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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush for Robert Wardlaw

### Good Morning Optimists

It is another fine day in the neighborhood on this St Patrick's Day weekend! Just two short days after the



largest and most disruptive winter storm of this winter season and life is getting back to normal.

**Frank Middleton and Perry Allen** greeted us this

morning with handshakes and smiles warm enough to help melt all this snow. If the last storm was the "bomb cyclone" Frank and Perry are the "bomb storm chasers."

Editor: Note that neither were wearing green. You are aware, that wearing green makes one invisible to leprechauns, fairy creatures who would pinch anyone they could see (anyone not wearing green). Largened has it that people began pinching those who did not wear green as a reminder that leprechauns would sneak up and pinch green-abstainers.

### First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

Promptly at 7:00 a.m., president **Everett Gardner** rang the morning bell and called on **Joe Marci** to read the invocation. Joe challenged us to live our optimism by "... *making our friends feel that there is something in them.*" This starts with encouraging our co-workers, complementing our friends, and treating strangers with respect and kindness.

### Guests

**John Young** brought his beautiful wife **Claire** and **Craig Eley** brought his lovely wife **Cindy**. Both women are members of the Tamarac Optimist Club.



Claire Young



Cindy Eley

We also welcomed back **Cy Regan** and **Jim VanderKamp**. Cy is now living further away and is not driving any longer, and Jim is coming off of

knee replacement surgery. Welcome back to all of our guests and recently missing members.

### Announcements

**9 Health Fair:** **Don Thomson** announced that the **9 Health Fair** will be held at Augustana Lutheran Church on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. until noon. Augustana is located at 5000 E. Alameda Avenue. You can get many free or low-cost screenings at the fair. You can register on-line or get more information at [www.9healthfair.org](http://www.9healthfair.org).

**King Soopers Reloadable Cards:** **Frank Middleton** reports that Monaco South Optimist Club receives over \$3,000 per year via the King Soopers reloadable card program. A total of ten million dollars have been donated to 5,700 charities through this program. However, Frank Middleton informs us that King Soopers is being forced to make changes by their parent company, Kroger, at the end of March. Frank will give us more information about the changes next week but he recommends that we load our current card up to the \$500 limit by the end of the month so the club can get the 5% return. There is no time limit to use the card credits, but the card must be filled prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> to get the 5% return to the club. Frank assures us that this is not an April Fools prank.

**Juvenile Diabetes Dream Gala Prep:** **Ron Gustas** shares that the Rocky Mountain chapter of JDRF is holding its fundraising GALA at the Hyatt Regency Colorado Convention Center on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. And, he will be asking Monaco South Optimist members to help move auction items from the JDRF office to the Hyatt Regency before the GALA. Monaco South has been doing this for many years. It takes about 3 hours to complete. Ron will be sending a sign-up sheet around at the membership meetings over the next several weeks.

**Dime-A-Day Program:** **Perry Allen** provided an update on the progress for the Dime-A-Day program. The Dime-A-Day program raises funds for the OI Foundation which supports many Optimist International-

**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\*\*\*\***

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## Announcements Continued

al programs including the scholarships given to the oratorical and essay contest winners. An optimist member can donate a dime each day of the Optimist financial year which totals \$36.50 per year. Perry has challenged members to become a 10-time Dime-A-Day donor (\$365.00) this year. For each member that donates this amount, Perry will make a personal \$36.50 donation up to a limit of 10 members. So, if we get 10 members to donate \$365 this year, Perry will become our eleventh 10-time donor. Perry also learned that he has the duty to encourage donations in the name of living persons, deceased persons, or veterans, as well as the Presidents Club. To date, Monaco South has donated about \$1,800. This is below the pace set last year when we raised in the neighborhood of \$5,000. *Editor: Let's rally guys and help support Perry and the OI Foundation!*

**Member Directory Update:** Tom Mauro is asking for corrections to the membership directory. He also made a pitch for business card advertisements. Only a \$25 investment will yield a huge return. Tom promises a doubling of business activity and a minimum increase of one million dollars of revenue. If you need to update your information or want to double your revenue, see Tom.



**Member Updates:** Tom Mauro also let us know that Oscar Sorensen had a mild stroke or AFib issue and is at Swedish Hospital Room 6-326 for the foreseeable future. He can be contacted on his cell phone at 303-870-4493, or by calling the hospital directly.

While Joe Marci reports that Russ Paul has had his heart surgery and is now in Amberwood Rehabilitation facility at 4686 E. Asbury Circle. The phone number there is 303-756-1566. He also can be reached by his cell phone at 720-431-0449.

**TJHS Scholarships:** Joe Marci announced that Thomas Jefferson High School has started accepting applications for this scholarship. We soon will be evaluating the applications and awarding scholarships to these college bound TJ seniors.

**MSOC Officer Elections:** Joe Marci is also working on the slate of candidates for the election of next year's officers. We have to fill four board of directors' chairs, a president, and two vice presidents. In addition to the nomination committee, nominations may be made by any member until one week before the election. However, the nominee must be willing to serve. In other words, do not ramrod a member into running.

**Denver Tech Center Optimist Wine Tasting:** The DTC Optimist Club will be sponsoring a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> this year. Tom Kramis indicates that it will run from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church located at 6500 E. Girard (near Monaco & Hampden). Tickets are just \$25 per person, and can be purchased from Tom or any of the members of DTC Optimist Club of which there are many in Monaco South.

**Oratorical Contest:** George Buzick reported that the Monaco South Oratorical Contest, to be held last Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, had to be postponed because of the after effects of the bomb cyclone storm. He hopes nobody went to the contest to view an evening of speeches. It will be rescheduled later in this month.

**2019 Eagle Scout Awards Dinner:** Via email, Phil Perington reported that on Friday evening, March 8<sup>th</sup> Committee Chair, Donlie Smith, President Everett Gardner, Eagle Scout Mentor Bob Avery, and members, Kent Gloor, Frank Middleton, Tom Overton, Andy Towt, Allen

Pierce, Greg Hurd, and Phil attended the 2019 Eagle Scout Awards Dinner. President Everett and Chairman Donlie did an excellent job presenting the Awards. Scout Leader Jack Kleinhessel was honored for his lifetime leadership and participated in the 2018 Distinguished Eagle Scout Award as presented to Charles S. McNeil, an Eagle Scout since 1965. The 2018 Class of Eagle Scouts numbered 461. They provided more than 77,000 service hours valued at \$2 million to the Denver Area community. Monaco South is a named Sponsor and featured as the Organization responsible for the Eagle Scouts Award Recipients Ceremony. Also, Marilyn Brown was recognized for the \$5,000 Annual Scholarship Award presented annually, in memory of her beloved husband Doug Morton, past Monaco South member and Eagle Scout.



Photos Greg Hurd

**Tri-Star Basketball East Regional Semi-Final:** Michael Chavez shared via email he had a great turnout for the Tri-Star Basketball East Regional Semi-final with 62 kids in all. Thirty-six will go on to the Finals at the Pepsi Center on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to the following who gave their time to make it a great success: Tracy Sorenson, John Greene, Joe Marci, Mike White and his son, Pat Bush, Gary Strowbridge, Jim Easton, Don Roth, and Phil Perington.



Photos Michael Chavez



## Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

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

**PAST ...** Once again the "Are you Smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair" (Karl Geil) against the MSOC team (Bob Avery, spoke person, Kent Gloor, Tom Hoch, Dick Nicholoff, and Jim VanderKamp. Craig Eley, aka Alex Tribeck, had a plethora of obscure questions that even the total brainpower of the audience, including the Tamarac OC ladies, could not answer. All in all a great time was had. Maybe next year it will be the Karl verses the Gunar Neumann Team against the MSOC team.

**HAPPENING NOW / SOON ...** I'm "Off the Grid" this coming meeting with no virtual attendance availability—camping in Utah with my brother Dennis, in from Indiana, and cuz Kent Gloor. Enjoy Comradery Day and Thanks VPs, Bob Meyer and Steve Kady for running the meeting. However, if there is any signal, two members and at least one, maybe as high as 4+, guest(s) may attend! We need to tie Harry Fegley in virtually while on his "Round the World" tour.

P.S. Frank Middleton, make sure that you mix up the cards and tables well. Table question is; "How Long was the power out at your individual domiciles / zip code." The table with the highest count per Zip will be presented a Prize. Table Captains, turn in your findings to Frank after ending Bell. Again, "I'll be Back" for next Friday gathering.

**FUTURE ...** Board Meeting this Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting is open to all and if there is anything that needs to be on the agenda, please send details to me by COB Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

P.S. Bring a GUEST next week — we need more members going forward!

**Prez Everett**

## Are You Smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair?

The much anticipated "Are You Smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair?" event was held at the membership meeting



this morning. This is where we pit five of the smartest Monaco South

members—**Kent Gloor, Tom Hoch, Bob Avery, Jim VanderKamp, and Dick Nicholoff**—took on the Brain Bowl Chair, **Karl Geil**. **Craig Eley** served as the Master Reader while **Ron Gustas** was the timekeeper, and **Frank Ross** was the scorekeeper.

The MSOC team jumped out in front in front in the early going. For a while we thought Karl's buzzer was faulty. By the time we figured out that Craig discovered that Karl was the green light, the MSOC team had built a seemingly insurmountable 18 to 2 lead. MSOC then went into their four corners delaying style, hoping to run out the time. However, Karl was not going to just roll over, so he went into his hurry up offense. He effectively used his time outs along with the

two-minute warning to narrow the gap to 18 to 12. But in the end, it was just too much to ask and Karl went down for the second year in a row. Some of the highlighted questions were:

- Q. George Washington appear on both side of which two U.S. coins?
- A. The South Dakota and Washington state quarters.
- Q. The University of Colorado started playing football in 1890. What school was their first opponent?
- A. Colorado School of Mines.
- Q. What was the final score of that game?
- A. CSM 126 – CU 0

*Editor: As a CU Alumnus and CU football fan, I had to fact check these questions. Actually, CU's first game was against Denver Athletic Club on November 15, 1890. It was a 0-20 loss. On November 22, 1890, in CU's second game, they dropped a 0-103 decision to Colorado Mines. Their first season totaled 4 games and they didn't score a point until the last game of the season when they lost 4-50 in a rematch against Mines. CU was out scored 217 to 4 in their first season. CU's first win came in the last game of the 1891, their second season, when they beat Colorado Springs A.A. 24-4. Other notable games in CU's early football history were a 46-0 thumping of Denver East High School and a 26-4 victory over Denver West High School in the 1894 season. CU did not play an out-of-state team until they lost to Nebraska 10-23 on November 17, 1898. They improved enough to finish the 19th century with a winning 42-22 record. Finally, the first game they played outside of the state of Colorado, they lost to Nebraska 0-10 on October 4, 1902. (see Colorado Football History attached to email.)*

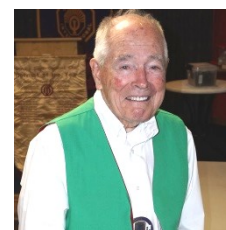
Back to the highlights.

- Q. Who is the Lt. Governor for Monaco South's zone?
- A. John Oss
- Q. What team of U.S. citizens beat the United States men's basketball team in the 2004 Olympics?
- A. Puerto Rico
- Q. Where was the location of Ronald Reagan's last TV show, "Death Valley Days"?
- A. Death Valley
- Q. What is the most widely spoken language in South America?
- A. Portuguese
- Q. Who voices the donkey character in the movie Shrek?
- A. Eddie Murphy
- Q. How many syllables in haiku poetry?
- A. 17

We enjoyed another entertaining contest in the tradition of "Are You Smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair."

## Some Old Irish Tunes

As reported earlier, **Cy Regan** made it to the meeting this morning. He was wearing his Irish green and performed some of his favorite familiar tunes. He sang "Wild Irish Rose" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." His encore was "Danny Boy." Cy proved he still has the pipes as he performance was done solo and a cappella.



## Weekly Pot

The lucky drawing winners this were **Ron Cis-co, Tom Kramis, Tom Hoch** (3 times), **George Buzick, Al Gapuzan** and **Steve Kady**. Nobody drew the lucky card so the jackpot is up to \$40.



### March Super Citizen Presenters

Mar 19 @ 2:30	MPB	?
Mar 22 @ 8:30	Holm	?
Mar 22 @ 3:00	Bradley	?

### Weekly Greeters

3/22/19	Paul Stratton & Michael Chavez
3/29/19	Jim VanderKamp & Tom Hoch

**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>**

Mar 21	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level
Mar 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Mar 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Brad Appel, Wish for Wheels
Mar 31	Sun	12:00 pm	TriStar Basketball-District Finals, Pepsi Center, 1000 Chopper Circle.
Apr 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Joe Marci, District Junior Golf
Apr 6	Sat	1:00 pm	DTC Optimist Club Wine Tasting, Calvary Baptist Church, 6500 E. Girard
Apr 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Apr 18	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level
Apr 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: OCMS Election of New Officers
Apr 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TJHS Students

**2018 - 2019 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		
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.