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Good Morning Optimists

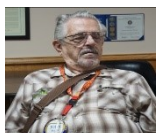
Happy Friday—As the 4th of July rapidly approaches we were merrily greeted by **Dave** “T-Bird” **Peck** and **Frank Middleton** who was standing in for **Pat Bush**. Everyone was in good spirits and high fives ruled the day.



Dave Peck

Early Bird Conversations

At the buffet line **Tom Mauro**, ever the optimist proudly wearing his finest Colorado Rockies shirt while seen adding small portions of bacon and eggs to his pile of catsup.



John Stoffel

Photos Noel Hasselgren

There was a lot of group discussion going around the room on how the 4th of July fireworks had already begun with the arrival of the Dodgers. **John Greene**, to no avail was asking **John Oss** why his hat was upside down. **John Stoffel** and **Joe Marci** were in animated conversation debating why watching golf on TV was much more exciting than watching paint dry.

Prez **Everett Gardner** was showing off his new tie and Churchill Downs chapeau in anticipation of the upcoming Optimist International Annual Convention in Louisville, KY.

Jim Easton and **Peter Diamond**, were way in the back of the room with **Dr. Bob**, immersed in animated conversation that looked like something important might be happening ... or not. While **Gary Miller** was back at the pay station and encouraging everybody to eat-up and enjoy the morning with the best breakfast deal in town, to which new members **Steve Avery** and new member **Cesar Camarena** both heartily agreed.



As shown, left, this was captured by **Phil Perington** on his new little laptop.

First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

Prez **Everett** dropped the gavel at 7:00 a.m. and asked **Craig Eley** to present the Invocation: “*Oh God of our Ancestors we give great honor and thanks to the Father of our Country George Washington. A true patriot who gave his life in service and reverence to the country we know as the United States of America. He risked death and championed the cause of freedom we all enjoy to this day. In optimism had thankfulness we celebrate this 4th of July as America’s birthday.*”

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed with a thunderous round of **PLAY BALL!**

Guests

John Young introduced his friend **Stuart Gelb** who shared that his wife is a newer member of the Tamarac Club, and when he read the creed became a believer... now here he is looking to climb on board.

Bill Miller then introduced his new neighbor **Gabriel (Gabe) Ghanem**, recently relocating to Denver from North Carolina. He commented he is loving it here and the coffee is good, so here I am.

Welcome **Stuart and Gabe!**

Announcements

MS Bike Ride & Pat Sorensen Rest Stop: **Bob Avery** reports that Saturday is a really big day for the MS150 Bike Ride. He and **David Telpner** will ride together up to Ft Collins and back. (See the Site & Route Maps for Saturday & Sunday, [CLICK HERE](#).) Bob says he will accept sponsorship contributions now and later. This is truly a million dollar ride inasmuch as millions are now raised since he started riding in 1990 at the Royal Gorge/Canyon City venue.

Michael Chavez added that the Pat Sorensen Rest Stop will be on Sunday, June 30th. Our station is the lunch break for the riders at the Trail Ridge Middle School, 1000 Button Rock Drive in Longmont, CO, and we 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. As in the past photo ops will also be available as in past years, thanks to **Craig Eley**.

South by Southeast Festival: **Greg Young** announced that we need help again this year for Councilwomen Kendra Black’s [3rd Annual South by Southeast Festival](#) in Bible Park, on Saturday, August 17th. This event had over 8000 attendees last year. Greg says he is looking for volunteers to assist with parking for attendees and providing directions. There are 3 shifts at 3-hours each, starting a 10:00 a.m. In addition, you can volunteer to help with setup from

8:30 to 11:00 a.m. One free beer is included as part of the deal. If you have questions or need clarification please contact Greg.



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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

CO-WY Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** reports that **Bob Meyer** is on his way to the OI Convention in Louisville to help promote the CO-WY Junior Golf participants and then going on to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship at the Trump National Doral Resort and Spa in Miami, FL.

The CO-WY District will have 60 young golfers who qualified for this tournament. This is one of the largest and best-known junior golf tournaments in the world. Each year, more than 600 golfers participate. Optimists have been involved in the sport of junior golf for more than 30 years by holding local, regional, and international tournaments. This year's dates are:

- ◇ July 16-21, 2019: Boys 10-11, 12-13 and Girls 10-12
- ◇ July 21-26, 2019: Boys 14-15 and Girls 13-14
- ◇ July 26-31, 2019: Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18

Joe, thanked everyone for their support and said, "If you would like to make a contribution through OI Foundation he can assist."

JDRF Organization: **Ron Gustas** announced that JDRF is the beneficiary of 100 Percent of the ticket sale proceeds from attendees of the "[Automezzi Colorado 2019 Celebration](#)," an exotic Italian Car & Motorcycle show being held on Sunday morning, July 21st at the Jeffco Fairgrounds. (See the Schedule & Event Map at the above link.) The event is sponsored by Ferrari of Denver. Jeremy Hubbard of Fox 31 will be the celebrity emcee. Proceeds will be used to fund research for type 1 diabetes.

[To Volunteer](#) your help supporting diabetes research [CLICK HERE](#) to see a listing of time slots and description of needed volunteer positions.

If not volunteering and want to buy tickets or just get more info go to automezzicolorado.com/. If you are unavailable that day, please pass the word to other car enthusiasts about the "Automezzi" to help increase attendance. On July 12th, representative(s) from "Automezzi of Colorado" will be our OCMS meeting speakers. Please plan on attending to hear more about this fun event. Contact Ron with any questions.

To Guests & New Members: **Craig Eley** addressed our guests with stories of how easy and fulfilling it is to participate in our Club programs and events. We have an abundance of projects to choose from. [See the Project List here](#). So, it is easy to be involved in a program that interests you personally ... see the list and participate where and when you can.

U-Hills Club Optimist Club: **John Oss** serving as District Lt. Governor for Zone-6 for the CO-WY District said he has "fallen in love" with the U-Hills Club. They will be having their annual Scottish Festival on Saturday, August 3rd — a must for everyone to see. John will be providing more information, but please try to participate or volunteer if possible.

Allen Yockey Celebration of Life: **Jim Easton** reported that on Tuesday, July 23rd there will be ceremony for **Allen Yockey** organized by his brother, Galen. Details will be forthcoming.

Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference: Although the coordinator for this activity, **Paul Bernard**, **Karl Giel** shared that the HOBY Conference was successful last weekend. Several Monaco South members were there as well as some members from the DTC Club. Optimist members talking to students about volunteerism and how it ties into Leadership and volunteerism.

Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

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

PAST ... When you have time to spare ... go by air. This week's adventure was uneventful until Thursday's return causing delays due to thunderstorms in Minneapolis for my connection to Denver. Finally arrived home about midnight then up for the Friday meeting.

It was very informative learning about some of the first women to come to the Colorado Territory. Thanks so much Julie Bell for enlightening the ALL men's group (She reported, it was her first time to present to an all men's group) and for modeling the periods apparel. Glad to have her as part of the Mechanical Engineering Fraternity too.

HAPPENING NOW / SOON ... I am at the Optimist International 100th Year National Conference in Louisville, KY now thru 3 July. I was going to author today's R&R from the banks of the Ohio River looking across to Jefferson, IN, but my computer's battery was too low to even turn it on, so I'm in the air conditioned Galt Hotel lobby, where the comfort level is much better than the hot muggy feel of an old river town. Not bad for a William Faulkner long sentence ...



Ohio River



Derby Winner
Assault 1946



Historic Marker up from hotel

More pix next week

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

FUTURE ...

Check the project list link and for the upcoming week

HAPPY 4th of JULY!

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. July Goal is 8 Guests per meeting.

Friday Baseball Quote

"If people don't take us seriously, that's good for us. We're going to go out there and kick their ass."

- Nelson Cruz

Editor: From a story, below, in this week's WSJ about the Twins. As we approach the Baseball Season's halfway point, they're pretty darn good. @ <https://www.wsj.com/articles/how-the-twins-yes-the-twins-built-baseballs-most-powerful-lineup-11560859558>

Speaker, J.v.L. (Julie) Bell
 Author, "The Lucky Hat Mine"

Our speaker this morning was Author J.v.L. Bell, aka Julie Bell, a Colorado native who grew up climbing 14,000 ft. mountains, exploring old ghost towns, and backpacking through the back country. She and her family love to hike, raft, and cross-country ski together.



J.v.L. (Julie) Bell
 Photo Noel Hasselgren

Julie is a Mechanical Engineer by trade who discovered she loved to write Colorado History. "This is all fun stuff. My book is basically about Waterloo women who came to Colorado." She shares that in 1858 Gold discovered in Colorado and with that over 100,000 people streamed into the state in search of great wealth. Only 5 percent were women. Her book is about a few of those women who became legends for better or worse. For example ...

Elizabeth Sumner Bears whose husband William started the Rocky Mountain News, married at 20 years of age. They had come to Denver to start a newspaper. On April 23, 1859 they published and distributed the Rocky Mountain News 20 minutes ahead of their competitor to become the first newspaper of Denver. There said there was no gun fight. Elizabeth had travelled by buckboard for 365 miles from Omaha. As a reflection on the life she had lived lamented, "We often laughed through our tears." The passing of children was never quite understood. At one point in her family life, (well known mountain man) Jim Beckworth a "colored man," plus Kit Carson and other notable folks were invited to their one room family home for a dinner party. She was instrumental in forming the Ladies Union Aid Society, Denver's first homeless shelter and orphanage.

Mountain Charley — A true community legend was really a woman, by the name of Elsa Jane Forest. She took on the role as a man to raise her children, and to run the Mountain Boys Saloon. Denver's first cross-dresser who hated corsets. Her trials and trepidation's were too numerous to detail. It's all in the book.



Clara Brown was the first black woman to come to Colorado. She had been purchased by George Brown who then bought her freedom in Kentucky. However, she was eventually forced out of Kentucky. Crossing the Great Plains and Platte River basin, she was hired as a cook for a

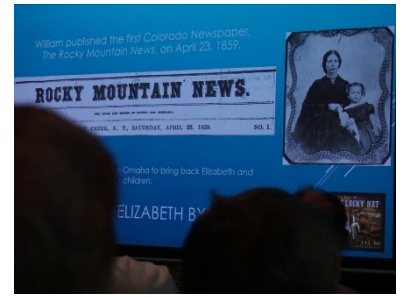
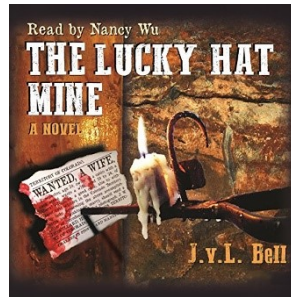


wagon train. Once she settled in Colorado she opened a laundry in Gilpin County and the adventure began. Affectionately she became known as "Aunt Clare." The sole mission of her life was to reunite with her family, searching endlessly until age 84.

Ada LaMonte — In 1850 she was only 17 years old and married a Pastor to spread the gospel. They kept a detailed travel log while coming to Colorado. Sadly, while traveling in a wagon train her husband ran off with a hooker and left her alone and devastated. As a consequence she made the decision to become Denver's first madam and opened an extremely profitable House of Ill repute. (Better known as a Sportin' houses). She became wealthy and Denver's leading lady. Ironically, her husband was discovered to have been murdered by the woman he ran off with, with Ada's bible still clutched in his hands. Tragically her spirit was broken. She succumbed to alcohol and died in poverty and starvation in Georgetown. It's all in the book.



Julie was a wonderful and enlightening Speaker. Please read her book. It is a great read.



Do we have a Drawing

At the call of, "How much do we have in the pot," **Dr. Bob** announces "\$180 in the pot if you draw the 9 of Diamonds." He then explains the rules for those new to the fun.

Well **Allen Pierce** and **Cesar Camarena** did not find the 9 of Diamonds, so the pot grows again for next week. Cups went to: **Tom Hoch**, Prez **Everett Gardner**, **Allen Pierce**, **Greg Young** to Julie, **Mark Metevia**, and **Peter Diamond**.

For wearing his name badge, **Craig Eley** got a chance at the pot. He too came up short.

Optimist Creed

Our speaker Julie Bell lead us in reciting the Optimist Creed ... *Promise yourself to be so strong*



Weekly Greeters

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| 7/5/19 | Paul Stratton & Steve Avery |
| 7/12/19 | Steve Kady & Terry Shroyer |

Some Interesting History

"The Century-Long Evolution of the U.S. Army Helmet," by David Hambling, Popular Mechanics, June 27, 2019 @ https://www.popularmechanics.com/military/research/a28088179/army-helmet/?source=nl&utm_source=nl_pop&utm_medium=email&date=062819&src=nl&utm_campaign=17343870

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd Year — Chartered in 1976
See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

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| 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 16-21, July 21-26, & July 26-31, 2019, | | OI Junior Golf Championship, Miami Florida |
| 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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| 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 | | |
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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.