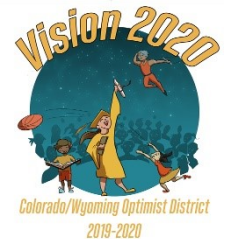




# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimists Zoom Virtual Meeting

President Bob Meyer called the meeting to order at precisely 8:00 a.m. He wished all a **Happy Fourth of July** as we move into a July 4th weekend.

He skipped an invocation and went right into the historical events on this day, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### This Day in History

The Month of July is National Hot Dog and National Ice Cream Month.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> of July is National Fried Clams, National Eat Your Means, and National Chocolate Wafer Day.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthdays: French explorer Samuel de Champlain, 1567; Composer, actor, singer, and producer George M. Cohan, 1878; Czech author Franz Kafka, 1883; Gloria Allred, American feminist and civil rights attorney, 1941; Geraldo Rivera, 1943; “Baby Doc” Jean-Claude Duvalier, former President of Haiti, 1951, Tom Cruise, 1982; and Julian Assange, founder of WikiLeaks, 1971.

Major Events on this date: 1754, George Washington surrenders to the French in 7 Years’ War; 1810, First savings bank in the US opens (New York City Bank of Savings); 1852, Congress authorizes second US mint in San Francisco; 1861, Pony Express arrives in San Francisco with overland letter from New York City; 1863, Battle of Gettysburg ends with major victory for the Union; 1871, Jesse James robs bank in Corydon IA and gets away with \$45,000; 1886, Karl Benz drives first automobile; 1928, First color TV transmission; 1958, “Andy Williams Show” premieres on ABC; 1976, Brian Wilson performs with the Beach Boys after 12 years apart; 1976, Israel launches daring mission to rescue 106 passengers on flight crew at Entebbe Airport in Uganda, safely rescue all but four of the hostages; 1977, Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew’s nine-race win streak ends; 1984, Supreme Court rules Jaycees may be forced to admit women as members; 1985, Tinker Bell’s first nightly flight at Disney World Resort in Orlando; 1986, US President Ronald Reagan presides over relighting of the renovated Statue of Liberty; and 1991, U.S. President George H. W. Bush formally inaugurated the Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota on its 50<sup>th</sup> year or Golden Anniversary.



### Monaco South Member July Birthdays

Prez Bob read the list of July birthdays as follows:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Cliff Eley
- 6<sup>th</sup> Pat Bush
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dan Rodriguez
- 9<sup>th</sup> Jack Kleinheksel
- 9<sup>th</sup> Paul Simon
- 11<sup>th</sup> Wyatt McCallie
- 12<sup>th</sup> James Leuschner
- 13<sup>th</sup> Donlie Smith
- 14<sup>th</sup> Kent Gloor
- 16<sup>th</sup> Steve Kady
- 18<sup>th</sup> Andy Towt
- 19<sup>th</sup> John Greene
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Stephen Avery
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Tom Hoch
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mark Metevia
- 27<sup>th</sup> Randy Marcove

The membership launched into their traditional rendition of the Happy Birthday song. Thank goodness most of the members were muted while on Zoom.

### Announcements

Virtual OI Convention: George Buzick reported that he attended the OI National Convention that was recently held virtually. Over 1,700 Optimists had registered for the convention. He reports that OI broke even on the convention as the costs pretty much ate up all of the registration fees. George reported that the sessions went about as well as can be expected considering it was all done over the internet. Other members that attended the convention included **Greg Young** and President-elect **Dan Rodriguez**. Past Monaco South member Curt Merrill was elected National Vice President for the Southwest Region for the 20-21 Optimist year. Congratulations Curt! Should you still like to partake in the convention learning sessions, see the *GUMS* distribution email to learn how to register. It is not know how long the convention access will be made available.

GUMS Newsletter Update: Some of the *GUMS* editors met with President-elect **Dan Rodriguez** last Monday to discuss the future of our *GUMS* newsletter starting in October. Dan pulled up and shared the “Bulletin” feature available on our [Monaco South website](https://www.monacosouth.org) powered by ClubRunner. If you are not aware, each of you have access to ClubRunner by going to <https://www.monacosouth.org/> and clicking on “Member Login” in the upper right corner of the homepage. The editors would like to make a Zoom meeting presentation of the ClubRunner feature at one of our upcoming Friday meetings. All members have access to ClubRunner features once you login. e.g., the online membership directory and other fea-



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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 July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend membership meeting on Friday with over 35 members participating in the Zoom meeting which started at 8 a.m. and lasted for 45 minutes.

As a reminder 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>.

I am still awaiting suggestions on what you would like to discuss at future Club meetings. I do not want to impose my ideas at every meeting. Remember, this is your Club.

Our own **Greg Hurd** will make another train presentation next Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. The topic this time will be domed railroad cars. Please make sure to join the meeting to hear Greg.

On Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, **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.

If I can share, I shot a **Golf Club of Bear Dance** career-best 77 yesterday ... started with eight straight pars before missing a five-foot par putt on number 9 for a front nine one-over-par 37. I had another six-hole stretch on the back nine where I was even par, before missing another five-foot par putt on number 18. Who wants to play Bear Dance with me this summer?

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](mailto:meyerrob@comcast.net).

**Yours in Optimism,  
Prez Bob Meyer**

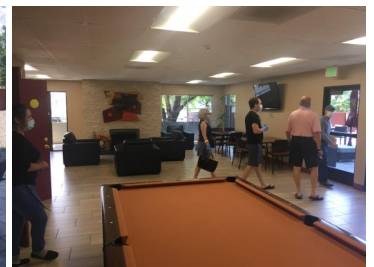
## Announcements Continue

ures. ClubRunner is also compatible with your mobile phone using the ClubRunner app found on either [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). Learn more about ClubRunner at [Click Here](#) and the ClubRunner App at [Click Here](#).

**DPS Fall Schedule:** Denver Public Schools have announced that they will be on a 5-day per week "in-person" class schedule for the fall. They are still formulating plans on how this will be accomplished while maintaining social distancing guidelines. They have suspended all extracurricular activities within the schools for the fall. **Tom Mauro** would like to pursue how we might be able to conduct the Super Citizenship program with the schools. He realizes that we will not be able to have awards assemblies but maybe do something via the internet. Tom and **Robert Wardlaw** would welcome any suggestions that other members wish to share.

**In-Person Membership Meetings:** **Greg Young** reports that the Legion Hall will be unable to host our meetings for the foreseeable future. **Tom Glazier** has been exploring the possibility of holding breakfast meetings at the **Café de France Express**, at 4155 E Jewel. This is a sister Café to one located on Colorado Blvd. He reports that they could host about 40 members and keep social distancing guidelines. They open for business at 8:00 a.m. but would be willing to open at 6:30 a.m. for our membership meetings. Breakfasts would cost about \$12.00 plus tax and tip. Tom asked how many members would be willing to participate in an "in-person" membership meeting. He figured that about

20 members at our last Zoom meeting indicated a willingness to take part in such a meeting. He will continue to talk with Café de France and report back at our next Friday Zoom meeting. Somebody mentioned that liability for the possible spread of COVID19 would need to be addressed before the club authorizes "in-person" meetings. Some pictures Tom shared our shown below.





## Announcements Continue

**YMCA Donation:** Greg Young reported that the Optimist Club of Monaco South had donated \$1,000 to the Schlessman YMCA to help offset their increased expenses caused by the COVID19 pandemic. It was also reported that Monaco South member **Neil Alderson**, the Executive Director of the Schlessman YMCA, has fully recovered from COVID19 and is back at work.

**John Oss Memorial Donations:** Greg Young shared that he has received four donations to the tune of about \$300 in memory of John Oss. Greg said that he would appreciate getting any other donations this next week so that he can close the books on this soon. If you would like to donate in memory of John Oss, please make the [check out to Optimist International Foundation](#) and send it to Greg Young. If you would like the donation to go to a specific program, let Greg know that too.

**MS-150 Virtual Bike Ride:** Bob Avery thanked all members that donated to his virtual bike ride for Multiple Sclerosis. He said he is close to raising his goal. Bob also reported that he biked over a couple of mountain passes during the weekend, so he actually put in the miles. He also reported that he disinfected his bicycle every 10 miles and wore a face mask for the entire trip.

**Tamarac Optimist Boy Scout Presentation:** Monaco South member **Steve Hick** made a presentation about his South High Boy Scout activities to the Tamarac Optimist Club. It was well received. Steve made the same presentation to our club several weeks ago via Zoom. It was quite interesting as he addressed the challenges of conducting activities for "at risk" kids.

**Member Health Updates:** Joe Marci reported that **Ron Cisco** has been feeling better. Ron has asked Joe about when they will play golf again. Also, **Russ Paul** is doing fine after his last hospital stay. Both are computer challenged so they have not attended any of our Zoom meetings.

**Other Member Updates:** Bob Finkelmeier spoke with **Harry Fegley**, who is doing well and is glad he took Around the World curse last year rather than holding off until this

year. He also reported that he will be back volunteering for the Denver Zoo next week. The Zoo is on a limited number of visitors per day and reservations need to be made online.

Bob also reported that **Donlie Smith** who is also online meeting technically challenged, is doing okay and was working with his daughter for his weekly meal selection. Donlie shared a big hello to all. Remember, Donlie is one of our members who has a Birthday this month, so give some of them a call.

**Snake Repellant:** Greg Hurd says he has recently found numerous snakes about his property and asked if anybody had any good snake repellant. Greg, you have to wonder why snakes like to hang around you. If you want to get rid of the snakes, quit taking showers. Unfortunately, the family will not want to be around you either. You got to take the bad with the good.



**Sven & Ollie:** As only Tom Hoch can do, he told us this Sven and Ollie story this morning. Tom said he saw the two of them the other day with Sven working hard digging a hole. Ollie was right next to him shoveling dirt back into the hole that Sven was digging. Tom asked what are you two doing? They replied that they were planting trees. Tom asked where the tree was? They told Tom that Lars usually helps them by placing the trees in the holes that they were digging and filling but that Lars was out sick that day.

In a follow up email it was reported that Sven and Ollie bought a new car. They were so excited about it that when they got home they locked the keys in the car. Sven says to Ole, "I thought you had the keys." ... Ollie says, "You ver driving, da driver always takes da keys." "Well," says Sven, "It doesn't much matter, da question is vat are ve going ta do about it." Ollie says, "I don't know, but ve bedder come up vit someting fast because it looks like rain, and you had ta go and leave da top down."



## Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

The pledge to the U.S. flag was first published in the juvenile periodical [The Youth's Companion](#) on September 8, 1892, in the following form: "*I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible, with liberty and Justice for all.*" The words "*the flag of the United States of America*" were substituted for "*my Flag*" in 1924, and the pledge was officially recognized by the U.S. government in 1942. In 1954, at President Dwight D. Eisenhower's urging, the Congress legislated that "*under God*" be added, making the pledge read:

*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

A controversy arose concerning the authorship of the pledge of 1892. Claims were made on behalf of both James B. Upham, one of the editors of [The Youth's Companion](#), and Francis Bellamy, an assistant editor. In 1939 a committee of the U.S. Flag Association ruled in favor of Bellamy, and a detailed report issued by the U.S. Library of Congress in 1957 supported the committee's ruling.

According to the legislation of 1954, citizens should stand upright and place the right hand over the heart while reciting the pledge. Men not in uniform should remove any nonreligious head covering. In 1943 the United States Supreme Court ruled that no person can be required to recite the pledge. (The Editors of Encyclopedia Britannica)



## On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt

Thanks go to the record number of people participating in last week's trivia question, which was: *What was the name of the boat on which Gary Hart was photographed in a compromised position, which cost him the potential candidacy for the upcoming presidential election?*

The answer was: Monkey Business

Getting the correct answer were: **Craig Eley**, **Noel Haselgren**, District Governor **Tony Carpenter**, **Dick Nickoloff**,

**Karl Geil**, **Phil Perington**, and **Perry Allen**.

This week's question takes us back to the East Coast. *What is the fourteenth state?* This is hard. Please pick from one of the three answers: a) Vermont, b) Maryland, or c) Ohio.

Email your answer to [Warren.Allentown@gmail.com](mailto:Warren.Allentown@gmail.com)

## Weekly Greeters

7/10/2020

In Person Meeting Suspended Due to Virus  
Attend a Zoom Meeting starting at 8:00 a.m.

**Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43<sup>rd</sup> 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 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
Aug 14	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Aug 21	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Aug 28	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting

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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	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		
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.