, let Russ know. They are in excellent condition.

Sullivan Scholarship: Joe Marci also announced that he has asking the Sullivan Scholarship winners to attend the meeting on the morning of June 26th. The club has sent an official letter congratulating them for the award. They were asked to respond to President Bob regarding attending the meeting via Zoom. **Greg Young** receives the school information from the students and the funds will be deposited into their college account directly. Look for more information on the June 26th meeting over the next few weeks.

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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 membership meeting on Friday with 45 members participating in the Zoom meeting which started at 8 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>

One way to never lose the link is to create a desktop shortcut in four easy steps, as follows.

1. Copy the above link to your clipboard, i.e., highlight the link; right-click the highlighted text, and choose "Copy"
2. Go to your desktop, right-click your mouse and choose "New" and "Shortcut." Paste the link to the box; i.e., right-click your mouse and choose "Paste," Choose "Next."
3. Name the shortcut something like "Monaco South Friday Zoom Meeting" and Choose "Finish."
4. Double-click on the shortcut when you want to join the Friday morning meeting. Just double-click on the shortcut when you want to join the meeting.

Based on Denver's "Safer in Place" guidelines, the American Legion Hall is not going to be available to the Club for the foreseeable future. We will continue the Friday morning Zoom meetings.

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 our Club.

We were going to have our Annual Junior Golf Fundraiser Tournament at Saddle Rock Tuesday, June 2, but that event had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 guidelines. I had rounded up ten donated foursomes to be auctioned off after golf, but due to the cancelation will auction them off at the end of next Friday's meeting. Please let Club members and others know to join us for the auction. If you have friends that might be interested, please let me know their email address, and I will add them to the Club meeting invitation to join us about 8:45 a.m. The donated foursomes include:

- CommonGround (2 vouchers)—Carts \$ 18 per player
- Raven Golf Club at Three Peaks—Everything included
- The Club at Pradera—Everything included
- The Pinery Country Club—Everything included
- Pine Creek Golf Course—Everything included
- Broadlands—Everything included
- King's Deer—Everything included
- Green Valley Ranch—Everything included
- Bear Dance—Everything included
- Red Hawk Ridge—Everything included

We received a nice thank you letter from Brent's Place thanking us for the Club's \$700 donation to Brent's Place in lieu of our usual participation in a pancake breakfast.

Announcements Continued

MSOC Directory: The latest version, April 2020 of our membership directory is now available in a pdf format off of the GUMS Distribution Email. Thanks to **Craig Eley** and **Tom Mauro** for updating our directory ever six-months. The directory can also be accessed on your smart phone via the **ClubRunner app** available through [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play](#). Or, you can also see it by going to the [OCMS webpage](#) and clicking on the [Member Login](#) link at the top left of the Home page. Be aware, at this time there will not be a printed copy made available.

Email Hacked: **Steve Kady** reported that his email program was hacked last Saturday, but with the help of **Tom Hoch** he was able to get the problem corrected. Tom tells us it took 4-hours to fix the issues he was having but he is now

The Board of Directors will meet via Zoom next Thursday night, June 18, at 7 pm.

Scott Henke, a former Monaco South member and owner of Onsite Consulting, will make a presentation on computer security and safety on July 17. Please be sure to mark that date on your calendar for what will be a discussion on this particularly important topic. I, for one, having been recently hacked, will be listening intently.

Do not forget to sign up for the [Optimist International iImagine Virtual Convention 2020](#) to be held Saturday and Sunday, June 27, 10 - 1:00 and 28, 3 - 6:00. There will be three-hour sessions on both days. The Club will pay the \$35 registration fee. Just send Greg Young a copy of your paid invoice. [To register, Click Here!](#)

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.

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 haven't 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're 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." Another Greg Hurd-developed form is the "Staying Busy When I Can't Go Out" questionnaire also attached to this issue of GUMS. As with the "About Me" questionnaire, I'd like members to complete the questionnaire and be ready to present it at an upcoming Zoom membership meeting. It will be fun to hear what members are doing to keep busy and active during the "Safer-in-Place" period.

If you would like to make a presentation from either questionnaire, 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.

**Yours in Optimism,
Prez Bob**

back in business. Please look at the email address when you are receiving messages and if you do not recognize the email address, do not click on it, it has been hacked. **Tom Mauro** reports this latest hack to Steve Kady's account did show the correct email address, and it was a very challenging issue to fix. **Frank Middleton** also talks about a former member, **Scott Henke**, who owns [Onsite Consulting](#) and can provide services to prevent these types of issues. A quick check of this company profile Onsite Consulting is a business consulting and repair company located in Denver at E. Hampden and S. Monaco Parkway—in the King Soopes shopping area on the west side. Frank will check with Scott regarding speaking at an upcoming meeting.

Welcome New Faces on Zoom: Members joining us this morning **Dave Moore** and **Tom Kramis** after a couple of



Announcements Continued

of weeks away.

Wyatt McCallie reported that **John Oss**, was again experiencing some weakness and is looking for volunteers to drive him to chemo treatments.

Past Prez Everett Gardner joining us from Kansas City. He had been planning this trip for several weeks and reports that travel has changed drastically. He had to take several connecting flights to arrive at his final destination. Traffic is down substantially at some of the airports. Flights are reduced, but availability is an issue. See his store below.

Update on Meeting Places: **Tom Glazier** shared that he did check with the restaurant for a possible meeting place, but the initial response was not positive. Café de France in the King Soopers complex at Yale and Colorado is probably not going to work out. Tom will find out more and report back. At the Legion Hall, they are open for lunches but not for breakfasts. **Tom Mauro** wonders if we could do an alternating attendance to limit the number to 30 for each meeting. **Tom Kramis** suggested that some parks are opening up, we could bring lawn chairs and we could meet there. Considering that many members are in the high-risk category re possible spread of the virus, outside vs inside meeting needs to be considered. No schools are open so that is not an option.

Prez Bob tells us that the board will take up this topic and discuss, if you are interested in commenting or giving your ideas, please let Bob know and he will include you in the invite for the meeting. More comments to follow.

Dime-A-Day: **Perry Allen** thanked **Greg Young, Keith Gallaway, Dan Rodriguez, and Jim Easton** for donating to the Dime-A-Day Program. Perry also updated us on his daughter's recovery from her heart procedure, and her progress is slow but she is taking it one day at a time.

Tree Lot Update: **Tom Kramis** provided an update on the Tree Lot; he has been receiving feedback regarding

what/where to place Christmas tree orders. He will continue to seek out input and make a decision over the weekend. The tree farms are encouraging Tom to place the order soon, and he will update the Board next week.

2020 OI Convention Commentative: **Phil Perington** shares a picture of his OI Convention commentative t-shirt and reported that "If you wear this it might get VIP seating and extra popcorn" during the online convention. *Time will tell, Phil! Please keep us posted.*



Travel Phase 2 Coronavirus

Everett Gardner reports, "Travel is always an adventure, but no experience has matched the Semi-Post Covid-19 Lock-Down as today. With an understanding of the virus and "facts" of the pandemic as such, travel now is the safest since 911 (my opinion) (see masked pix). The travel industry and hospitality sector of the economy has been turned upside down as has the way of doing business. I had to have a Vice Presidents approval to travel from Denver to Albuquerque to Kansas City then drive to Galena, KS to "inspect" parts used in military systems that did not lend themselves to a remote adaption of the job.

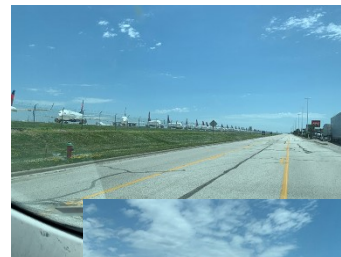


Every state/city is doing their own interpretation of CDC guidelines. Albuquerque in Phase 2 allows up to 50% capacity in restaurants if food sales are at least 50% which leaves small craft breweries doing only take-out as during the stay-at-home scenario. Denver is much the same in that tables are socially distanced (SD) but the bars in the restaurants are closed whereas in Douglas County the bars are open with SD. Same with Kansas City and Joplin, MO. I was told that Oklahoma is back to "business as normal" pre-corona. A friend in Minneapolis whose sister was a front-liner doctor came down with the virus stated that her case and 80% of the populous had mild symptoms and recovered relatively quickly."

More of Everett's Pictures



Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport is a ghost town as you walk through it.



Stored Aircraft set to the side and are not being used.



On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt



There were four participants for last week's question, and all four got the correct answer, some of whom added their personal feelings about the team that won the World Series that year. The four are Frank Middleton, **Paul Stratton, Tom Glazier, and Bob Avery**. Thank you for participating, and I won't mention that I was born in the city that won.

The question was: The Rockies have made one World Series appearance in their short history. Who was the team they played against? The answer: The Boston Red Sox.

This week's question is: Who is known as the father of the United

States Constitution? Please pick from one of these three answers:

A) George Washington, B) Thomas Jefferson, C) James Madison

Remember, if you pick the wrong one, your name will not be mentioned, so there is no reason not to take a guess.

Email your answer to Warren.Allentown@gmail.com

Weekly Greeters

6/19/2020

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

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd 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 July. Please check back for updates.

June 18 Thu	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting: Zoom Virtual Meeting
June 19 Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
June 26 Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
July 3 Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
July 4 Sat		Fourth of July
July 10 Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
July 17 Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
July 24 Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
July 31 Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting

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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.