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Good Morning Optimists

It sure does not feel like summer on this first day of summer. It was calm, cool, and cloudy and about to storm; but the greetings inside the hall were warm and plentiful. **Bob Meyer** and **Joe Marci** were doing the greeting after having spent the last two Fridays on golf courses for the CO-WY Junior Golf Tournaments.



Left, Joe Marci & Bob Meyer
Photo Noel Hasselgren

First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

With the ringing of the first bell, **President Everett Gardner** called on **Jack Rife** for the invocation. Jack based the invocation on finding the sunny side of everything and making our optimism come true. He then lead us in the Pledge.

From the Prez

Everett also mentioned that the replica of the [Vietnam Memorial Wall](#) will be in Arvada this weekend. It is set up at the Faith Bible Chapel located at 6250 Wright Street and will be open around the clock. It is an impressive sight if you have not seen the real thing and contains the names of over 58,000 American soldiers that lost their lives during that war.

June Birthdays

Prez Everett also asked us to recognize all the members with June Birthdays, that included **Perry Allen**, 6-8; **Ed Collins**, 6-3; **Bob Finkelmeier**, 6-29; **Everett Gardner**, 6-16; **Greg Hurd**, 6-25; **Bill Morgan**, 6-10; **Michael Prete**, 6-17; **John Scarborough**, 6-9; **Terry Shroyer**, 6-18; **Bryce Slaby**, 6-22; and in remembrance, **Allen Yockey**, 6-22. We then followed that up with a not so recognizable rendition of the "Happy Birthday" song.



Welcome a New Member

Cesar Camarena was back at the meeting this morning. He has turned in a membership application and the Board of Directors met last night, but took some time to put down their pizza and beer long enough to take a vote, Cesar might be our newest member. I have not heard the official word but welcome aboard, Cesar. **Tom Kramis** is Cesar's sponsor.

Announcements

South by Southeast Community Festival: Greg Young reported that the annual South by Southeast community

gathering has been scheduled for August 17th, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Bible Park. It is hosted by City Councilwoman **Kendra Black's** office. Greg mentioned that Kendra has reached out to the Optimist Club again to help with traffic and parking. **Jon Wachter** had fun last year running around the site on an electric scooter. You will be hearing more on the particulars as the event draws closer.

MS Bike Ride & Pat Sorensen Rest Stop: **Michael Chavez** reported that the MS150 Bike Ride will be the weekend of June 29th and 30th. The Monaco South Optimist Club will be manning the Pat Sorensen rest stop again on Sunday, June 30th. Our station is the lunch break for the riders. We will be at Trail Ridge Middle School, 1000 Button Rock Drive in Longmont, CO, and will need plenty of volunteers to help set up the canopies, tables, mix the electrolyte drinks, and serve fruit and handout cooling towels. This is a fun half-day event and the riders certainly appreciate our efforts. Michael will also need help on Saturday, June 29th, to get the equipment from the storage locker and load on the truck. Let Michael know if you can help out either day.

CO-WY Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** reported that the three June qualifying tournaments are now complete. Thirty-four players qualified for the International Tournament in Florida this summer. Joe thanked all the members that helped at the tournaments as well as those that made donations and sponsored holes. He now is concentrating on fund raising to help the qualifiers defray expenses for the Florida tournament. He has tickets available for several Rockies games this summer. [Attached here](#) and to **GUMS** distribution email, is a listing of the game dates and opponents. Joe needs our financial help so get out to as many games as possible. The club would also like to thank **Ron Cisco** and **Bob Meyer** for their organizational help with this project.



June 7 Overland, boys 10-15 & June 19 Meadow Hills, girls 10-18
Photos Don Thomson

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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

Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference: Paul Bernard

said that the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference is this Saturday, June 22nd at the University of Denver. Monaco South members will be talking to the high school students about the importance of volunteerism in our communities. Paul Bernard wants volunteers to show up at the Campus Green open space (north of the Evans near the pedestrian cross-over bridge) at about 5:00 p.m. Hopefully the rain will hold off so that the discussions can be held outside, but it be moved inside if the weather isn't going to cooperate.

Heather Gardens Optimist Club Ice Cream Social:

Donlie Smith shared that the Heather Gardens Optimists recently held an ice cream social to raise funds in support of the Junior Golf program. Donlie Smith presented a check this morning in the amount of \$716 to **Ron Cisco** as a result of that project. We thank Heather Gardens for their generous support for the junior golf program.



Dime-A-Day: Perry Allen is back on the Dime-A-Day bandwagon. He said that he has not received any checks for Dime-A-Day for at least a month. This program raises unrestricted funds for the Optimist International Foundation and counts on members to donate one dime each day for the Optimist year. That is a \$36.50 yearly donation for the mathematically challenged members. Do not forget, for each member making ten donations this year (\$365.00), Perry will make a matching \$36.50 donation for up to ten members. He has committed to a \$365.00 donation himself if ten other members make the same level of donations. We have him hanging by the heels, we just need to shake the money out of his pockets.



Camaraderie Day

Today was camaraderie day with no guest speaker. Normally, **Frank Middleton** hands out playing cards and members must sit at tables corresponding to the card that they get. It is a well-organized method to get members to sit at different tables with members that they do not normally visit. However, Frank was missing this morning and so members were sitting in their normal seats.

President Everett was having none of that; so, he went around the room assigning numbers to the members. He then wanted all the "ones" to sit together and the "twos" to sit together, and so on. Well it was mass confusion, like herding cats. Many members could not remember their numbers or associate the instructions to the action. And if they did remember their number, they could not remember which table their numbers were assigned. For about five minutes, everyone was walking around the room looking confused and asking questions. I would be willing to bet that many members were not sitting at their assigned table. Editor: "Frank, we need you. You cannot miss a camaraderie day!"



Photos Noel Hasselgren

Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

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

PAST ... New Member Orientation was held on Monday, June 17th @ STEM Academy (John Scarborough's place) with new member **Steve Hicks**. Missing were two other newbies, who had last minute schedule conflicts. Both **Karl Giel** and **Bob Meyer** gave a passionate treatise on the projects that in which they are involved and I went over the remainder of MSOC's projects, fund raisers, and how to get more involved. Had a great Q&A throughout the session. We'll have another orientation in the near future.

Welcome back to the Golf workers, **Ron Cisco**, **Joe Marci**, **Bob Myer**, and others. Since **Frank Middleton** wasn't present with cards and table number signs, we had to move everyone around from their usual seats and tables using the old fashion counting off numbers then moving to respective tables. All of us are like cows going to the same place we always go because of same place brain training. However, by moving around forces us out of our comfort zones to chat with others in the club. With Card Drawing Master, **Ron Cisco's** return, he had to perform his magic from a different table. Thanks all for moving about!

Greg Hurd and I discussed a few YouTube videos of UP's Big Boy and here is a link for the train buffs among us; <https://youtu.be/RR7Q27clEvo>.

And for the "Little House" people, our Santa Haus Project Lead, **Kent Gloor** and I attended the Colorado Tiny House Festival Saturday at Adams County Fairgrounds, to look at various technologies and compare MSOCs completed Santa Haus. We concluded that all the latest techno is in our structure and was built for less than everything on comparable on display. Here are a couple with interesting features; roof decks, and even a Jacuzzi on one.



HAPPENING NOW / SOON ... Optimist International 100th Year National Conference in Louisville, KY this coming weekend, June 30th thru July 3rd.

Prez Elect **Bob Meyer**, **Tom Overton**, **Phil Perington**, and I will be at the conference, so VP **Steve Kady** will be on deck to run the meeting. Good Luck Steve!

FUTURE ...

Check the project list link, [Click Here](#).

Prez Everett

PS ... Never too late to bring a GUEST ... Follow-up on new and old contacts! Have a non-member help with upcoming Projects. June Goal is 8 Guests per meeting.

Happy Bucks

For the newer members, "Happy Bucks" is a fundraiser for the Childhood Cancer Campaign. A member gets to announce a reason for why he is happy for a one-dollar donation to the campaign.



Today, **Jim Easton** was happy that his son's graduation was on Saturday. **Greg Young** was happy that he finally got his knee surgery scheduled. **George Buzick** was happy the knee needing surgery was not his. **Perry Allen** was happy that he experienced a hot-air balloon ride. **Bob Meyer** was happy that the Colorado/Wyoming District Junior Golf program is the largest and most successful program in all of Optimist International. **Steve Kady** was happy about something, and **Jack Kleinhessel** was happy that **Steve Kady** was happy. **Ron Cisco** was happy that he collected the Junior Golf sponsorship check from **Pat Bush** today, now that the tournaments are over. **Tom Hoch** was happy that his wife left him today, but he wanted the buck back because she will return on Sunday.

Where Is the GUMS Editor?

Phil Perington was scheduled to be the editor for the month of June, but he had surgery for an umbilical hernia early this week and claimed it was from lifting 12' Christmas Trees, solo, back in 2017. Phil shared that **Allen Malask** was his attendant and chauffeur. A true buddy! But, his doctor put him on an opiate regime for a few days and no driving was allowed. So, in turn he recruited **Pat Bush**. Wish Phil a speedy recovery!

Voyage Around the World Trip

Pat Bush comradng with **Harry Fegley**, having just returned from a around the world cruise, was informed that Harry will be sharing photographs and stories about his trip with the club on Friday, July 26th. This is a meeting you will not want to miss if his presentation is anything like the other presentations of his trips that he has shared with us.



Happy 100th Birthday to Optimist International

As OI President **Rebecca Butler Mona** announced this past week, "Optimists have done a great job of celebrating our Centennial year, however, June 19th marks the official birthday of Optimist International, founded during the first International Convention in Louisville, Kentucky."

She suggest that you view, [Bringing Out the Best into the Next Century](#) ... "Over the past 100 years, there are so many ways Optimists have provided hope and a positive vision to Bring Out the Best in youth, our communities, and ourselves. Who we are and what we do as Optimists are needed now more than ever. As we reflect on a wonderful first century of Optimism, we invite you to join Optimists around the world as we look forward to making an even bigger impact in the future. Promise yourself to be part of that journey as we Bring Out the Best into the Next Century."

Speaking of Traveling

Kent Gloor reported via email a week or so ago, that Russia would not allow him to cross the border. Here is picture of Kent getting as close as he can to the Russia border crossing.



Join the GUMS Newsletter Rotation

Are you interested in serving as a *GUMS Newsletter Editor*? Join the editor's rotation and capture the weekly meeting activities for a month at a time. Currently editor's **Phil Perington, George Buzick, Robert Wardlaw, Pat Bush, and Paul Stratton**, serve every five-months. If interested speak to any of them or to the *GUMS Chief Editor, Bob Finkelmeier*. By the way, you can even have his job of pulling *GUMS* together each week if you would like it!

Drawing Winners

After all the confusion of switching seats for camaraderie day, your editor was too dazed to get all of the names of this week's cups of cash winners. Here he reports the important details. "**Noel Hasselgren, Dan Rodriguez, and Mike White** all had the opportunity to draw the card for the \$170 pot, but all walked away disappointed. I think Prez **Everett Gardner, Kent Gloor, and Cesar Camarena**, our new member/guest won a cup, but the rest I came up with a blank.



Friday Baseball Quote

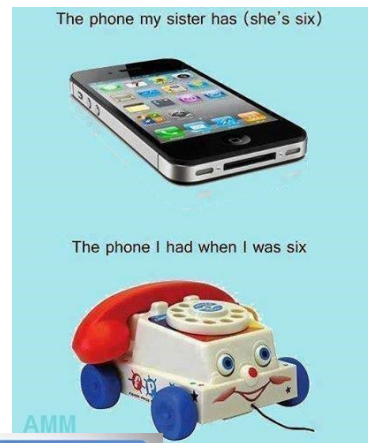
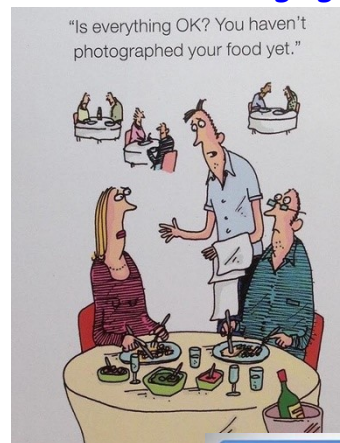
"Well you're all alone out there. You're expected to belt it. You don't want to let anybody down. But I don't worry about how I'm going to hit. I don't bother trying to outguess the field. I think about the pork chops I had the night before and if there should have been more salt in the barbecue sauce."

— Babe Ruth

Editor's Notes: From a marvelous book about Babe's off-the-field 'accomplishments,' titled, "The Big Fella," by Jane Leavy. And look for a few more quotes from the one, the only, Mr. Ruth. And now you know the secret to his success.



Changing World Humor



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

6/28/19	Dave Peck & Pat Bush
7/5/19	Paul Stanton & Stephen Avery

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd Year — Chartered in 1976

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

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
July 18	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room
July 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
July 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Harry Fegley, Voyage Around the World
July 27	Sat	7:30 am	Pancake Breakfast for Brent's Place, Anschutz Campus, 17th Place & Quentin St.
Aug 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Principals from Super Citizens Schools

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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		
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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NEWSLETTER EDITORS: July **George Buzick**, August **Robert Wardlaw**, September **Pat Bush**

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.