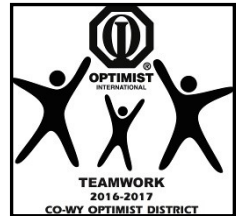




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Good Morning Optimists



Our meeting this week was held on a bright, sunny St. Patrick's Day. We were greeted by two Irishmen, aka, **Patrick O'Bush** and **Paul O'Gibson**. Neither was wearing any green, but plenty of other members were.

At right are our greeters
Pat Bush & Paul Gibson.
Photo Noel Hasselgren



Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Today everyone is Irish



From top left, Donlie Smith, Bob Avery & Tom Hoch
Bottom left, Cy Regan & President Craig Eley
Photos Noel Hasselgren

Invocation & Pledge

Michael Chavez delivered a most appropriate invocation this morning, calling on us to look at the sunny side of everything throughout our lives. He then lead us in the Pledge Allegiance to our flag. Editor, *a pretty easy thing to remember on a day like today.*

From the Prez

New Monaco South Optimist Pin: President **Craig Eley** announced that the new Monaco South Optimist Pins have arrived. Pins will be given out to members who have worked on projects. This morning Craig awarded pins to the members who worked on the Habitat for Humanity builds and the Regional Tri-Star Basketball project. *Editor, see the video clip links on these two projects on the next page.*

Monaco South Hat and Shirt Sale: Prez Craig plugged the new Monaco South Optimist hat and shirts that are being sold only to find out that they are sold out. But, don't worry, **Greg Young** is taking orders for more. Just give a check to Greg and let him know what size you would like. Hats are available for \$10 and a shirt with no name is \$25, or with an embroidered name it is \$30. The hat comes only in blue, but shirts can be ordered in a variety of colors so buy several of each for different occasions.

Smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair: Prez Craig reminded all members that the much anticipated *Smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair* event is just around the corner—Friday, March 31st. This is a competition where up to five Monaco South members take on the Brain Bowl Chairman, **Karl Geil** in a contest of wits. The five sacrificial lambs this year will be **Al Gapuzan**, **George Buzick**, **Wyatt McCallie**, **Scott Walker** and **Mark Metevia**. Additionally, the Tamarac Optimist ladies will be making a visitation at this meeting, so they too will bear witness to this intense but often funny event.

In Need of a Digital Camera: Prez Craig announced that the Club is in need of a digital video camera. So, if you have a video camera you no longer use, the Club could put it to good use. Contact Craig at craigceley@gmail.com.

Member Directory Update: Tom Mauro is taking any changes for the next membership directory update. A new directory will be published in April. You can also update your photo by contacting **Craig Eley**. Of course, he reminds you that if you want a better photo in the directory, remember to bring a better face. Tom also reminds members that they can make this a business opportunity by placing a business card ad in the directory for only \$25.

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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

Hamilton Middle School Super Citizen: Karl Geil reported that the Hamilton Middle School's Super Citizen presentation was held, Thursday, March 16th. He served as the Master of Ceremonies standing in for regular M.C. **Tom Mauro**. The Optimist speaker was **Harry Arkin**. Karl shared that Harry told those in attendance about a true Super Citizen and a child of immigrants that grew up to become a four-star General in the U.S. Army and then became the first African-American appointed as the U.S. Secretary of State. That man was **Colin Powell**. Harry also donated a copy of General Powell's autobiography to the school's library. A total of 18 students were honored and welcomed into the "Super Citizen Family." Karl's wife Lesley Meyer is the school's program coordinator and serves as the school's social studies team lead.

Tri-Star Basketball: Michael Chavez conveyed that Monaco South and Tamarac Optimist Club's hosted the East Regional Tri-Star Basketball competition last Sunday, March 12th at North High School. Champions were crowned in six age groups for both boys and girls. The six age groups were for 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 year-olds. The winners go on to the district finals to be held on Sunday, March 26th at the Pepsi Center. Monaco



Gray Strowbridge & Don Roth assist with the free throw part of the competition.

South members that helped with the East Regional were **John Bamford, Don Roth, John Greene, Gary Strowbridge, Rob Brewer, Mike White, Tom Hoch, Jessie Carter, Phil Perington, Pat Bush** and **Everett Gardner**.

Video Clip Links: Video photographer **Tom Hoch** corrected his video clip links for the Regional Tri-Star Basketball and Habitat for Humanity projects, see:

Tri-Star Basketball @ <https://vimeo.com/album/2654384/video/208174063>
Habitat for Humanity @ <https://vimeo.com/album/2654384/video/207840538>

Member Updates: Don Thomson gave us a couple of updates on members that have had some health issues.

O.C. Larson is back home after being discharged from Orchard Park last Tuesday, March 14th. He spent the last 75 days (2 1/2 months) in one or another of three different hospitals or in Orchard Park rehabilitation center. He would like visitors but asks that you call ahead at 303-797-7432.

Jack Kitchell had knee surgery last Monday and is now back home. He too will accept calls at 720-536-5767.



Nite at the Races: Donlie Smith let us know that Heather Gardens Optimist Club is sponsoring a "Nite at the Races" on Saturday, April 1st, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Rendezvous Restaurant and Bar, 2888 Heather Gardens Way, in Aurora. He says, "You'll feel like you are at the horse track complete with picking winners and collecting on your winning tickets." Entry is a \$15.00 donation for a single or \$25.00 for a couple. Proceeds will go to support Yale Elementary School. Racing starts at 6:00 p.m. You can get more information by contacting Donlie Smith.

JDRF Gala: The annual JDRF Gala will take place at the Hyatt Regency downtown on Saturday, April 15th. Their goal is to raise \$800,000 at this year's Gala. **Ron Gustas** is looking for volunteers to help move the auction items from the

JDRF office to the Hyatt Regency on Friday, April 14th. Volunteers need to be at the JDRF office located at 2727 Bryant Street (NW corner of the I-25 & Speer Blvd interchange) by 12:00 noon. You can sign up by contacting Ron at rgustas@earthlink.net. They are also accepting wine donations for the "cork pull." He asks that the bottles be at least \$25.00 in value. Please do not donate a bottle of Cold Duck, which typically retails at \$8.98. All donations are tax deductible and should be brought to the March 24th membership meeting. All proceeds from the Gala are used to fund research to find a cure and improve treatment options for the three million American kids and adults with Type 1 Diabetes.

Dime-A-Day: Greg Young reminded all members that they can join the Dime-A-Day program by writing a check made out to the Optimist International Foundation or OI Foundation for a total of \$36.50 or a single dime for each day of the year. Now if you did this last year, that does not mean you are a part of the program this year. It starts over each Optimist year—no lifetime memberships here. Of course, Greg will not turn down a check should you want to donate a second or third time during the year.



District Casino Night: Greg Young also reminded us about the District Casino Night to take place on Friday, May 12th. You can purchase a seat at the table for \$35.00. That includes \$1,000 in player chips, food, prizes, and fun. The Casino Night will be held at the South Metro Denver Realtor Association at 7899 S. Lincoln Court (NE corner of Mineral & Broadway) in Littleton. It runs from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Greg.

Monaco South Ski Day Report: Bob Avery hosted five Optimist members for the Monaco South Ski Day at Copper Mountain last Monday, March 13th. He served an outstanding breakfast in his condominium at the base of the hill. Then all members hit the slopes for a great day of skiing. It was spring break for many students, in and out of state, so the slopes were a little crowded, but Bob knows the hill, so he was able to steer us away from the crowds. Members who participated included **Kent Gloor**, Kent's wife **Abigail Nicholas**, **Mark Metevia**, **Tom Kramis**, and **Pat Bush**.

Englewood Optimist Club: Past Governor **Phil Perington** reported that the new Englewood Optimist Club held its celebration dinner last Thursday, March 16th at the Broken Tee Golf Course Restaurant. Phil Perington indicated that several members from Monaco South were in attendance. The Englewood Club meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Broken Tee Golf Course Restaurant. Visitors are welcome!



Englewood Optimist President Randy Penn and CO-WY District Lt. Governor Nancy DeNiro welcome new members, Nate Smith and Amber Humphrey.

Photo Phil Perington

The brand-new Englewood Optimist Club sponsored by

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Singing Cy Regan & the Guys

Our own Irish singers lead by Cy O'Regan, aka **Cy Regan** again performed some of the classic Irish songs including "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," and Cy's favorite, "Oh Danny Boy." All of the Guys were great, but Cy was magnificent in his solo during "Oh Danny Boy."



Tom Glazier, Tom Hoch, Al Gapuzan, John Young, Gray Strowbridge, Allen Pierce Cap Hermann, Randy Marcove, and center stage Cy Regan.

Photos Noel Hasselgren

Announcements Continued

Monaco South and Heather Gardens held a very spirited and memorable Dinner celebration on March 16th at their Club HQ located at the Broken Tee Golf Course Restaurant facility. Charter President Randy Penn, welcomed and thanked everyone for their fantastic effort in organizing and getting their New Club off to a great running start. Monaco South President **Craig Eley** opened the festivities with an upbeat invocation. Other Monaco South members attending were District Governor **Paul Simon**, Past Presidents **Donlie Smith**, **Michael Chavez**, **Phil Perington** and **John Young** with his wife, **Claire** plus Jr. Golf Co-Chair **Bob Myers**. Past Governor **Curt Merrill** and his lovely bride **Trish** were also among the gathered. The highlight of the evening was the installment of two new members, led by Zone-7 Lt. Gov. **Nancy DeNiro**. Please show support for our Sister Club and visit them any 2nd or 4th Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. The Broken Tee Golf Course is located at the Northwest corner of South Santa Fe Drive and Oxford Ave.

Protocol for Guests Speakers: Today was camaraderie day, so we did not have a guest speaker. However, our speaker chairman, **Paul Bernard** took the opportunity to remind us to keep our announcements short and to the point when we do have a speaker so as not to cut their presentation time short. He said that President Craig and he will be more stringent at cutting off announcements when it is time for the speaker to start his/her presentation. Paul also reminds us that he is always looking for speakers. If members have any ideas for guest speakers, please give

them to Paul.

Etc., Etc.: Since it was camaraderie day, **Bryce Slaby** and **Ken Duffy** each told a joke. Some of them were funny, but you had to be there to share in the laughs.

Drawing Winners

Today's lucky winners who got a bit more than seven dollars each—about enough to cover the cost of breakfast—were **Lynn Jones**, **Jack Kleinhessel**, **Jon Wachter**, **Bob Avery** (twice), **Ron Cisco**, **John Oss**, **Harry Arkin**, and **Pat Bush**. The pot that was at \$120, but unfortunately all members taking a shot at the remaining deck of cards were holding the wrong card; so, the pot continues to grow.



Monaco South Optimist Pin Recognition



Scott Walker, one of the recipients who worked on the Habitat for Humanity project receives his new MSOC pin.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

March & April Super Citizen Presenters

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| Mar 23 @ 1:00 | McMeen | Pat Bush |
| Mar 24 @ 3:00 | Bradley | Jon Wachter |
| Apr 19 @ 2:30 | MPB | Joe Marci |

-Weekly Greeters

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| 3/24/17 | Bob Avery & Everett Gardner |
| 3/31/17 | Jon Wachter & Tom Kramis |

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40th Year — Chartered in 1976

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

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| Mar 22 | Wed | 6:30 pm | OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way |
| Mar 24 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Celeste Archer, Colorado History Day |
| Mar 26 | Sun | 12:00 pm | District Finals TriStar Basketball, Pepsi Center, 1000 Chopper Circle |
| Mar 31 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Are You Smarter Than Brain Bowl Chair & Tamarac Optimist Club Visitation |
| Apr 7 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Joe Marci, Optimist International Junior Golf |
| Apr 14 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Michelle Jeske, Denver Public Librarian |
| Apr 21 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Election for 2016-2017 Officers & Directors (Members interested contact Craig Eley or the Nominating Committee) |

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| Bob Rhue | 1976-77 | Tom Overton | 1996-97 |
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| Duane Wehrer | 1979-80 | Cy Regan | 1999-00 |
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| Frank Middleton | 1981-82 | Don St. John | 2001-02 |
| John Young | 1982-83 | Jack Rife | 2002-03 |
| Pat Bush | 1983-84 | Karl Geil | 2003-04 |
| Bob Hugo | 1984-85 | Bryce Slaby | 2004-05 |
| Tom Mauro | 1985-86 | Donlie Smith | 2005-06 |
| Curt Lorenzen | 1986-87 | Paul Bernard | 2006-07 |
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| Lupe Salinas | 1988-89 | Phil Perington | 2008-09 |
| Bob Avery | 1989-90 | Ron Cisco | 2009-10 |
| Bill Litchfield | 1990-91 | Ed Collins | 2010-11 |
| Bill Walters | 1991-92 | Randy Marcove | 2011-12 |
| Kent Gloor | 1992-93 | Paul Simon | 2012-13 |
| Gary Strowbridge | 1993-94 | Jon Wachter | 2013-14 |
| Mark Metevia | 1994-95 | John Oss | 2014-15 |
| Bob Safe | 1995-96 | Michael Chavez | 2015-16 |

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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.