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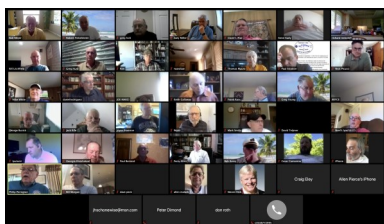


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Good Morning Optimists Zoom Virtual Meeting

A beautiful Colorado morning as we gather in different locations via electronics. What a picture of “bright eyed” members—not!

President **Bob Meyer** rings the bell promptly at 8:00a.m. and issues a “Good morning Optimists.” President-elect **Dan Rodriguez** gives the invocation and asks us not to allow anger to take control of our lives. Once our thoughts and not our emotions take control of our actions, we can make the best of the situation. Dan then lead us in the pledge of allegiance.



This Day in History



As has become the norm **Prez Bob** shared the happenings on this date, June 5th, the 156th day of the year and tells us it is National Donut Day or National Moonshine Day. Enjoy either at your discretion!

June 5 Birthdays on this date: 1878, Pancho Villa; 1883, Economist John Maynard Keynes; 1941, New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft; 1944, Tommie Smith, 1968 Olympic Gold Medal sprinter; 1945, John Carlos, 1968 Olympic Bronze Medal sprinter, and 1956, Kenny G.

Major Events on this date: Isaac Newton admitted to Trinity College, 1661; First recorded tornado in “Tornado Alley,” 1805; “Uncle Tom’s Cabin” first published in serial form, 1851; Henry Ford initiates 32-hour work week, 1937; First British gliders touch down on French soil to prepare for D-Day invasion, 1944; General Dwight D. Eisenhower decides to proceed with June 6 D-Day invasion after receiving favorable weather forecasts, 1944; “Milton Berle Show” last airs on NBC-TV, 1956; “George Gobel Show” last airs on CBS-TV, 1960; Six-day war starts between Israel and Arab states, 1967; Robert F. Kennedy shot, 1968; AIDS epidemic officially begins when CDC reports on pneumonia affecting five homosexual men in Los Angeles, 1981; Mikhail Gorbachev receives 1990 Nobel Peace Prize, 1991; and Harvey Weinstein pleads not guilty to rape and sexual assault charges, 2018.

MSOC June Birthdays include, **Perry Allen**, 8; **Ed Collins**, 3; **Chris Dunphy**, 6; **Bob Finkelmeier**, 29; **Everett**

Gardner, 16; **Greg Hurd**, 25; **Bill Morgan**, 10; **Mike Prete**, 17; **John Scarborough**, 9; **Terry Shroyer**, 18; and **Bryce Slaby**, 22.

From the Prez

Congratulations to OI President-elect **Patsy Garner**. Patsy will serve as Optimist International President starting in the 2021-22 Optimist Year. She is a member of the Breakfast Optimist Club of East Fort Worth, Texas, and the Arlington Community Optimist Club, of Texas.



Additionally, **Curtis Merrill** was elected as a 2020 -2021 OI VP-elect for Region 6 Southwest. Curt is a former member of MSOC, and past Governor of the CO-WY District. The Southwest Region includes South Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico & West Texas, Colorado & Wyoming, Tennessee & Arkansas.



Announcements

Update on John Oss: **Tom Glazier** reports that John had a visit to the hospital over the weekend but is out and home, doing well. John has a conflict on Friday mornings, so he has not been able to join us via the Zoom meeting but is doing well.

Update on the Rockies: **Tom Mauro** announced, no agreement yet between the players and the owners, so there is no update as to when or if the season will start. From the left-field seats, the season appears to be slipping away.

Update from Karl Geil: Karl shared that he is getting busier with work since the courts are starting to use the Cisco Webex platform and of course there is a learning curve.

CO-WY District Oratorical Contest: **George Buzick** reported that the District Oratorical Contest was held in a virtual format last Saturday. The contest even included one 6th grader, a 12 years old. See the CO-WY Optimist Facebook Zoom page [Click Here](#). Regional winners will participate in the national competition held online for a chance to win over \$20,000 in scholarship prizes.

OI International Virtual Convention: **Greg Young** shared that members interested in attending the International Convention, Saturday, June 27th, and Sunday, June 28th, each day will be 3-hour sessions for the [OI International Virtual Convention](#). For those who have registered or plan to, send in that information to Greg and you will be reimbursed for the cost.



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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 just under 50 members participating in the Zoom meeting which started at 8:00 a.m. and lasted for an hour. **Robert Wardlaw** out GUMS editor for the month of June, took notes for the meeting.

I am sorry I had to leave the meeting early, but I had another match play round at Bear Dance a little after 9 a.m. Thanks to Pres-Elect **Dan Rodriguez** for jumping into the breach and finishing out the meeting. I got several emails saying what a great job Dan did. Dan, I am going to give you the opportunity to co-host future meetings. I know you have some great ideas for what you want to do when your term starts in October. I will give you the chance to promote those ideas whenever you would like.

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>.

One way to never lose the link is to create a desktop shortcut in four easy steps, as follows.

1. Copy the above link to your clipboard, i.e., highlight the link; right-click the highlighted text, and choose "Copy"
2. Go to your desktop, right-click your mouse and choose "New" and "Shortcut." Paste the link to the box; i.e., right-click your mouse and choose "Paste," Choose "Next."
3. Name the shortcut something like "Monaco South Friday Zoom Meeting" and Choose "Finish."
4. Double-click on the shortcut when you want to join the Friday morning meeting. Just double-click on the shortcut when you want to join the meeting.

If you need help doing this, please call me.

Based on Denver's "Safer in Place" guidelines, the American Legion Hall is not going to be available to the Club for the foreseeable future. We will continue the Friday morning Zoom meetings. 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 our Club.

Joe Marci announced that nine Sullivan Scholarship winners and their TJ High School counselor have been invited to our Friday, June 26th Zoom meeting. More details to follow.

We were going to have our Annual Junior Golf Fundraiser Tournament at Saddle Rock Tuesday, June 2nd, but that event had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 guidelines. I had rounded up ten donated foursomes to be auctioned off after golf on Tuesday and asked if there was sufficient interest to auction them off at an upcoming Friday morning meeting. Please let Club members know to join us for the

auction. I am working on details and will announce what date we will have the auction. The donated foursomes include:

- CommonGround (2 vouchers)—Carts \$ 18 per player
- Raven Golf Club at Three Peaks—Everything included
- The Club at Pradera—Everything included
- The Pinery Country Club—Everything included
- Pine Creek Golf Course—Everything included
- Broadlands—Everything included
- King's Deer—Everything included
- Green Valley Ranch—Everything included
- Bear Dance—Everything included
- Red Hawk Ridge—Everything included

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 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're 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. Also, if they are comfortable doing so, to speak up at an upcoming Zoom meeting.

Another form is the "Staying Busy When I Can't Go Out" questionnaire also attached to GUMS distribution email. I would like members to complete the questionnaire and be ready to present that information as well. It will be fun to hear what members are doing to keep busy and active during the "Safer-in-Place" period. If you would like to make a presentation, please let me know so that I can make sure to include you in an upcoming meeting.

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**

Announcements Continued

No Peaches this year: Tom Mauro tells us that Colorado Public Radio reports the devastation earlier reported regarding the Colorado Peach crop may not be as bad as earlier reported. After some research it was learned that CPR was referring to the



Palisade Peach Festival. They made reference to Andrew Weber, Executive Director of the Palisade Chamber of Commerce announcement, "that the peach crop freezes will not stop the festival, we will always celebrate and support our growers, then and now as they face a huge challenge due to major crop losses. Our growers strongly support and voice the importance of continuing the Peach Festival Tradition."

However, if you attended this years Palisade Peach Festival, August 13th through 15th you might find some peaches. Even with limited supply you will still find lots of peach products, like pies to ice cream, preserves to salsas, peach brandy and wine to virgin peach daiquiris. For more updates and information visit www.palisadepeachfest.com.

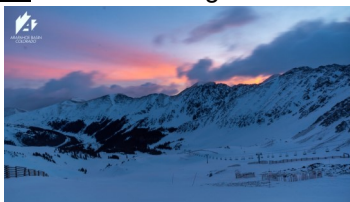
Super Citizen Update: Don Thomson received an email from the new Principal at McMeen. Don brings out a good point on how will the club continue and grow the Super Citizen program during this uncertain time? How can they be done without contact at the assemblies? We will have three new Principals at Slavens, McMeen, and Holm. Along with new Vice Principals. Some ideas were discussed as to the club presenting videos or information to the existing schools

Announcements Continued



and potentially new schools. This is too important a program to allow neglect and these kids along with their families and the positive impact it makes on kids, parents, and siblings. The classroom environment is improved, and positive behavior is rewarded. A win-win, and we can make this continue to happen and we should. Ideas, suggestions, and constructive criticism are welcome and encouraged. More to follow.

Arapahoe Basin Ski Update: Tom Glazier gives us the report from A-Basin including an unbelievable story of his visit this past week. This Sunday will be the last day of operation for this crazy season. What had begun as a strong snow season, with ample amounts of snow being supplied by the "snow gods," skiers and riders were treated to a fine season with a strong forecast for a great spring, and then it was shut down mid-March because of the coronavirus. The term 'disappointment' was too mild a word. And the snow kept coming down, and you were asked to stay away to stop the spread, for the good of the whole. We were good citizens and stayed away, but always looked to the west with hope, only to be slapped with a wet noodle several more times as the virus raged. So, when the announced came that it would reopen, they got a response that overloaded their computer system. People were crying out to enjoy the slopes one more time! Tom, having worked at A-Basin for many years, was able to get some time in on Thursday. With temperatures in the 60's when he left Denver, Tom and his running buddy were met with some rain, hail, and temps in the upper 40's by the time they left. Proving the adage, a bad day in the mountains is better than a good day in the rat race accurate again. An interesting finish to an unusual season. It seems



like years ago we were on the mountain. Way to go Tom! He is now looking forward to next season.

Update from Steve Kady: Steve shared that he is still recovering from his knee replacement. By the way, it was learned yesterday that Steve's email was apparently hack. So if you get an email from Steve asking for money for his niece ignore it.

Update from Perry Allen: Perry gives us an update on his daughter who recently underwent a serious medical procedure.

Update from Allen Malask: Allen gave us an update on his health. Originally going in for a possible appendicitis procedure, Allen had the misfortune of the surgeon telling him he needs heart surgery, which is scheduled for some time in July. Keep Allen in you thoughts and prayers. He said he will be back good as ever.

President-elect Dan Rodriguez: Dan announces that he will need a new Treasurer and Secretary for the coming year, 2020-2021. Both **Greg Young** and **Tracy Sorensen** are stepping away.

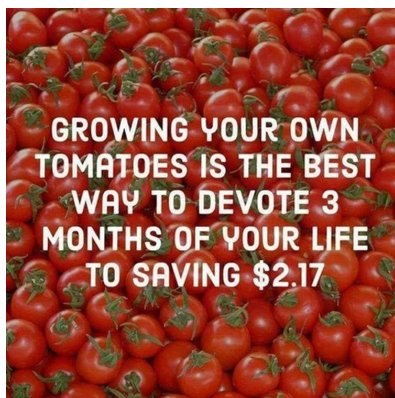
Likewise the club will also need a new GUMS Chief Editor, since **Bob Finkelmeier**, who has been overseeing this activity for nearly 14-years has said it is time. He even has shared that he will provide training on the techniques of editing and using the MS Publisher program. Also, opportunities for being a monthly reporting editor are also available. These are rotating monthly activities and you can join the rotation with currently five active editors.

Flag Day Ceremony: Steve Hick tells us that on Sunday, June 14th, the Legion will hold a Flag Day ceremony 10 -10:30 a.m. at Veterans Park, NW corner of the intersection I-25 and University. Good opportunity to support those who serve and have served.

Optimist Creed

Paul Stratton leads us in the Creed as we close out the festivities. Go forth and spread the word of Optimism!

A Bit of Humor



The emotional support dog after I get done telling it my problems.



AND JUST LIKE THAT

HAVING A MASK,
RUBBER GLOVES,
DUCT TAPE,
PLASTIC SHEETING
AND ROPE IN YOUR
TRUNK IS OKAY

On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt



I am happy to say that there were three correct responses to last week's trivia question that were given by **Tom Glazier**, **Dick Nickoloff**, and **Frank Middleton**. Honorable mention should be given to **Bob Avery** who came up with the question and supplied the answer. I assume he knew it all along.

The question was: What is the lowest 14,000 foot peak in Colorado? The answer is, Sunshine peak at 14,006 feet.

This weeks question is: The Rockies have made one

World Series Appearance in their short history. Who was the team they played against? Hint: There was a Tea Party there many years ago.

Email your answer to Warren.Allentown@gmail.com.

Weekly Greeters

6/12/2020

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 May. Please check back for updates.

June 12	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
June 18	Thu	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting: Zoom Virtual Meeting
June 19	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
June 26	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
July 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: To Be Determined
July 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: To Be Determined
July 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: To Be Determined

2019 - 2020 Officers

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Past Presidents

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Stan Cohen	2000-01	Paul Simon	2012-13
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Avery	1989-90	Don St. John	2001-02	Jon Wachter	2013-14
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		
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Cy Regan	1999-00	Randy Marcove	2011-12		

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NEWSLETTER EDITORS: June **Robert Wardlaw**, July **Pat Bush**, Aug **Paul Stratton**

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.