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Good Morning Optimists

On this beautiful Colorado Friday morning, the members of the Optimist Club of Monaco South gathered for fun, frivolity, and camaraderie. In the absence of **Frank Middleton**, the purveyor of “mixing old seating habits up,” there were no cards and members sat wherever they wanted, having been greeted graciously by **Jim VanderKamp** and **Bob Avery**.



Photos Noel Hasselgren

First Bell

The meeting was called to order by President **Craig Eley** at 7:01:55 a.m. and it was duly noted by this editor as being “almost two minutes late” as prompted by **Steve Kady**.

The crowd was rather sparse today, as many of the members were assisting with the Junior Golf Tournament at Fitzsimmons golf course.



Invocation & Pledge

Lynn Jones volunteered to give the invocation this morning, but first announced that he and his wife Linda would be moving to Idaho, where Linda will be closer to her family. Lynn has been a member for since February 2009. His Christmas tree lot cashiering expertise will be sadly missed. Good luck with the move and enjoy beautiful Idaho!

From the Prez

President Craig thank those who help set up the hall in the absence of many of the regulars, who were at the golf tournament. Thanks went out to **Robert Wardlaw**, **Ed Collins**, and **John Young**.

Craig also mentioned that **Kendra Black** was looking for some volunteers for her “**South by Southeast**” event, which will be held at Bible Park on Saturday,

August 19, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Billed as “a celebration of local food, music and community,” this should be one of the highlights of the summer in Southeast Denver. See more details below.

Craig also reiterated that **next Friday, June 23, will be “100% Day.”** The goal is to have as many members as possible present. **Special speaker will be the Denver District Attorney, Beth McCann**, Denver’s first female DA. Also, a special breakfast will include steak and eggs and, to top it all off, the annual group photo will be taken immediately after the meeting. Show your support for the club as we shoot for 100%. This would also be a great day to bring a guest, to demonstrate what a truly fine Optimist Club meeting looks like.

100%

Announcements

Update on Oscar Sorensen: **Tom Mauro** reports that **Oscar Sorenson** is feeling a little bit better, but is still mostly immobile, although he can answer his cell phone, so call 303-870-4493, and will give you the secret way to get into his house since he cannot come to the door. By the way, “How many Optimists does it take to turn on Oscar’s sprinkler system? By all reports, it takes four: **Eldon Strong, Ron Gustas, Wyatt McCallie and Tom Mauro**, four of the finest minds in our club.”



2017 HOBY Conference: **Paul Bernard** reminded us that the Hugh O’Brien Youth (HOBY) conference will be Saturday evening, June 23 on the DU quadrangle. Parking on the street is tough to find, so plan accordingly! Be there around 5:00 p.m.

Rockies Handout Day: **Michael Chavez** reports that if you are participating in the Rockies handouts on Thursday, June 22nd, you should be there by 9:45 a.m. and park in the 33rd & Blake street employee parking lot. Free admittance to the game scheduled for 1:10 p.m. first pitch. Check with Michael Chavez for details at 303-960-5304

Michael also reminded us that Sunday, June 25th

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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Announcements Continued

is the Bike MS-150 Hydration Station in Longmont. We will start setting up around 7 a.m. and are done around 1 p.m. Since this is the lunch break for the riders, there is plenty to eat. Michael Chavez promises a map at the next meeting, for those who have not figured out their GPS app.

Update on Don St. John: Donley Smith shared that **Don St. John** is getting somewhat better and that he is hoping to come to our meeting next week. Donley also announced that Heather Garden Optimist Club raised almost \$500 for Junior Golf.

Classic Car Optimist Club: Dave Peck urged members to support the rejuvenation of the Classic Car Optimist Club, which was sponsored by MSOC and has several active members who are also members of Monaco South. Dave says that they can probably stretch the definition of what is a "Classic Car," if you want to join contact Dave at 925-890-2531 or email at curlnrun2@yahoo.com.

20+ Years of Riding the MS-150: This being camaraderie day, **Bob Avery** shared some stories of the 20+ years he has been riding his bike for MS and asked those who had ridden in the past to stand. There was a goodly number. Bob and others also shared some stories of the fabled rides of **Freddie Pasternack**. There was some conjecture as to whether Freddie ever even got on a bike, but most said yes.



Fred Pasternack presenting his MS-150 donation check in 2014.
Photo John Oss

Additionally, with a reminder of past Boy Scout Jamborees, various people talked about their experiences at Boy Scout Jamborees in various parts of the U.S., including Colorado.

By the way, the 2017 National Scout Jamboree will be the 19th national Scout jamboree held by the Boy Scouts of America from July 19, 2017 to July 28, 2017. It will be the second national Scout jamboree held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

South by Southeast

To be held on Saturday, August 19 at 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Bible Park. Hosted by Denver City Councilwoman Kendra Black, District 4 and Kaili Purviance, Northwestern Mutual.

Bring the family to this one-day celebration featuring live music from local bands, a selection of local brews and food for purchase, fun games and activities, a community art project, pop-up dog park (YES, even the dogs are invited!) and much more!

However, Kendra needs 20 volunteers in five-person shifts of 3 hours: 9:30-12:30, 12:30-3:00, 3:00-5:30, & 5:30-8:30 to help with the festival. **Greg Young** will circulate a sign up sheet next week.

Thank You Notes

Thank you emails were received from Magen Dodge, Commander, DPD District 3 and Lieutenant

Carlos Aragon. Commander Dodge shared, "Thank you MSOC so much for taking the time to honor these men at your Respect for Law Presentation. They are very deserving and it is so nice for the community to recognize their actions!" While Lt. Aragon wrote, "Hey, all the thanks goes to you guys! It was a pleasure joining you guys the other day! Thank you again for taking the time and recognizing these officers for a job well done! I know they all really appreciated this award and I will make sure and share the GUMS newsletter with them. See you guys soon!"



Lt. Carlos Aragon

Let's Have Camaraderie

Some of the topics overheard during this period

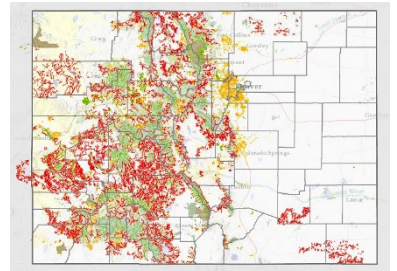
Did you know that on this day in 1884, the first roller coaster in America opens at Coney Island, in Brooklyn, New York. Known as a switchback railway, it was the brainchild of LaMarcus Thompson, traveled approximately six miles per hour and cost a nickel to ride. The new entertainment was an instant success and by the turn of the century there were hundreds of roller coasters around the country.

The hot dog is said to have been invented at Coney Island in 1867 by Charles Feltman. In 1916, a nickel hot dog stand called Nathan's was opened by a former Feltman employee and went on to become a Coney Island institution and international franchise. Today, Nathan's is famous not only for its hot dogs but its hot dog-eating contest, held each Fourth of July in Coney Island. In 2006, Takeru Kobayashi set a new record when he ate 53.75 hot dogs with buns in 12 minutes.



The Colorado Trail Explorer Initiative just recently announced by Governor Hickenlooper's is now online and available to the public in celebration of National Trails Day.

The Colorado Trail Explorer includes more than 39,000 miles of trails managed by more than 225 jurisdictions across the state. It ranges from paths managed by towns and counties to hiking, bicycling or motorized trails running through state parks and federal lands. It represents the first-ever effort to provide routes for every trail in Colorado through a single mapping tool.



The Colorado Trail System (CTS) endeavors to map every trail in the state of Colorado. CTS intends to serve as the connection between people, trails, and technology by coordinating the efforts of federal, state, county, and local agencies to create a comprehensive and authoritative repository of recreational trails for public use. See the [Tutorial Video on YouTube](https://youtu.be/2n7USQhIbGc) <https://youtu.be/2n7USQhIbGc>. The site can be accessed at <https://cts.state.co.us/cotrex/desktop/>.

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Did you hear the that boats now fly? Yes, tomorrow, on Saturday, the America's Cup yacht race starts. In this month's America's Cup sailing race, the competing vessels will barely skim the surface of the ocean while reaching speeds unthinkable even a few years ago. They hardly resemble sailboats at all. Technology has changed this sport to something different entirely. See the ORACLE TEAM USA's boat sailing on the Great Sound in Bermuda @ <https://youtu.be/aevEW12fOCc>. And, hear about this boat at <https://youtu.be/6wTOWpojWHw>. You can also read, "Oracle Team USA's new America's Cup boat is so fast 'It doesn't quite feel like you're in control'" at <http://www.businessinsider.com/oracle-makes-big-speed-gains>.



Members on the Move

Hope all is well with you all! I am actually in Gurnee, IL. I will be here for another 3 weeks. We are getting ready to open a new Chick-fil-A restaurant here. After that, I will be traveling back to Atlanta, GA for 3 weeks. I have a scheduled training for a duration of 3 weeks. In August, I will be traveling to Four Corners, FL to help open another restaurant. So, I am traveling a lot with my new role, but all is well! Thank you for reaching out to me, I will keep my same number, so tell the club members to feel free to reach out to me. I truly miss seeing you all on Friday mornings.



Ricardo Ortiz

Sincerely, **Ricardo Ortiz**, 423-736-7471

In case anyone is interested, my new address will be — 2957 N Rough Stone Way, Meridian, ID 83646. My e-mail address lcjgolf@comcast.net. for now. No phone as yet. Thanks, and have a good summer.



Lynn Jones

All the best, **Lynn C. Jones**.

Drawing

Great News! Although **Dave Moore** had yet another opportunity, he did not win the pot for a third week in a row, although he gave it his best shot. **George Buzick** also tried for the big money, but was unsuccessful. Others, including **Steve Kady**, **Greg Young**, **Ralph Pedersen**, **Dick Nickoloff** and **Ed Collins** all took the money and ran. Although **Wyatt McCallie** was wearing his name tag, he too, failed to pull the Queen of Clubs.



For the third week in a row, Dave Moore gets another chance at the pot. However, this attempt was not as good as his last two. Michael Chavez, left, was filling in for card dealer Ron Cisco.

Photos Noel Hasselgren



Meeting Pictures



Recognizing Lynn Jones MSOC service, Prez Craig Eley presents an Optimist pin for him to wear on his cap.



As shown above and below camaraderie around the room was abundant.



Invite a Potential Member



Weekly Greeters

6/23/17	Bill Morgan & Dave Moore
6/30/17	Robert Wardlaw & John Young
7/7/17	?

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40th Year — Chartered in 1976

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

June 22 Thur 9:45 am Rockies Handouts, Coors Field, see Michael Chavez
 June 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: 100% Day & Beth McCann, Denver's first female District Attorney
 June 24 Sat 4:00 pm HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) Seminar, DU campus
 June 25 Sun 7:00 am Colorado MS-150 Hydration Station, Trail Ridge Middle School, 1000 Button Rock Drive, Longmont, CO
 June 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Lisa Mattis, [Can Do MS](#): MS Patients Reaching their Potential
 July 7 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
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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.