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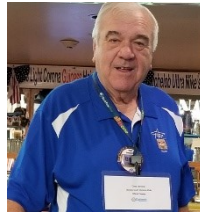


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Good Morning Optimists

Top O' The Mornin' to Ya Lads—The Morning began with solo greeter **Bryce Slaby** and friends merrily extending warm and upbeat salutations. It was a warm and wonderful morning full of optimism and good cheer. It was later learned that Bryce's counterpart, **Michael Chavez**, was at the Optimist Junior Golf Fundraiser.



Bryce Slaby
Photos Steve Kady

Early Bird Conversations

Eldon Strong sporting a beautiful black T-bird convertible waved to all, as he entered the parking lot. Baseball and assorted sports-talk was going back and forth at a table occupied by **John Greene, Eldon Strong, Ed Collins, Mike White**, and resident sit-down comedian **Tom Hoch**. While **Mark Metevia** was expertly managing the pay station urging everyone to partake of the delicious breakfast burritos. On the other end of the room, **Perry Allen** and **Bill Morgan** were engaged in conversation around childhood diabetes and the approaching Bike MS ride, formerly the MS-150, and the MSOC's **Pat Sorensen Memorial** event rest stop.

Proudly showing off his clean plate, **Pat Bush** was diving in for seconds at the buffet line. Lt. Gov. **John Oss, Jim VanderKamp, Gary Strowbridge, Frank Ross, and Dan Rodriguez** were happily celebrating and sharing the Rockies recent surge in victories.

New member **Steven Hick** and **Curt Boell** were mesmerized by stories from **Dick Nickoloff** detailing how his father had been involved in selling gambling sports cards during the 40's to North Denver players. Who knew? **Ron Gustas** was alertly taking attendance in **Bob Avery's** absence. The room was filled with lively conversations everywhere.

First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

Prez **Everett Gardner** started the meeting and called on **Tom Hoch** to give the invocation. In honor of the **75th Anniversary of D-Day** respectfully, Tom stated, "Today is our Remembrance, to those who have died and laid down their lives and how grateful we are



for their sacrifice, by bringing comfort and hope to our veterans. We Keep them in our hearts and minds always." The Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag followed by boisterous shouts of *Play Ball!*

Guests

Tom Kramis introduced **Steve Nederveld**, a family friend of his son and participant in a recent fender bender where both were at fault. Steve previously worked at DPS for 10-years, and now is at Cherry Creek HS as a mental health and behavioral sciences administrator. He lives close by and is familiar with Optimists. We hope he will join us again soon on a permanent basis—Welcome Steve!



Steve Nederveld

An Unexpected Loss

It was sadly learned early Saturday morning, June 8th, that our friend and MSOC colleague **Allen Yockey**, died in his sleep during the night. Allen was at our meeting on Friday morning and even won a cup-of-cash in our weekly drawing. Allen leaves his significant other Mey, his family and friends.



Phil Perington, today's editor, & Allen Yockey, on right, May 17, 2019.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Allen joined MSOC in May of 1992, he would have been 72 years of age on the twenty-second of this month. Allen will truly be missed—especially a true optimist. His funeral is pending and will be announced.

The death of someone who we have been close to over the years creates a real absence. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mey and his family.

Announcements

Member Update: Prez **Everett Gardner** reported he contacted **Ed Leuty**, when he was in the Kansas City area. Ed and his wife have been spending time with his serious ill daughter. She was recently moved into hospice. Everett asked that our positive thoughts and prayers go out to the his whole family.

Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference: **Paul Bernard** said that the annual HOBY Leadership conference is coming up on **Saturday, June 22nd**. Again it will be held on the DU campus. This conference provides MSOC members an excellent opportunity to meet and engage in conversation with

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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

with high school students from all across the state. You can learn more about HOBY's mission and Colorado meeting and agenda by [clicking here](#). Signing up and getting more details can be obtained by talking to Paul.

MS Bike Ride & Pat Sorensen Rest Stop: Bill Morgan, who is co-chairing this project with **Michael Chavez**, said that this year's stop will be on Sunday, June 30th at Trail Ridge Middle School, 1000 Button Rock Drive in Longmont, CO.

For the past 20 years the Tamarac and Monaco South members have volunteered their time to work this event. We serve the riders by filling their bottles with water and Gatorade. We also provide traffic control and cleanup and most of all smiling optimist faces. We need volunteers to set up and take down the canopies and setup the site. Lunch is provided for us. Please signup for this event.

Tamarac Optimist Community Garage Sale: Frank Middleton announced that the ladies of Tamarac Optimist Club will have lots of good stuff and "whatever" at this years garage sale. He said it is just around the corner, but the date was not reported. We think this maybe a marketing concept of "We buy junk and sell antiques."

TIDOC Auction: Ron Gustas proudly reported that the recent TIDOC Auction raised over \$9000 for the Diabetes Kids camp scholarships. Upgraded insulin pumps are now available to kids, and part of the money raised will be allocated to purchase these important medical devices.

CO-WY Junior Golf Fundraiser: Via email **Bob Meyer** reported that the Junior Golf Fundraiser at Saddle Rock Golf Course took place on Tuesday, June 4 and shared this photo ... note who is standing next to the doughnuts.



Tom Mauro, left, with Joe Marci & Ron Cisco sitting behind the table, plus Ed Collins guarding the doughnuts.

National Doughnut Day

Speaking of doughnuts, were you aware this day, June 7th, was National Doughnut Day? According to Yelp, these are the top five Denver doughnut shops: 1. The Beet Box, 1030 E 22nd Ave. (Five Points); 2. The Donut House, 2075 S University (University); 3. Linger, 2030 W 30th St. (LoHi); 4. ChoLon, 1555 Blake St. (LoDo); and 5. City Donuts, 4918 E Colfax Ave. (Hale).

An Interesting Facebook Popup

On this Friday, even former members have Birthdays on this day—who you ask, Todd Olson, now living in Middletown, Delaware. *Happy Birthday, Todd!* BTW, see who recommends his company, VanGo PAINTING @ <http://vangopaint.com/>



Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

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

PAST ... It's with a heavy heart that I learned of **Allen Yockey's** passing yesterday from VP **Steve Kady**. He appeared ok at the meeting but life is so temporal and no one knows what the next day may bring. Allen died Friday night. Every day is a blessing so live it to the fullest. Our prayers go out to Mey, and Allen's family.

Also, on my way to Joplin, MO via Kansas City, I called **Ed Luety**, who had responded to the GUMS newsletter, stating that he was still in KC taking care of his daughter. During our telecom, he told me that he was moving his daughter to hospice care. Again, our thoughts and prayers go out to Ed and his family.

While we missed the Jr. Golf workers, **Ron Cisco, Joe Marci, and Bob Meyer**, plus a few others, I'm sure they were enjoying the outing as the weather was very cooperative.

And a big "Thank You" shout out to Scott Henke for his "How Not to Get SCAMMED" presentation. Because he began his presentation with what his father had told him when he moved into a new area, "Find an Optimist Club" I gave him an application ... in addition to the MSOC coffee cup. Please come join us Scott!

On a happier note the hops are coming back with vengeance as seen in the pix. However, check out my brother **Denis's** (and **Kent's** cousin and has been a guest on various visits) Indiana hops (picture on right) ... look at the leaf size! BTW, I replanted tomatoes, so expect some more hail.



HAPPENING NOW / SOON ... We will have a New Member Orientation June 17 @ STEM Academy (**John Scarborough's** place) to give an introduction and update on MSOC's projects, fund raisers and how to get more involved. Also, mentors for the newbies will be there and project leaders will be present for Q&A and to find their passion. If interested in attending, please inform **Tom Glazer** as a head count is needed for the light supper.

FUTURE ... Board meeting Thursday, June 20 @ Schlessman Family YMCA at Colorado and Yale and is open to all members. If there is anything that needs to be "Boarded" let me know by June 17 to be on the agenda.

It's not too late to register for OI 100th Year National Conference in Louisville, KY.

Prez Everett

PS — Bring a GUEST next week. Follow-up on new and old contacts! Have a non-member help with upcoming Projects. The June Goal is 8 Guests per meeting.

ERk Meaning

Our photographer **Steve Kady** got this picture during the meeting and we became curious about what ERk means:

Does it mean the wearer is really "annoyed" about something? Or, is it an aircraftsman of the lowest rank in the Royal Air Force; or is it naval slang for any noncommissioned rank, or possibly last a reminder of Erk Russell coach of the University of Georgia Bulldogs and Georgia Southern Eagles?



Scott Henke "How to Avoid a Scam"

Scott opened by sharing that his Father had advised him 40 years ago, *"you must be a part of the Optimist organization if you are going to be involved in the community."*

Scott is the owner of Onsite Computer Consulting and he said it is a must for anyone seeking assistance with computer/tech issues and it is advisable to visit him yearly for tune ups. Their mission is to educate on how to save money and keep from going crazy in this digital age. Onsite has over 9,000 customers that have benefitted from his "geeky guys" services. Scott also conducts classes on a regular low cost basis. However, bringing customers into the shop from events like this is essential in resolving complex and stressful issues. See Scott's handout attached to GUMS distribution email.



Scott Henke
Photo Steve Kady

under criminal prosecution radar. Under no circumstances never give them your credit card number. Scott says, women catch on faster to scams quicker than men. Also, important to remember, is that scammers are not disconnected if you just hang up your phone after deciding they are the bad guys. Just because you shut the front door make sure you lock the windows as well. Scott can show you how keep them out of your house. The most prolific scam is the Microsoft or Apple "contact." Microsoft and Apple do not call people. Many of the ploys used are for passport, drivers license, bit coin application setups, and password thefts. Once you are hooked and reeled in there is no choice other than to close all your bank accounts and credit cards. It is a scary and nasty world out there.

Scott stressed the one major thing to always remember is that, "People do not call you on the phone to give you money." Most call centers perpetrating "phishing scams" are located out of the country. India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan are at the top of the food chain. Random callers are highly trained, for the sole purpose of getting into your computer and hijacking credit card numbers. One very important fact to always remember is that NOBODY can monitor your computer without your permission.

One way these scammers try to hook you is posting a computer screen popup that states your computer is in trouble and to please call or contact this number. Once you have allowed anyone into your computer, loading who knows what, the result can be devastating. Note: If you agree to pay \$499 or less their conduct is not a felony and

So, protect your computers and financial assets like you would protect your family.

In closing Scott shared one new interesting scam. "Microsoft is going out of business and you are getting a refund so please send us money to process to process your claim." He added, 80 percent of people being scammed keep it a secret. Stay alert for family members or friends that may be involved or embarrassed to talk about it. Beware of Craigslist scams—this appears to be the new frontier for computer crime and scamming. Computer thievery is a growth industry and we all need to stay aware and seek help immediately if something doesn't seem quite right.

Scott then received a number of interesting questions, which were handled in refreshing candor and insight.

Weekly Drawing

The is \$150 in the pot this week with the lucky card the ace of spades.

Cups winners were **Roy Jarret**, who was a double winner, but turned down the second cup to make it more interesting. Guest **Steve Nederveld's** ticket number was called along with **Ed Collins**, **Alan Malask**, **Jim Easton**, **Robert Duvall**, and **Allen Yockey**. Those going for a chance of drawing the Ace of Spades, **Frank Middleton** and **Jim Easton**, both came up short.



Additionally, **Robert Duvall** got chance at the big pot for wearing his name tag but was also not winner. If he too came up short.

Closing Creed

Our closing creed was lead by speaker guest, **Scott Henke** ... *Promise yourself*

Weekly Greeters

**Sign-Up with Jon Wachter to be a greeter,
it is a good way to meet members.**

6/14/19	Tom Kramis & Bob Avery
6/21/19	Joe Marci & Bob Meyer
6/28/19	Dave Peck & Pat Bush

Humorist Tom Hoch

During **Scott Henke's** presentation on spam, **Tom Hoch** had to share his story on developing a password. He said the instruction called for a password that had seven characters and a capital. Tom, offered but then rejected after careful consideration suggested ... *Huey, Dewey, Louie, Donald, Daisy, Goofey, Mickey, plus Sacramento.*

Scott was a tremendous speaker and we all appreciated his energy, humor and information sharing.

Friday's Baseball Quote

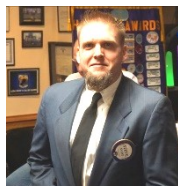
"The first darn batter up hit a ground ball right past me, and the shortstop couldn't reach it—one of those little dribblers. I screwed up the no-hitter for Clay Kirby."

Jack Baldschun

Editor's Note: The San Diego Padres have been in existence since 1969, and are the only MLB team to never throw a no-hitter. They recently passed the Mets for longest futility in that department to start a franchise ... over 8,000 games. Their pitchers have thrown 31 one-hitters, including the one described above. From a recent WSJ article, see below @

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-last-team-in-baseball-without-a-no-hitter-closes-in-on-a-record-11557489600>

Look Good



Seen at last weeks meeting sporting an executive look— new member **Stephen Avery** was waiting for a photo op from photographer **Noel Hasselgren**. *Looking Good!*

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

June 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Neil Alderson, YMCA Update
June 14	Wed	7:30 am	Junior Golf Tournament, Boys 16-18, Flatirons Golf Course, 5706 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder
June 17	Mon	6:30 pm	New Member Orientation, Silicon Stem Academy, 4201 E Yale Ave., Suite 130
June 19	Wed	7:30 am	Junior Golf Tournament, Girls 10-18, Meadow Hills Golf Course, 3609 S Dawson St.
June 20	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room
June 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
June 22	Sat	4:00 pm	HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) Seminar, DU Campus Quad
June 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Julie Bell, Colorado History
June 30	Sun—Wed		Optimist International Convention, 100 Year Celebration, Galt House, Louisville, KY
July 4	Thur		★ Fourth of July ★
July 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

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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		
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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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.