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Good Morning Optimists

On this **100 PERCENT DAY** morning, it was a cold **100%** and rainy day, but for those striving to achieve a 100% attendance day we were warmly greeted by **Bill Morgan** and **David Moore**.



Our official greeters, Bill Morgan & David Moore.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

In attendance were **Don and Char St. John**, as were many others whom we have not seen for awhile. For example, **John Swick** took a brief break from the currently booming—thanks to the hail storm—roofing business, to catch a quick breakfast before heading back up on the roofs of Denver. Additionally, we saw **Bud Black**, **Peter Dimond**, and **Robert Duvall**, to name a few. Plus, those who were missing last week due to the CO-WY Junior Golf qualifier tournaments, returned to bolster the effort towards 100%. Alas, 100% attendance was not to be, as there were 72 members in attendance, by this editor's count, of a roster of 131, or 59 percent.

First Bell, Invocation, & Pledge

President Craig Eley gaveled the meeting to order at exactly 7:00 a.m. and took the executive privilege of reading the invocation and leading the pledge to our flag himself.

From the Prez

"Benefactor" is derived from the Latin words "bene" (good) and "facere" (to do). You will find our own former MSOC president **John Oss** listed as a do-gooder on page 31 of the most recent Optimist International magazine for his generous contribution to the OI Foundation. Find his name under the appropriate heading "Benefactor." Thanks for this and all you do for Optimism, John!



John Oss

Guests

Allen Malask introduced his wife, **Beth Strong**, as his guest. **John Swick** also had a guest, **Dale Merkort**.

President Craig also had a guest; **Dan Rodriguez**, who owns Signarama, 2200 S. Monaco, Unit I, which is in the shopping center just south of the old K-Mart and in the area of our old Christmas Tree Lot location. When Craig went in to have a sign made for the Bike MS Hydration Station, in the process, he told Dan what the Monaco South Optimist Club does for kids. Dan created the sign and provided it free of charge. Hopefully, Dan will become one of us.

Announcements

Dime-A-Day: **Perry Allen**, our OI Foundation Representative for Dime-A-Day, thanked the club for their support of the OI Foundation and said that according to the most recent OI Magazine, the CO-WY District, thanks in great measure to contributions by MSOC members, was one of the top contributor in terms of total dollars contributed (\$15,975.70). He acknowledged the mentioning of **John Oss**, who is noted as a benefactor. Editor, "Thanks to Perry for his dedication to the Dime-a-Day Program."

By the way, for 10 cents a day, or \$36.50, you too can support the OI Foundation which supports the Childhood Cancer Campaign.

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

Rockies Handout Day: Michael Chavez thanked those who worked yesterday at the Rockies game, handing out posters to fans. Their work netted the club a cool \$500.



Those Pictured, are **Brian Wilson, Michael Chavez, John Oss, Harry & Linda Fegley, Gary & Patty Strowbridge** with friend Judy, **Eldon & Roxie Strong, Mike White** and son Brian, **Russ Paul, Joe Marci, Randy Penn** (Englewood Club President), **El Gaupo, John Greene & friends, Kent Gloor, Bill Anderson, John Swick & friend Dale**. Not Pictured where **Tom Kramis, Mark Metevia** and **Phil Perington**.

Bike MS Ride Hydration Station: Michael also encouraged those who had signed up for the MS Bike hydration station to show up by 7:00 a.m. this Sunday morning. The station will be located at Trail Ridge Middle School in Longmont.

CO-WY Junior Golf Tournament: **Bob Meyer**, one of the co-chairs for the Junior Golf Competitions announced a successful outcome of both the Flatirons tournament in Boulder and the Fitzsimmons tournament in Denver. A total of 228 golfers competed. Forty-one golfers will be representing the CO-WY District at the PGA course in Palm Gardens, Florida. Top finishers in the seven different age brackets will receive \$1,000 to defray their expenses to attend the tournament. The 34 other golfers who qualified for the tournament will each receive \$500.

CO-WY Junior Golf Fundraising: There are still a couple of fundraising events for Junior Golf, according to **Joe Marci**. He has Rockies tickets for the afternoon of Sunday, July 9th against the White Sox and for the Sunday, August 20th game against Milwaukee. Tickets are \$15. Enjoy the red-hot Rockies, well sort of currently, and support Junior Golf at the same time.

2017 HOBY Conference: **Paul Bernard** says, "Last call for the HOBY Leadership Seminar." Paul will be sending emails to those who signed up, with some last minute changes to the scheduling. The event will be Saturday evening, June 24th, at 6:00 p.m.

CO-WY District Convention: District Governor **Paul Simon** invited everyone to attend the Annual Convention, which will be held in Breckenridge, the weekend of August 18-20. The club will pay \$25 to those who attend the lunch on Saturday. There will be

some great training, a chance to meet members from other clubs, highlighted by the installation of 2017-18 district officers at the Saturday night banquet. Early bird registration and agenda can be found on the Districts webpage at <https://www.optimistcowy.org/>, or attached to the **GUMS** distribution email.

Wheat Ridge Optimist Club: The incoming president of the Wheat Ridge Optimist Club, **Ross Parrent**, invited everyone to attend their celebration of 60 years of service to the community. The event will be held at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, Saturday, September 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. The cost of \$25 includes a festive buffet, soft drinks, and dessert. Libations are available for a donation. Editor, Ross was once a member of Monaco South and moved to the Wheat Ridge club since it was closer to his home.

Senior Moments: **Bob Avery** announced another successful "Senior Moments" presentation at the Eastern Star retirement facility. **Casey Funk** gave a well received and informative talk on water rights. "Senior Moments" presentations happen the fourth Thursday of each month. If you have an interest that you would like to share, or would just like to attend, check with Bob.

Thanks to the Bike MS Supporters: **Bob Avery** also thanked the club for their support for the more than 20 years he has been riding in the MS bike events. Bob modestly admitted that he was a member of the MS "High Rollers," which consists of the top 100 fundraisers for the ride. Bob brought some of the MS jerseys he has worn over the years, while riding and displayed them for all to see.

Building New Club's: **Phil Perington** talked about the importance of membership and new club building and said that there were several current club building activities being carried out, including Woodland Park and Ken Caryl. Phil also mentioned that two Edgewater city council members had joined the Edgewater Club, giving it a boost. He commended **John Young** for having sponsored more than 100 members in Monaco South over the past 40 years. In addition, Phil encouraged us all to bring in a new member.

Do We Have A Drawing?

There was drawing. The card today was the King of Clubs and the prize was \$30. **David Moore**'s name was not associated in any way with this drawing. In spite of some valiant efforts, including **Beth Strong**, Allen Malask's wife and guest, drawing her own number for a double chance at the pot, nobody won the "big money." Since one card is eliminated every week, the remaining cards are dwindling, thus making the potential for drawing a winning card ever more possible. Live dangerously. Buy a fifty-cent ticket or two.



Beth gets a double chance, but still comes up short.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

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Beth McCann Denver's first female District Attorney

Introduced by **Paul Simon**, our speaker today was Beth McCann, current District Attorney for the city and county of Denver. She was formally sworn into this office on January 10, 2017.

Ms. McCann is the first female District Attorney for Denver and has served in many positions, both in the city and state governments. She was Manager of Safety for the Wellington Webb administration; served on the staff of the Colorado Attorney General, and in the state legislature as a representative for central Denver from 2008 to 2017.



Beth McCann
Photo Noel Hasselgren

attorneys to attend neighborhood meetings and listen to community concerns and input.

♦ Provide alternatives for people with mental health and substance abuse issues by increasing treatment and alternative options and providing job training and assistance for those re-entering society and after being in prison and support programs that provide second chances.

♦ Prioritize prosecution of predators, including child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, and human trafficking.

Beth McCann's philosophy seems to be summed up in this quote:

"I ran for this office because I believe in the work that we do to keep the city safe and to represent the people of the state to the best of our abilities. I also believe that the DA's office can be more than an office that prosecutes criminals."

She shared that her vision for the DA's office is to:

- ♦ Improve the juvenile justice system through community and school-based intervention and use restorative justice and other alternative to jail.
- ♦ Address disproportionate incarceration of people of color by ridding the office of any implicit bias.
- ♦ Build trust between law enforcement and our communities by being accessible to community leaders and by requiring the deputy district

Official 100% Day Photo



Photo Cindy Eley—photo can be found at <https://goo.gl/photos/YNai8Y3awiwyUA5S9>

Invite a Potential Member



Weekly Greeters

6/30/17	Robert Wardlaw & John Young
7/7/17	Bryce Slaby & Ed Collins
7/14/17	Tom Kramis & Mark Metevia

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

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

June 25 Sun	7:00 am	Colorado MS-150 Hydration Station, Trail Ridge Middle School, 1000 Button Rock Drive, Longmont, CO
June 28 Wed	6:30 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
June 30 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Lisa Mattis, Can Do MS : MS Patients Reaching their Potential
July 6-8		Optimist International Convention, Albuquerque, NM
July 7 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
July 14 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
July 21 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day

**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 Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96	Michael Chavez	2015-16

2015 - 2016 Officers

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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.