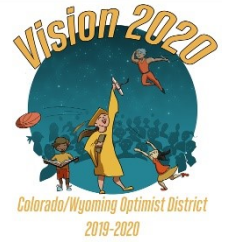




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Good Morning Optimists Zoom Virtual Meeting

It is a slow gathering of Zoom participants as President **Bob Meyer** counts members who are joining the meeting this Friday. President Meyer rings the bell for us promptly at 8:00 a.m. and shares a "Good Morning Optimists." It is a beautiful summer morning as we gather remotely.



Today was the morning that the Sullivan Scholarship recipients from Thomas Jefferson High School were to join us and one student joined us bright and early. The others joined us later.

President elect **Dan Rodriguez** provided the invocation this morning. *"Mankind has worked to construct its buildings, institutions, and these things will be taken over, eventually, by today's youth. As one of the tasks of Optimism, we are charged with nurturing the next generation as they grow. No finer profession is there than those who educate the youth of today."*



This Day in History

June 26th Fun Days, it is "National Take your Dog to Work Day" and "Chocolate Pudding Day."

June 26th Birthdays: Abner Doubleday, inventor of baseball; Pearl S. Buck, an American writer and novelist, 1892; Colonel Tom Parker, Elvis Presley's manager; Babe Didrikson Zaharias, an American athlete who excelled in golf, basketball, baseball and track and field; Shannon Sharpe, 1968; Derek Jeter, professional baseball shortstop; and Michael Vick, professional American football quarterback.

Major Events on this date: 1498, the Toothbrush is invented in China using boar bristles; 1843, Hong Kong is proclaimed a British Crown Colony; 1870, the first section of the Atlantic City Boardwalk opens, 1894, Karl Benz receives US patent for gasoline-driven auto; 1917, the first US troops arrive in France during WW I; 1945, the United Nations Charter is signed by 50 nations; 1948, US begins Airlift "Operation Vittles" to West Berlin; 1959, Queen Elizabeth II and President Dwight Eisenhower open the St. Lawrence Seaway; 1963, President John F. Kennedy gives his "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech in West Berlin; 1977, Elvis Presley's last career performance; 1994, heat wave across the Western US, with 104 degrees in Denver, 107 in Albuquerque, 112 in El Paso, 122 in Laughlin, NV, and 126 in Death Valley, CA; 1997, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," the first book in J. K. Rowling's best-selling series, is published; 2003, LeBron James, the NBA's first pick in the NBA draft, is drafted out of high school by the Cleveland Cavaliers; and 2015, the US Supreme Court rules 5 to 4 that same-sex marriage is a legal right across all the United States.

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From the Prez

Last Friday after the morning Zoom meeting, I held the online auction for Jr. Golf program netted almost \$1,500. It was an interesting experience and bidding competitions required some creative bidding rules. For example **Tom Mauro** bid on one golf outing package, and immediately **Paul Stratton** came back with a dollar more. That called for an immediate rule, that bidding-up needed to be a minimum of \$10 more. All that participated seemed to enjoy the experience and helped in providing funds for next years Jr. Golf program.

The Optimist International Convention will start tomorrow via Zoom, June 27th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon (Central Time) and Sunday, June 28th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. (Central Time). Members can still participate, but you need to register. The Club will still pay the registration fee for any MSOC member who wish to attend. You can find details and register online at <https://www.optimist.org/convention>. All sessions will be recorded and you will be able to review them all if you are registered. Details for doing that are on the webpage.

Announcements

Committal Service for John Per Oss: **Phil Perington** reported that he attended the memorial for **John Oss** at Fort Logan Cemetery last Monday morning, along with **Michael Chavez, George Buzick, Tom Kramis, and Curt Boell**. John received a 21 gun salute in a very solemn and fitting tribute. John was laid to rest at 4:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to make donations, in John's name, can do so either through Optimist International or through **Greg Young**.

University Hills Optimist Club Visitation: **Perry Allen** announced that he had visited the U-Hills Optimist Club virtually and sent along condolences from our club to them on the loss of their President. They had mentioned that they considered donating to a cause that John had held dear and have

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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 over 50 members participating in the Zoom meeting which started at 8 a.m. and lasted for an hour. The 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>. The meeting number and passcode are contained in GUMS distribution email for security reasons.

I am 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, so feel free to make your suggestions to me.

We again remembered our beloved friend **John Oss** who died recently. A dozen or more MSOC members attended his memorial service last Thursday afternoon. John was laid to rest last Monday at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

We were joined at today's meeting by four Sullivan Scholarship winners from Thomas Jefferson High School. They were Megan and Morgan George, Jazz Wright, and Malia McDorman; each told us about their TJ activities and their college plans. Kathy Sullivan, Robert Sullivan's widow, gave a brief history behind the Sullivan Scholarships.

At our Friday meeting on July 17th we will have Scott Henke, a former Monaco South member, and owner of On-site Consulting, will make a presentation on computer security and safety. 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.

Even though we are not meeting face-to-face, the MSOC membership drive continues. Please find new members 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 once again want to suggest that you reach out to members who we have not 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 are 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 meeting.

By the way, if you would like to make a presentation, please let me know by separate email so that I can make sure to include you in an upcoming meeting.

FYI, Zoom offers a free membership package that permits 40-minute "meetings." That is a great deal if you want to get your families together for some "family face time" or friends together for a "virtual happy hour." Check out that "free offer" at <https://zoom.us/pricing>.

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.


**Yours in Optimism,
Prez Bob Meyer**

Announcements Continued

have decided to donate to the Childhood Cancer fund. **Greg Young** announces the Optimist Club of Monaco South, is giving \$500 to Childhood Cancer in John's name. Perry reports that John's widow, Ruthy, commented that she was happy that John did not suffer through an extended time during his last days on earth.


Dime-A-Day Program: While **Perry Allen** had the microphone he reminded us to make a contribution to the Dime-A-Day program using the Dime-A-Day form attached to GUMS distribution email and give the form and your check of \$36.50 to Perry.

Multiple Sclerosis Bike: **Bob Avery** announces that the  MS Don't just ride, Bike MS MS Bike Ride will be held, in a different format, and those who want to contribute are encouraged to do so. The MS Society is expecting a drop in the fundraising for this event so please consider increasing your normal donation amount for this year due to the pandemic. This year it is a virtual event. For Bob's personal page, [Click Here](#). Good luck to Bob, and to any other members who do this event regularly!

King Soopers Fundraiser: **Frank Middleton** suggested everyone make more purchases at King Soopers using your reward card. He also noted it is possible to call 303-576-4377 anytime and get involved in their new rewards program. All it takes is getting your card linked to OCMS-Denver, #WA161. 

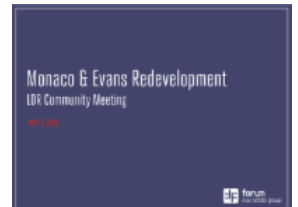
Oscar Sorensen Update: **Bill Litchfield** reports on Oscar Sorensen and said Oscar's daughter reported he is doing well and has a new phone. Give Oscar a call if you can.

CO-WY District Junior Golf: **Pat Bush** asks **Joe Marci** if Junior Golf will be accepting hole sponsorships for the upcoming October event. Joe responded that the tournament is still planning to be held an added that he will visit **Ron Cisco** by contacting past sponsors for future support.

What was the Question: While various announcements were shared, **Tom Mauro**, reported that the American athlete Babe Didrikson Zaharias husband, was George Zaharias, a professional wrestler and born in Pueblo, CO. He wrestled under the name "The Crying Greek from Salt Creek" or "The Greek Hyena" during the 1930s. 

Tree Lot Update: **Tom Kramis** in an email said, attached is the recently updated plans for Kmart from Kristen Link. She plans on sending me a lease to review with the board in the near future. Please include the renderings in GUMS for the guys to check out. [Click Here](#).

After you open PDF and scroll down quite a ways you will see the designated Farmer's Market area facing Monaco. This could be the future location for the Tree Lot.



Robert Sullivan Scholarship Recipients



Kathy Sullivan, pictured here with **Joe Marci** during the 2019 scholarship presentation, tells us about the Sullivan Scholarship program. It started after Bob Sullivan died, a couple of his grandparents donated money to the club in Bob's name. Joe Marci decided it should go to a cause that was near and dear to his heart. Bob and Joe were very involved with the sports programs at Thomas Jefferson High School.

The scholarship program has been in existence for about 20 years, we had 13 outstanding students apply this year and the committee was able to convince the board that the club should award 9 scholarships this year. Joe had 4 of his children attend TJ along with many other members' whose kids attended the school. Joe's wife Kathy was president of the parent's group for the school for a number of years and reports it is a great school and a big source of pride for the community. Five MSOC members, **Everett Gardner, Tom Mauro, Phil Perington, Bob Meyer, and Joe Marci** reviewed the applications for this year. A \$1,000 will be awarded to each student for this year, in the first year of the program the club gave \$200 to winners. The cost of education has increased since then.

This year's recipients who joined us included Meagan and Morgan George, and Jazz Wright.

- ◇ Meagan will attend Texas Tech and participated in soccer, swimming, and technology. She is also receiving a merit scholarship from TT, as is her sister Morgan.
- ◇ Morgan is going to CSU and plans to major in business. They both attended TJ for all 4 years and enjoyed the school. They both were involved in Computer Technology Class, including robotics.
- ◇ Jazz Wright participated in basketball, track, and field, and participated in the Talent Show at TJ. She will be attending Langston University in OK, located in Langston OK. She is also receiving 3 other scholarships that will help with tuition, room, and board. Langston University is an HBCU school established in 1897.

They all report that they were disappointed that the spring semester was cut short by the pandemic, including cancellations of their prom and graduation. What started as an extended spring break mid-March turned into half a semester of online learning. TJ staff along with parent volunteers worked with the PTO to deliver signs to seniors, congratulating them on completing high school via. They were also able to participate in a graduation parade via cars.

Malia McDorman, a scholarship winner who graduated in 2019 and spent the last year traveling with "Up with People" also joined us. She shared that she traveled during the late summer into fall, and then the plans were cut short in January due to COVID-19. Throughout her travels she was exposed to a lot of education opportunities. She applied to and was accepted at Amsterdam University and will be starting in two-months. Her major will be in sciences, leading to pre-med course load. All her classes will be in English, but she plans to learn Dutch.

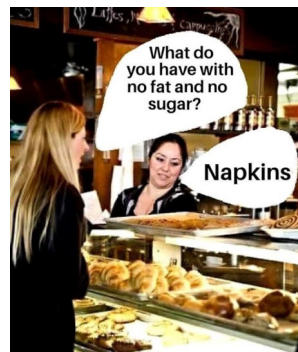
Tom Glazier shared a warm and heartfelt congratulations to their education and growth. Tom also reported that the robotics club at TJ is a very popular club for the school and that **John Scarborough**, a former teacher and member of our club, was very instrumental with that program.

Henry Schonewise added that he has a son that graduate last year from TJ. Harry also shared that the Denver Teachers Awards' recognized Matt Spampinato, along with another teacher from TJ who was recognized for their work. Matt is a former member of Monaco South.

Other members report on many positive happenings from the school. While President Bob read an email from Drea Thompson who was also a scholarship winner but has a job that starts early mornings and was not able to attend, thanking the club for the award.

Greg Hurd reported that his son Andrew who is working on his MBA, and has been able to find college textbooks more reasonably in cost on eBay or Amazon and has been able to reduce the cost of books greatly by using this resource. And in some cases he can resell them as well.

A Bit of Humor



On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt

This week covers two trivia questions. The first was: *Who is known as the Father of the Constitution?* The answer is James Madison. Of the answers submitted, four got it correct: **Paul Stratton, Tom Glazier, Phil Perington, and Bob Avery**.

The second question was: *What step on the State Capital Building is exactly one mile high?* The answer is: the 13th step. Two correct answers were received from **Bob Avery** and **Bob Meyer**.

This week's trivia question is: *What was the name of the boat on which Gary Hart was photographed in a compromising situation, which cost him his candidacy for that year's presidential race?*

Email your answer to Warren.Allentown@gmail.com

Weekly Greeters	
7/3/2020	In Person Meeting Suspended Due to Virus Attend a Zoom Meeting starting at 8:00 a.m.

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd 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.

July 3	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
July 4	Sat		Fourth of July
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

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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		
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- 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.