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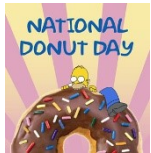
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Editor for this Issue—George Buzick



Good Morning Optimists

On this second day of June, our illustrious president-elect **Jim Easton**, handled the greeting of members by himself, in the absence of **George Buzick** (your editor), who was out gathering news. Good job, Jim!



Unfortunately, even though it was National Doughnut (Donut) Day there were not any doughnuts to be found.



Joe Marci is greeted by president-elect Jim Easton.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

First Bell

President **Craig Eley** called the meeting to order at exactly 7:00 a.m. He then called on **Everett Gardner** to give the invocation and lead us in the *Pledge of Allegiance* to the Flag of the United States of America.

Guests

Paul Stratton introduced his guest, **Bill Moran**. This is Bill's second visit. The third time is a charm. Come back Bill with an application—we would love to have you join us.

Also in attendance was past distinguished governor and former MSOC member **Curt Merrill**.

Prez Craig also announced that **Brian Wilson** is our newest member and is one of the dozens of members sponsored by charter member and past president **John Young** over the past 40+ years. Congratulations to Bill and thanks to John for his continued efforts in reaching out to others in the true spirit of Optimism. Brian, although not actually a Beach Boy, joins the ranks of other "celebrity" named individuals such as **Robert Duvall**, **Brian Williams**, **Paul Simon**, and **Johnny (Scott) Walker**.

Announcements

Club Directory: Prez **Craig Eley** announced there are still several April 2017 Club Directories available for anyone who has yet to pick one up.



2017 HOBY Conference: **Paul Bernard** announced that the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Conference would be held the weekend of June 24th on the DU campus. Paul is recruiting volunteers to share their experience of providing community service to the youth who, inevitably, will become



leaders in their respective communities. If you are available for about an hour from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, sign up or check with Paul.

Jimmy Brown Perfect Attendance Awards: **Paul Stratton** announced that there were 14 Jimmy Brown Perfect Attendance Awards presented at Lowry Elementary School on Thursday, June 1st, in addition to the Charlie Korsoski Award which was presented to the single most outstanding of the Super Citizen Award recipients at Lowry this year. Jimmy Brown, a deceased former member of MSOC, never missed a single day of school for 12 years. Paul also mentioned that the new principal of Lowry, though somewhat initially skeptical of our programs, lavished high praise on the Super Citizen Program and our club.

Hamilton Accelerated Reading Program: **Karl Geil** announced that though the number of participants in the "Accelerated Reading Program" at Hamilton Middle School was somewhat diminished from previous years. However, ten students who participated read over 23 million words during this school year. Each participant received a \$50 bill from Monaco South Optimist Club.

McMeen Super Citizen: **Don Thomson** thanked those who helped in the Super Citizen Program at McMeen Elementary this academic year, they including **Mike White**, **Pat Bush**, and **John Oss**. McMeen was one of the earliest participating schools in the program and Don has been with them since the beginning. (Editor's note: Over 230 Super Citizen certificates were handed out this year. That is the highest for all ten Super Citizen schools.)



Update From Tom: **Tom Mauro** said that he had the privilege to attend the [Destination Imagination World Finals](#) in Knoxville Tennessee and that both Slavens and Lowry teams had finished high in the rankings. Tom also shared that there were 680 kids from China participating in the competition and that they were at the top in almost every category.



See YouTube Clip

Tom had the opportunity to visit Charleston, South Carolina and sends greeting from the former member, **Bill Litchfield**, who is currently enjoying the "Southern Life." Tom also mentioned that **Oscar Sorenson** has been having some problems with Sciatica and is not getting around too well.

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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

New Twins: Nick Nickoloff thanked us for our prayers and said that his daughter had successfully delivered twins, a boy and a girl and that all is well. (Editor: We are sure that pictures will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.)

MSOC Website Update & Directory: John Oss had the following to say about the club roster in a recent email, "Thanks to **Tom Mauro, Craig Eley, Paul Bernard, and Greg Young** for our club directory. Tom and Craig work up the paper version each six months in October and April. It also available on your PC, tablet, and smartphone via the new website. New and existing users may retrieve login and reset the password by [clicking here](#). Tablet and smartphone users, may download the ClubRunner app via the [Apple App Store](#) or [Android Market](#)—see [here](#). Your username and password apply on all of the devices. Our club directory is just one click away." (Editor: The April 2017 directory is also available in a pdf file format. Contact Bob Finkelmeier should you want a copy.)

Rockies Handout Day: Michael Chavez made another plea for workers for the Rockies game on Thursday, June 22. To earn the \$500 for handing out promotional items before the game, we must have 35 individuals. Bring family, friends, and neighbors. This is an afternoon game, so we need to be there by 9:30 a.m. (1st pitch @ 1:10 p.m.) Free tickets to the game, if you would like to hang around.

Colorado MS-150 Hydration Station: Busy Michael Chavez is also co-chair for the Bike MS hydration station which will be on Sunday, June 25, from around 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. More details next week, but put this date on your calendar.

CO-WY District Optimist Junior Golf Fundraiser: According to **Joe Marci**, one of the co-chairs of the District Junior Golf Tournament Qualifiers, there are 220 registrants for the fundraiser which will be held Monday, June 5th at Broken Tee Golf Course in Englewood. A complete [list of the Broken Tee Scramble foursomes](#) can be found on the GUMS Distribution email.

More volunteers are needed for the qualifier tournaments. If you can help, let **Joe Marci** or **Bob Meyer** know. They are:

- ♦ Flatirons Golf Course, 5706 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder, on Thursday, June 15, 2017, starting at 7:30 a.m.
- ♦ Fitzsimons Golf Course, 2323 Scranton St., Aurora, on Friday, June 16, 2017, starting at 7:30 a.m.

CO-WY District Newsletter: Paul Simon, current District Governor and forever media mogul said that he was disappointed at the response to the 3rd Quarter District Newsletter. Paul said that less than 30% of members who received this by email opened it. This is a major source of information about the district, and every member can benefit from the information. A copy is attached to the GUMS distribution email.

Paul also mentioned that the Annual CO-WY District Convention would be held in Breckenridge, the weekend of August 18-20. Registration can be found on the CO-WY website @ <https://www.optimistcowy.org/>.

June Birthdays

Those who celebrate another birthday year in June are: **Allen Perry, Rob Brewer, Ed Collins, Chris Dunphy, Dr. Ed Fankhauser, Dr. Bob Finkelmeier, Everett Gardner, Joe Howard, Greg Hurd, Bill Morgan, Mike Prete, John Scarborough, Terry Shroyer, Bryce Slaby, Walter Weld, and Allen Yockey. Congratulations!**

Weekly Drawing

Do we have a drawing? Yep, and we have a winner! Af-



ter two people, **Karl Geil** and **Mark Metavia** were unsuccessful at drawing the 4 of Spades, **Dave Moore**, who was wearing his name tag, pulled the right card and won \$30. Those who went for the "sure thing" were: **Karl Geil, Russ Paul, John Oss, Don Thomson, Bryce Slaby, and Lynn Jones.**



At right, Dave Moore had his name tag on and some luck to win the accumulative weekly pot of \$30. Next week we start over once again.

Photo Noel Hasselgren



Bradley Korsoski Optimist Award

While at the Bradley International School for the Charlie Korsoski presentation, photographer **John Oss**, which proclaims, "Pictures are worth a thousand words." Below are some pictures of Mallory Eggleston recipient of the 2017 Charlie Korsoski being presented the award and check by Bradley SC representatives **Randy Marcove** and **Jon Wachter. Does Mallory appear to be excited?**



Photos John Oss

A Bit of Humor



OMG, I'm rich!
Silver in the hair,
Gold in the teeth,
Crystals in the kidney,
Sugar in the blood,
Lead in the butt,
Iron in the arteries,
and an inexhaustible
supply of natural gas!

*I never thought I would
accumulate such wealth!*

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Jason Ganahl Maestro of Meat, GQue Championship BBQ

Our speaker today, Jason Ganahl, was introduced by **Frank Middleton**. Jason is the owner of [GQue BBQ Restaurant](#) in Westminster (5160 W. 120th Avenue), and aspires to create the best tasting barbecue you have ever tasted. Jason's secrets to attaining this goal are:

- Hundreds of hours cooking and recipe refining
- Finest quality meats (Prime Cuts)
- Best Seasoning
- Freshest Ingredients

Jason started as a judge of barbecue competitions and carefully studied the techniques of the top contenders across the U.S. He now is one of the experts on this art. In addition to his restaurant in Westminster, he frequently teaches classes and gives lectures to various groups.

After participating on the competition circuit for many years, and winning some of the most prestigious awards, including Rocky Mountain Association Team of the Year and finishing in the top 1% nationally in all five categories, Jason's team was declared to be one of the top 29 teams in the U.S.

Jason decided to limit his travel and spend more time with his family and opened GQue Restaurant in 2014. It was declared "one of the hottest new restaurants in Denver" by *Zagat: National Restaurant Reviews* in 2015, and *Westword: One of the best BBQ joints in Denver*, 2016, and has maintained the quality of a "5-star restaurant." Jason also does a booming catering business in the Denver Metro area and teaches regular classes at his Westminster location.

Jason is currently looking for a new location, hopefully in the southeast metro area since, according to Jason there are no "star quality" barbecue places in this area.

As Jason explained, there is a difference between "barbecuing" and "grilling," although most people use the words interchangeably. Grilling has to do with high heat (over 400 degrees), usually with "thin" cuts of meat (steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs); whereas barbecuing has to do with



Jason Ganahl
Photo Noel Hasselgren

low and slow cooking with bigger pieces of meat (pork butts, brisket, chicken, ribs).

To get the best results from your grill, Jason suggests keeping the grate very, very clean (grill marks are not a mark of a good steak): Cook at a high temperature of at least 400 degrees. While gas grills can produce a good meal, most cannot get to a hot enough temperature to get a good char on a steak.

And the secret to the best BBQ is an even cooking temperature of about 225 degrees for 5 to 6 hours. The use

of a wood like Cherry and Hickory wood, are the best. Mesquite usually overpowers the taste of the meat. Again clean the grate, oil grate with cooking oil and keep the meat moisturized.

Get yourself a good "instant read" meat thermometer. Do not trust built-in thermometer on your grill. They tell you the temperature of the grill, not the meat. Buy the best cuts of meat you can afford (prime cuts are best). Limit sauce. Sauce masks the taste of the meat.

For more information, please visit Jason's website <http://gqbbq.com>, <http://gquebbq.com/author/jason-ganahl/>, and his YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/BBQGQue>.



Jason Ganahl really drew a crowd after the meeting as well.
Photo Paul Simon

At right, Paul Simon making the rounds to promote the CO-WY District Convention coming up in August.

Photo Noel Hasselgren



Weekly Greeters

6/9/17	Steve Kady & ?
6/16/17	Jim VanderKamp & Bob Avery
6/23/17	Bill Morgan & Dave Moore
6/30/17	Robert Wardlaw & ?

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

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

June 5	Mon	7:30 am	CO-WY District Golf Scramble, Broken Tee Golf Course, 2101 W. Oxford Ave
June 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: John Wiebenga, Cancer Survivor
June 15	Thur	7:30 am	Junior Golf Tournament, Boys 14-15 & 16-18, Fitzsimons Golf Course
June 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
June 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Beth McCann, Denver's first female District Attorney
June 24	Sat	4:00 pm	HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) Seminar
June 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Lisa Mattis, Can Do MS : MS Patients Reaching their Potential

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
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
Gary Stowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
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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.