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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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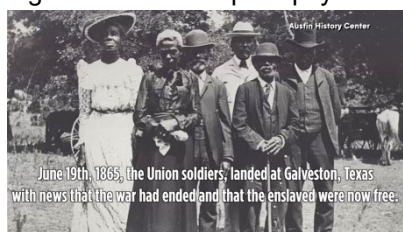
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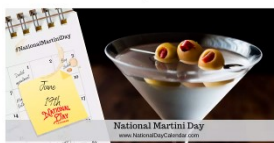
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### Good Morning Optimists Zoom Virtual Meeting

**President Bob Meyer** rings the bell for us promptly at 8:00 a.m. and issues a “Good morning Optimists.” Today is the 19<sup>th</sup> of June. Also known as Juneteenth, a holiday celebrated to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the US. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, slaves were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation. While many of us have always celebrated Independence Day on July 4<sup>th</sup>, slaves in America did not gain independence for almost another 100 years! Acknowledging the fact that slavery existed for so much of our history as a country is important to remember where we came from and how much further we have to ensure the rights of all are equal. [Click Here](#), Juneteenth is known as the end of slavery in America, marks the word of freedom arriving in Galveston, TX.



NATIONAL MARTINI DAY – June 19



Additionally, as we learned from **Prez Bob** in his “on this day in history,” sharing it was also National Martini Day as well. He suggested that the Friday evening we all can indulge our favorite martini.

### This Day in History

**June 19<sup>th</sup> Birthdays:** Blaise Pascal, French mathematician, physicist, and philosopher, 1623; Wallis Simpson, American divorcee whom King Edward VIII abdicated his throne to marry, 1896; Moe Howard, one of “The Three Stooges,” 1897; Lou Gehrig, 1903; Actress Gena Rowlands, 1930; Shirley “Cha Cha” Muldowney, American drag racer, 1940; Paula Abdul, 1962; and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, 1978.



**Major Events on this date:** 1464, French King Louis XI forms French postal service; 1778, Washington’s Troops finally leave Valley Forge; 1865, News that the Emancipation Proclamation signed in 1863 that slavery had been abolished finally reached Texas; 1910, Father’s Day is celebrated for

the first time in Spokane, WA; 1923, Comic strip “Moon Mullins” debuts; 1936, Max Schmeling KO’s up-and-coming heavyweight boxer Joe Louis; 1952, “I’ve Got a Secret” debuts on CBS-TV with Garry Moore as the host; 1956, Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin end their partnership after 16 films; 1964, Civil Rights Act of 1964 passes 73-27 in the U. S. Senate; and 1978, Garfield the Cat first appears in comic strip.

### From the Prez

**Prez Bob** reports that last evening the MSOC Board met via Zoom. One of the items discussed was making a memorial for John Oss, who passed away last Sunday. He shared if you wish you may send a check to Optimist International in John’s name. Send your check to **Treasurer Greg Young** who will pass it along in John’s name. He also noted that John was a member of 3 Optimist Clubs—Monaco South, DTC Optimist, and was the current President of the UHills Optimist club.

### The Passing of John Oss

This past week we learned the passing of **John Oss**. His son Eric Oss wrote,

*“This is John and Ruth’s son Eric. I just wanted to acknowledge the email and confirm Dad’s passing. As you know he was undergoing treatment for acute myeloid leukemia. A few days ago Dad called me late at night reporting that was having stomach pain, he thought due to mixing up medications. After a number of tests in the ER it was determined that the pain was due to constipation, but that his liver and kidney function was also suffering. We checked him in for the night for observation and treatment for constipation and pain. The following night I got a call from Dad saying that he was very uncomfortable and had asked that hospice be contacted. We started that process, organized a family zoom meeting to bring all the brothers up to speed with Dad alternating between participating and nodding off. He let us all know that he was ready to move on and that he loved us all and was happy with the life he had led. I took Mom home to get some rest hoping to move Dad home in the morning, and within an hour he had passed away.”*

*Mom and Dad agree that, “this isn’t the end,” and that they will see each other in heaven. All of the sons will be in town this evening to support Mom, and to make arrangements. We will make sure to communicate those plans out to all of you. Thank you for your friendship and love of my parents.*

*Eric Oss”*



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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 about 45 members participating in the Zoom meeting which started at 8 a.m. and lasted for an hour and was followed by a live auction of golf foursomes to benefit the Junior Golf Program that netted \$1,460.

The Zoom 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>.

I'm 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 your Club.

We remembered our beloved friend **John Oss** who died this past week. A dozen or more MSOC members attended his memorial service Thursday afternoon. John will be laid to rest on Monday at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

Our own **Greg Hurd** made his first of two presentations on his train collections. All I can say about his train collections is "WOW!" See his short article elsewhere in **GUMS**.

The Board of Directors met via Zoom last Thursday night, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. One topic of discussion was holding in-person meetings. Several Board members were tasked with the responsibility of checking out a couple of local churches that may be able to handle groups as large as Monaco South. More details as they become available.

**Scott Henke**, a former Monaco South member and owner of **Onsite Consulting**, will make a presentation on computer security and safety at our July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. 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 and 28. There will be three-hour sessions on both days. The registration deadline is Wednesday, June 24, at noon CDT. [To register Click Here](#). The Club will pay the \$35 registration fee. Just send Greg Young a copy of your paid invoice.

Even though we are not meeting face-to-face, the MSOC membership drive continues. Please find new mem-

bers 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." If you find Club members who need assistance, please let me or **Michael Chavez** know so that we can set up "phone trees" to help those who may be unable to get out for grocery store trips or medical appointments.

To get to know new members better, I would like them to complete the "About Me" questionnaire that is attached to the GUMS distribution email. I would like the new members, if they are comfortable doing so, to speak up at an upcoming Zoom membership meeting. If we cannot get them "live" on Zoom, we will attach their completed "About Me" questionnaire in an upcoming GUMS, but I would much prefer to see them talk about themselves during a weekly meeting.

Another form is the "Staying Busy When I Can't Go Out" questionnaire also attached to GUMS distribution email. As with the "About Me" questionnaire, I would 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](mailto:meyerrob@comcast.net).

Yours in Optimism,  
Prez Bob

## Announcements

### John Oss' Services: Bob Avery and Perry Allen



shared this information about John's Memorial Service on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church. About 15-members from Monaco South were in attendance.

**Obituary:** March 5, 1940 – June 14, 2020, John is with Jesus after a 3-month struggle with bone cancer (AML). His participation in a clinical trial as treatment put him into full remission but came with side effects. It was John's hope that his participation in the study would benefit others. John was exceedingly grateful for love and grace shown him by God, family and friends. As a Major in the Air Force John served as Manager of the Titan Rocket Launch Program at Vandenberg in California. After the service he worked in research and development of solid rocket boosters for Martin Marietta. He is survived by his wife Ruth; five sons, Mark (Evelyn), Carl (Cheryl), Eric (Carrie), Ivan (Deirdre) and Hans; 14 grandchildren, one great grandchild and innumerable friends!

**Family:** Ruth Oss, Wife and Sons Mark (Evelyn) Oss, Carl (Cheryl) Oss, Eric (Carrie) Oss, Ivan (Deirdre) Oss, and

Hans Oss. John also leaves 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild to cherish his memory. [See Tribute Video](#), click here and play movie.

The Trinity Lutheran Church live [steamed service can be seen here](#).

**Phil Perington** shared that John, will be buried at **Fort Logan Cemetery**, staging area C, on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:00 a.m.

**Craig Eley** pass along the song he wrote and a couple of MSOC members sang about John Oss at the Installation Banquet when his term as president ended, [Ode to Oss, Click Here](#).

**MSOC Directory:** The latest version, 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.



## Greg Hurd A Hurd of Trains

**Greg Hurd** gives a presentation this morning dedicated to **John Oss**. Greg shows us a picture of his basement featuring his train collection. Amazing does not begin to describe the collection. It includes a 22" long locomotive that has pulled as many as 22 cars. The layout is designed to simulate a trip from Denver to Laramie, including a stop in Estes Park. Many pieces Greg built from scratch using the various product he has available. The collection features a mountain with a tunnel, along with incredible detail, which Greg built that took many hours to build. Another portion shows the train station in Baden-Baden, located in Germany, which Greg built from pictures he took in the 80's when he worked there. The train system has been computerized which allows them to run 5 different lines at the same time. Some of the early models were made in the 1920s, '30s and '40s. Greg showed us some trains that were made in the 1880s as well. [See his presentation, Click Here.](#)



## The one and only Bob Hope Shared by Joe Marci

On his deathbed they asked him where he wanted to be buried. Bob Hope replied: "Surprise me." I had forgotten that he lived to be 100, and also didn't realize it has been over 17 years since he died.



This is a tribute to a man who DID make a difference —  
ON TURNING 70 - "I still chase women, but only downhill."  
ON TURNING 80 - "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."  
ON TURNING 90 - "You know you are getting old when the candles

cost more than the cake."

ON TURNING 100 - "I don't feel old. In fact, I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."

ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER (BOXING) - "I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them."

ON GOLF - "Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees."

ON PRESIDENTS - "I have performed for 12 presidents

but entertained only six."

ON WHY HE CHOOSE SHOW-BIZ FOR HIS CAREER - "When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, congratulations, you have an eight pound ham."

ON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL - "I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it."

ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY - "Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother."

ON HIS SIX BROTHERS - "That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom."

ON HIS EARLY FAILURES - "I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me."

ON GOING TO HEAVEN - "I have done benefits for ALL religions. I would hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality."



# TRIVIA

CHALLENGE

## On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt

No trivia question from Andy, but here is one that you can answer and send your answers to him at

[Warren.Allentown@gmail.com](mailto:Warren.Allentown@gmail.com)

The \_\_\_\_ step of the state capital building that is exactly one-mile high above sea level is the ...

A) 10<sup>th</sup>, b) 13<sup>th</sup>, c) 2<sup>nd</sup>, d) 5<sup>th</sup>, or e) 1<sup>st</sup>

## Bring in a New Member



## Weekly Greeters

6/26/2020

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

**Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43<sup>rd</sup> 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 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		<b>Fourth of July</b>
July 10	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
July 16	Thu	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting: TBD
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
Aug 7	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting

**2019 - 2020 Officers**

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**Past Presidents**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Stan Cohen	2000-01	Paul Simon	2012-13
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	Jim Easton	2017-18
John Young	1982-83	Mark Metevia	1994-95	Paul Bernard	2006-07	Everett Gardner	2018-19
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		
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Cy Regan	1999-00	Randy Marcove	2011-12		

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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.