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Good Morning Optimists

Monaco South members gather this Friday morning, June 14th, starting this memorable week-end. **Bob Avery** and **Tom Kramis** were enjoying the moment merrily greeting arriving members.



Were you aware that this day was also Flag

The Evolution of Old Glory
by Gettysburg Flag Works



Day? Yes, the United States commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14th. Read the evolution of the American flag in this article by Kiri Picone, [Click Here](#). Additionally, read about [Flag Etiquette](#) and [the symbolism of the 13 folds of the US Flag](#) on the American

Legion Auxiliary webpage.

Or, were you aware of the many historical events that occurred on June 15th? Going back to 1215 when King John of England put his seal on the Magna Carta. See many of the historical events that occurred on this date, [Click Here](#).

And, of course, Sunday, June 16 (the third Sunday in June) is Father's Day—a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society.



Early Bird Conversations

Frank Middleton was busy telling everyone he would be absent next week, but he did request that we play nice and disburse ourselves around the room as if he were handed a seating cards. As you know he wants to mix us up to confuse the attendance taker.

Joe Marci, **Bob Meyer**, **Ron Cisco**, probably a few others, like our GUMS photographer, **Noel Hasselgren**, were all missing again, coordinating the CO-WY Junior Golf Tournament at Boulder's Flatirons Golf Course. To which **David Telpner** shared that his good buddy and optimist brother **Allen Pierce**, was also at that tournament.

Tom Mauro is finally starting to wear the purple, apparently in a show of committed support for his beloved but sometimes heartbreaking Rockies.

Jon Wachter, **Greg Young**, and **Paul Stratton** were bouncing back and forth in a conversation of high finances and baseball scouting reports. While **Tracy Sorensen** was shaking hands and circulating around the room enjoying himself as a new member, and proudly announcing he was going to his orientation meeting on Monday.

John Young and **Keith Galloway** engaged in a respectful conversation concerning our recently departed brother **Allen Yockey**.

And, **Oscar Sorensen** and **Al Gapuzan** were heard talking about Santa, Christmas Trees, and the price of sunflower seed futures in North Dakota. While **Gary Miller** was happily back at his post as commander of the breakfast pay station, catching up on all the stuff he had missed during his recent absence.

It was just a warm and energetic Optimist Morning!



First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

President **Everett Gardner** gavelled the gathered together at 7:01 a.m. and called for a moment of reflection for our departed friend and Optimist Brother **Allen Yockey**.

With heads bowed **Phil Perington** presented the invocation ... *"Let us all honor our friend and brother in Optimism, remembering life is precious. Moments we spend together give meaning to the duty and responsibility we share, and to that which is good and positive for friends, family and strangers. As Optimists we are all committed to the growth and betterment of humankind. May you Rest In Peace Allen."*

The Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag followed with a hearty cheer ... *"Play Ball!"*

Guests

For second week in a row, **Tom Kramis** introduced his boyhood pal and longtime friend **Cesar Camarena**. Cesar asked not to be confused with the LaMacarena. He is a licensed General Contractor and Denver native who is also active in the community. Following the meeting he submitted an application and is looking forward to a great Optimist adventure. *Welcome aboard Cesar, life is good!*

Announcements

Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference: Paul Bernard

reminded everyone that the annual HOBY Leadership conference picnic and youth gather is just around the corner on Saturday, June 22nd at the DU Quad compound. It is a great time to get acquainted with some amazing students at their annual Leadership Conference. For additional information see Paul. Plan on arriving at between 5:00 and 5:15 p.m.

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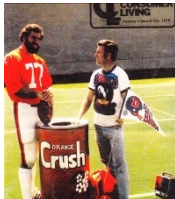
Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am
*****INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN*****

Announcements Continued

CO-WY Junior Golf: **Greg Young** announced all the Jr. Golf Committee Chairs are at the Tournament in Boulder and they need volunteers for the next upcoming June 19th Girls tournament starting at 8:00 a.m. at Meadow Hills Golf Course.

South by Southeast Community Festival: **Greg** also mentioned that 12 members are needed for parking supervision at the annual Bible Park, South by Southeast Community Festival organized by Councilwoman and Optimist member, **Kendra Black**. There are 3-3 hr. shifts available starting at 10:00 a.m. One free beer is included as part of the deal. We all hope it is in a very large cup!

Remembering Freddie Pasternack: **Perry Allen** was reflecting on past member "Bronco fan **Fred die Pasternack**." Perry said he knew if Freddie were here he would mention the passing of **Pat Bowlen**. This old picture is a young Freddie with 1977 Denver defense linebacker Randy Gradishar.



Perry added, on an upbeat note, \$3,200 has been collected for the Dime-A-Day Foundation program and the CO-WY District is #1 in the entire OI Organization. He also pointed out that **Allen Yockey** had quietly and without attention donated \$1,000 this past year.

Allen Yockey: **Michael Chavez** shared that **Allen Yockey's** brother reported that there will be a remembrance service in July. It is believed Allen stuffed a heart attack.

MS Bike Ride & Pat Sorensen Rest Stop: **Michael** added that the MS Ride is rapidly approaching for the Sunday, June 30th rest stop, so please sign up. We start with a 7a.m. set up at Trail Ridge Middle School, 1000 Button Rock Drive in Longmont, CO. Let Michael know regarding your help.



Phil Perington & Allen Yockey, May 17, 2019.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

King Soopers Loyalty Card: **Frank Middleton** announced that King Soopers Kroger is the one corporate organization to support us. Please get a King Soopers gas card by signing up online. To that, he handed out sign up sheets to many members. To signup:



1. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A KING SOOPERS LOYALTY CARD THAT YOU SWIPE TO GET FUEL POINTS PLEASE GO TO ANY KING SOOPERS STORE AND GET ONE.
2. FOR EVERYONE ELSE PLEASE Go to KingSoopers.com
3. Go to "Savings and Rewards," click on "[King Soopers Community Rewards](#)"
4. Click on Enroll Now.
5. Sign in to your existing digital King Soopers account with your email address and password. If you do not have a King Soopers digital account select "New to King Soopers, create an account" and establish a digital account. The digital account gets you coupons, cents off on items etc. on their site.
6. Click on "Change Organization"
7. "Find an Organization" will come up.
8. Type in "Optimist Club of Monaco South" or WA161.
9. Click on enroll. That's it!!!
10. Every time you swipe your loyalty card or enter your alternate ID to get fuel points Monaco South gets a donation.

If you need help with this call Frank Middleton, cell 303-903-1716 or email frankm101@hotmail.com.

What, a Chicago Cubs Fan: **Tom Mauro** said, "Not to be a pessimist I want to mentioned there was someone from our Club at a recent Rockies game wearing a Chicago Cubs hat. He would not disclose the name but said his initials were **Paul Stratton**."

Destination Imagination: **Tom** also reported he was at

Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

Hey Gang, Here's this week's "RANT & RAVES vs. ... Tweets" for your readership.

PAST ... While returning from work in Minneapolis this week, the landing at DIA was not the usual. As we were at decision altitude approximately 1,000 AGL, the engines began spooling up vs steady and we flew level over the runway. Note the pix of the runways from 1,000' below right. Was



not able to talk to the pilot when disembarking as the flight deck door was still closed nor

have I had a chance to check with FAA Flight Safety webpage. Speculation dictates wind shear. Great view of Buckley AFB and the "Golf Balls" in the picture above left.

While we still are missing the Jr. Golf workers, **Ron Cis-co, Joe Marci, Bob Meyer,** and others, I'm sure that they are still enjoying the outing as the weather has been good. Thanks Ed Collins and Tom Hoch for being "Drawing Co-Chairmen" this week.

Further, thanks to **Neal Alderson** for the enlightenment of the YMCA and of all the programs that they have and have spawned. Also congrats on your VP promotion and having to wear two name tags. I had no idea the organization was founded June 6, a 175 years ago. Also, let's not forget the [Village People song of 1978 YMCA](#) titled the name of which Phil Perington reminded me.

WORLD YMCA empowering young people	
Founded	6 June 1844, 175 years ago
Founder	Sir George Williams
Founded at	London, England
Headquarters	Geneva, Switzerland
Region served	Worldwide

HAPPENING NOW / SOON ... HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all MSOC Dads!

We will have a New Member Orientation June 17 @ STEM Academy (John Scarborough's Silicon STEM Academy, 4201 E. Yale Ave., #130) to give an introduction and update on MSOC's projects, fund raisers, and how to get more involved. Also mentors for the newbies will be there and project leaders will be present for Q&A and to find their passion. If interested in attending, please inform **Tom Glazer** as a head count is needed for the light supper.

Oh Yeah ... today was my Grandfather, **Bert Nutter's** birthday (Silver Beaver Scout Leader), as well as Father's Day and coincidentally my birthday too. **Happy Birthday!**

FUTURE ... Board meeting Thursday, June 20th @ Schlessman Family YMCA at Colorado and Yale and is open to all members. If there is anything that needs to be "Boarded" let me know by June 17th to be included in the agenda.

It's not too late to register for OI 100th Year National Conference in Louisville, KY.

Prez Everett

PS — Bring a GUEST next week. Follow-up on new and old contacts! Have a non-member help with upcoming Projects. The June Goal is 8 Guests per meeting.

the Destination Imagination Global Finals which were held at the Kansas City Convention Center the week of May 20th. Monaco South contributed to **Bradley, Slavens,** and **Ben Franklin Academy** to support their teams attending and participating. For at least the second year in a row Slavens middle schoolers were first in the Monster Effects Engineering Challenge. Bradley finished 14th in Improv, and two BFA teams finished middle of the pack with about 60 teams com-

Neil Alderson Executive Director at YMCA of Metro Denver

Neil Alderson, a Monaco South member since 2003, was our Guest Speaker this morning.

Some highlights: The Colorado YMCA charted the day before statehood was inaugurated. The Toastmasters evolved from YMCA. The Downtown Denver YMCA was an active contributor to the creation and invention of the game that became known as basketball. The Cheeseburger was also purported to have been invented in North Denver but not sure if the Y had a hand in it.

The YMCA is the biggest agency in the United States committed to helping kids. Throughout the years MSOC has donated over \$100,000 through our members to the local YMCAs. One of their greatest impact to the community is their swimming programs. Conquering the fear of water has helped millions of boys, girls, and others over the years. Building confidence by diving into the water and learning how to swim is a tremendous growth process. The Littleton branch has one of the most active programs in the state.

Neil presented a brief video portraying DJ Bachman, a struggling divorced Mom holding down three part-time jobs to support her kids. The YMCA provided kids programs and adult therapy, whereby she met new friends and resurrected herself. She was so grateful. A very and sweet poignant documentary.

Neil opened the floor to questions:

Q. How do most people use the Y?

A. The Y has a lot to offer to many different people... all with 10 different answers. Health and Wellness are a major concern.

Q. Does the Y have any Youth civics programs?



Neil Alderson

A. The Youth in Government program is celebrating its 175th anniversary with around the world competition held this summer in London as part of the Celebration. The Y also has many Youth Service centers advising what youth can follow up with after studying civics and government. The YMCA works as a partner with other Agencies and are not competitors.

Q. Is the Silver Sneakers Program available through the Y?

A. Yes, it is very popular and always available.

Q. What about the YWCA's?

A. There are a few out there and most have been condensed down. The American YMCA was originally founded in Boston as a Christian place to help youth. Globally it is better identified as known as the "Y." The Organization stands for caring and responsibility.

Other facts shared by Neil were that Childhood needs costs spent for child care now enjoys a 50% tax credit. The YMCA of the Rockies operate as separate centers. One in Estes Park and the other in Fraser. Day and overnight camps are the mainstay of both facilities. Monaco South Optimists have the Children's Playground at the Schlessman YMCA named after our Club. The Downtown YMCA and The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless have a working Coalition serving the surrounding area. Also, Volunteers are always needed for coaching teams, especially basketball. Thank you to Neil and his family for all they do to make this a better world for kids and others.

Announcements Continued

peting in each challenge. **Mike McMahon's** son Nate was on the Bradley team and Tom's grandchildren -Te'a and Tyler Sunahara were on the two BFA teams. Over 7,000 kids from 22 countries participated in the Opening Ceremonies at the Sprint Center in KC. Monaco South has received thank you notes from all the teams that participated.

On a personal note Tom shared that he and Joie were in New York last week for a performance of Missy Copeland at the American Ballet Theater, Jeff Daniels in "To Kill a Mockingbird," and to watch the Rockies get creamed by the Mets on a one hitter by Noah Syndergaard. The NY Mets Citi Field ball park design reminds Tom a lot like the old Ebets Field, which he attended with his family when he was 8 years old. That goes back to the 50's.

Thank You Notes: **President Everett** reported we received two -Thank You Cards and he passed them around. They were from a Lavender donation and the Destination Imagination Team members at Ben Franklin Academy.

Next Weeks Meeting: **Bob Avery** told us that he will not be here next week to take attendance on Camaraderie Day, and urged members to move around the room. He also added, "Please be aware we pay for 25 meals every week, so take advantage of the breakfast service.

MS Bike Ride: **Bob** also reported that **Jack Rife, David Telpner**, and he will be riding in the MS-150.

Please sign up for the Rest stop and also support the riders by making a donation. Find their name to make a donation by [Clicking Here](#) and scroll down to search for a riders name.

U-Hills Club Optimist Club: **John Oss** serving as District Lt. Governor for Zone-6 for the CO-WY District said he has "fallen in love" with the U-Hills Club. They will be having their annual Scottish Festival on Saturday, August 3rd — a must for everyone to see. John will be providing more information, but please try to participate or volunteer if possible.

Do we have a drawing?

The 6 of Clubs wins the \$160 pot. Cups went to **Phil Perington** twice, **Eldon Strong, Al Gapuzan, Terry Shroyer** and **Dick Nickoloff**. Going to find the 6 of Clubs were **Eldon Strong** and **Ron Gustas**, but No Winner.

The Name Badge drawer was **Andy Towt**, he too did not find the right card.

Friday Baseball Quote

"The strike zone has never been technically what's written in the rule book." Jim Evans (MLB umpire 1977-1999)

See Jared Diamond's article on *"The Average Umpire Is Almost 50. The Best Ones Might Be in Their 30s,"* by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Weekly Greeters

Sign-Up with **Jon Wachter** to be a greeter, it is a good way to meet members.

6/21/19	Joe Marci & Bob Meyer
6/28/19	Dave Peck & Pat Bush

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd Year — Chartered in 1976
See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

June 17 Mon	6:30 pm	New Member Orientation, Silicon Stem Academy, 4201 E Yale Ave., Suite 130
June 19 Wed	7:30 am	Junior Golf Tournament, Girls 10-18, Meadow Hills Golf Course, 3609 S Dawson St.
June 20 Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room
June 21 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
June 22 Sat	4:00 pm	HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) Seminar, DU Campus Quad
June 28 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Julie Bell, Colorado History
June 30 Sun—Wed		Optimist International Convention, 100 Year Celebration, Galt House, Louisville, KY
June 30 Sun	7:00 am	Pat Sorensen Memorial Bike MS Rest Stop, Trail Ridge Middle School, Longmont, CO
July 4 Thur		★ Fourth of July ★
July 5 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
July 12 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Steven Wiskow, Automezzi Exotic Italian Car & Motorcycle Show

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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		
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.