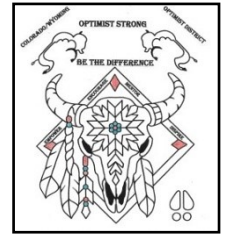




Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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Good Morning Optimist

You must love this great June weather — it is another bright and sunny morning! **Jim VanderKamp** and **Paul Simon** matched the weather with their greetings this morning.



On another note, **Craig Eley**, immediate past president, made a special request that he be made to look good in the newsletter since he has a hard time looking good any other time and because he brought his daughter **Laura Eley** this morning.



Guest & Invocation

President **Jim Easton** called on our guest, **Laura Eley** to read the invocation about patriotism during this week of celebration of our nation's birth. Laura is Resident Services Coordinator at Project Access, a Family Resource Center providing housing, education, and health services to low-



income families. The program is located at the Pembroke Apartment Homes at 10700 E. Dartmouth Avenue in Denver. After reading the invocation, she invited us to come by and see what they are doing. President Jim immediately presented Laura a generous donation check for Project Access.

Announcements

One Hundred Percent Day: President Jim Easton announced that Friday, September 14th will be **One Hundred Percent Day**. This is when we push for 100% attendance at the membership meeting. We normally take a group photograph of the members in attendance at this meeting each year. So will not want to miss it. To help entice people to attend, President Jim will sweeten the drawing pot by \$100 on that day.

Craig Eley has also offered a free ride to any member needing one for this special 100% day.

OI Junior Golf Tournaments: **Joe Marci** explains that he just wrote a check to Optimist International Junior Golf in the amount of \$27,000 dollars to send 46 junior golfers from the Colorado/Wyoming District to the International Tournament this July and August in Pensacola Florida. To make the check good, Joe is selling tickets to two of the upcoming Colorado Rockies games. The first game is Sunday, July 15th against the Seattle Mariners. The second game is Sunday, August 26th against the St. Louis Cardinals. Joe has about 100 tickets to each game and they are only \$23.00 per seat. Catch Joe if you would like tickets to the Rockies contests with Seattle and St. Louis. Once again, **Craig Eley** pledged to buy all tickets not sold to other members.



CO-WY Casino Night Recap: **Paul Simon** reported that the Colorado/Wyoming District Casino Night was quite successful. He thanked the members that served as dealers for the event. This included **Tom Kramis**, who apologized every time he won the hand. **Jim Easton** reports that Tom won every hand except whenever Jim went all in. Then he would get whole. Jim finished up with a couple grand for the night. At any rate, fun was had by all in attendance. All proceeds go the Childhood Cancer Campaign.

Dime-A-Day Program: **Perry Allen** once again back in town from a trip to San Diego, CA for his employer, announced that he is still looking for Monaco South members to support the Dime-A-Day Program. Last year the total was about \$2,600 and so far this year we have had only 42 members donating. Perry would like to break the \$3,000 level. He figures that if we get two donations per week for the rest of the year, we will reach this goal. Just two checks a week is all that he asks—See Perry.



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

MS150 Ride: Pat Sorensen Memorial Rest Stop:

Michael Chavez reported that the Pat Sorensen Memorial rest stop on the MS150 Bike Ride was successfully conducted last Sunday at the Nelson Ballpark in Johnstown. It was a great day and the weather cooperated until we were about to leave. There were reports of heavy hail storms approaching and they raced to get packed up before the hail came. I would like to thank the Volunteers, Phil Perington, **Alan Yockey** and Mae, **Curt Boell**, our photographer **John Oss**, **Tom Kramis**, **Jed Ziegenhagen**, **Mark Smith**, **Don Roth**, **Dick Nickoloff**, **Bill Morgan** and his family, Prez **Jim Easton**, and **Russ Paul**, plus several ladies from the **Tamarac Optimist Club** and **Craig Eley** who loaded the pictures to the web for riders to retrieve. Thanks also to **Russ Paul**, **Jim Easton**, and **Greg Young** for helping out with loading the van on Saturday. The Bike MS 2018 pictures are at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/BsFcS4qrSDbu8CL17>.



HOBY Leadership Conference:

Paul Bernard reported that eight Monaco South members participated in last weekend's HOBY Leadership Conference at the University of Denver campus. In addition to **Paul**, other members included **Ron Cisco**, **Karl Geil**, **John Oss**, **Phil Perington**, **Dave Peck**, **Jim Easton**, and **Tom Kramis**, who talked with the Leadership Conference attendees about the importance of volunteerism in the community. Paul indicated that more kids showed up than were expected, but it was a successful event.



Shooting for Honor Club: According to Prez **Jim Easton**, One Hundred Forty-Four (144) is the magic number for everyone to keep in mind. That is the membership number we need to be at the end of the Optimist fiscal year to make Honor Club. We currently stand at about 133 members so we need a dozen new members by the end of September. Remember all that you need to do is ask and bring a guest to the next meeting.

CO-WY District Convention: We are reminded that the District Convention will be held August 17th to 19th in Breckenridge. The registration fee is \$35.00 until July 15th. It goes up to \$40.00 after that date. See <https://www.optimistcowy.org/conferences/> to register.

Santa Fe Odyssey: **Craig Eley** reminded us that the Santa Fe Odyssey is approaching. It will be the

same weekend as the District Convention but he says you'll have more fun. Talk to Craig if you would like to participate but it may be too late to sign up.

Bob Avery's Plea for MS150 Team:



Although **Bob Avery** admitted that he did not make the ride in this year's MS150, he still will accept your donations. You can bring a check to next week's meeting to give to him or go on-line to his fundraising webpage on the Bike MS: Colorado webpage, [CLICK HERE](#).

Thank You Notes: We received a couple of thank you notes. In addition to Frances Own's thank you for having her speak about the Anchor Center for Blind Children that we report last week, we receive a thank you note from the Anchor Center for the \$325 cash donation that Monaco South made. The Optimist International Foundation also thanked us for the \$700 donation to be used for the CO/WY District CCDHH, (Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing), scholarship fund.

And the Winners Are

Drawing winners this week were **Jack Kleinheksel**, **Allen Malask**, **Perry Allen**, **John Oss**, **Donlie Smith**, and **Mike White**. **Frank Middleton** and **Tom Kramis**, holding winning drawing tickets, tried to extend their luck to the card draw for the \$50.00 pot, but no deal. **John Oss** got the bonus draw because he was wearing his name badge but matched Frank's and Tom's results.

From this Month's Editor

In the interest of honesty and transparency the editor wishes to acknowledge that not all statements are totally true. In other words, they may be "Fake News," specifically where they concern **Craig Eley**.



Further Insight on Disney's Trains

Based on **Greg Hurd's Presentation** see these web-sites on Walt Disney's train layout:

- *From the Office of Walt Disney: The Railroad Enthusiast* @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=upUESW5XeyU>
- *Model of Walt Disney's Backyard Railroad & Home Train Layout - The Lilly Belle* @ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MG_y61Vf4bs
- *Walt Disney's Barn (Walt's Barn) Tour* @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rseLLZT5c98>
- *Behind the scenes at the Disneyland Railroad* @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1CL9ySnbB0>
- *See the Toy Man Television Channel* @ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5S_XL0MzRLvAuZfycO8rKQ

Greg Hurd Walt Disney's Trains

Our guest speaker this morning was not a guest at all. **Greg Hurd** presented a talk about Walt Disney and his fascination with trains.

Walt lived from 1901 to 1966. He grew up in Kansas City. His father was a mechanic for the railroad and his uncle was a railroad engineer. Walt's first job was selling newspapers, candy and fruit on the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway. So, trains were a part of Walt's life from a very early age.

His other love was drawing cartoons. Walt got his idea for the Mickey Mouse character while riding on a train to California. Originally the name of the mouse was Mortimer Mouse but his wife, Lillian, thought the name was too formal and dubbed him Mickey Mouse.

Disney Studios released several ground-breaking animated movies starring the famous mouse. Fellow animators Ward Kimball, famous for Jiminy Cricket and Ollie Johnson, Pinocchio and Bambi, also were train enthusiasts. They had backyard railroads, so Walt went to the studio machine shop and commissioned Roger Broggie to help him build his own miniature backyard railroad. Ultimately, the backyard railroad grew to over one mile long complete with switches, trestles and a 70-foot-long tunnel under Lillian's flower garden.

Walt loved to give his daughters, their friends, neighbors and even strangers rides on his backyard train. When his daughters were young, he would take them to small amusement parks for merry-go-round rides. Walt noticed that parents would sit and watch the children on the ride and thought there should be a

ride that both the parents and children could enjoy. He started to develop an idea for a park built on the theme of his cartoon characters and, as he said, *"it should be surrounded by a train."* He wanted it to "look like nothing else in the world."

In 1955, that vision became reality with the opening of Disneyland, in Anaheim, California. The original locomotives were built from scratch, but Walt wanted real steam locomotives. Roger Broggie found four rusted steam engines in a Mexico boneyard which he bought for very little money. They brought them back to the states, stripped them down, and rebuilt them on a smaller scale. They gave the engines exaggerated features like oversized smokestacks and square headlamps and painted them bright colors. The four engines were named the Lilly Belle, after his wife, the Walter E. Disney, the Roger E. Broggie and the Ray O. Disney, after his brother.

Walt Disney also built the first monorail in the early 50's. Greg said he got the pleasure of driving the monorail at Disneyworld back to his hotel during off hours. But he took a wrong turn and got lost. After Walt's death in 1966, his collection of trains has been dissolved but many of them ended up in the Orange County Train Museum.



President Nixon's family in the front of the monorail, with Art Linkletter in the dome, while Walt Disney sends them off.

Some of Greg's Old Train Car Collection



Photos Noel Hasselgren

Weekly Greeters	
7/6/18	Don Roth & Jack Kleinheksel
7/13/18	Steve Kady & Joe Marci
7/20/18	Frank Middleton & ?

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 41st Year — Chartered in 1976

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

July 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Craig Eley, The Declaration of Independence: Democracy or Hypocrisy
July 7-10			Optimist International Convention, Ottawa, ON Canada
July 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
July 18	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting <u>Canceled due to vacations</u>
July 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
July 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
July 28	Sat	7:00 am	Pancake Breakfast, Brent's Place Kid's Cure Walk, Anschutz Medical Campus East 17 th Place & Quentin Street, Aurora, CO
Aug 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Kendra Black, South by Southeast Festival
Aug 4	Sat	6:30 am	March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball, Majestic Commerce Center, 20100 E. 32nd Pkwy.



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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		
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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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.