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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimists

Good wishes, hearty handshakes, **Michael Chavez**



Paul Stratton & Michael Chavez  
Photos Noel Hasselgren

and your editor, **Paul Stratton** greeted the men of Monaco South at our breakfast meeting, this Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Little notice was given to the fact that today was, "As young as you feel day." A day that is to recognize, ... *that no matter what your age, if you feel young, and live your life in such a*

*way as if you were young, age really doesn't matter."*

### First Bell, Invocation, & Pledge

VP **Bob Meyer** ran the show today, as the Prez was camping in Utah with his brother Dennis and cousin **Kent Gloor**.

**Tom Hoch** delivered our invocation with a message theme of respect for law. Our society needs a healthy respect for law and those who enforce it, even though you may not always agree with each and every one. He then led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.



### Guests

Do we have any guests? Not really, since **John Egan** is now a new member, and no longer a visitor—we welcomed John!

Additionally, **Stephen Avery**, son of **Bob Avery**, was back to see us, but came with application in hand today; so, he has joined our club and is a guest no more. Welcome **Stephen!**

### Moving On & Announcements

VP **Bob Meyer** ran the show today. Although Prez **Everett** joined last night's board meeting virtually from the slopes of Breckenridge. VP Bob provided some highlights from the board meeting and moved right into announcements.

**9Health 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) under the heading "Attend a 9Health Fair." Click her to see, "[How to Register Online for a 9Health Fair.](#)"

**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 signup sheet around at the membership meetings over the next several weeks.

**OCMS 2019-2020 Nominated Slate:** **Joe Marci**, chair of the 2019 Election Committee, announced that he has a complete slate of candidates for next year's board. The nominees are:

- ◆ President: **Bob Meyer**
- ◆ Vice Presidents: **Steve Kady** and **Dan Rodriguez**
- ◆ Directors: **Allen Malask**, **Perry Allen**, **Mark Smith**, and **Bill Morgan**.

The nominated slate was approved by the current board and the Club Election will be on Friday, April 19, 2019, at the Club's regular membership meeting at 7:00 a.m. at the American Legion Hall, 5400 East Yale Avenue, Denver, CO. Members may nominate others or themselves by contacting Joe; however, nominations cannot be made after Friday, April 12, 2019, and from the floor during the election meeting.

**TJHS Scholarships:** **Joe Marci**, also 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.

**Denver Tech Center Optimist Wine Tasting:** **Tom Overton** shared that the DTC Optimist Club will be

**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

sponsoring a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Tom says that it will run from 1:00 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.

**Know Brainer:** Pat Bush let us “know” that the Know Brainer will be held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Hamilton Middle School. Volunteer signup sheets will be distributed, and also sent out via email. This is a joint project with the Tamarac Optimist Club and there will be about 20 teams of 5<sup>th</sup> graders. This competition is similar to the Brain Bowl except there are no head-to-head elimination rounds.

**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 informs us that King Soopers is being forced to make changes by their parent company, Kroger, at the end of March. Frank 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 March 31<sup>st</sup> to get the 5% return to the club.

**Eagle Scout Banquet:** Donlie Smith said thanks to Phil Perington for his article in **GUMS** last week reporting on the Eagle Scout banquet. Donlie passed around the program from that night for all to see.

**Tri-Star Basketball East Regional Semi-Final:** Michael Chavez announced that the Tri Star Basketball finals will be Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. at the Pepsi Center. Michael passed around a signup sheet looking for 5 or 6 volunteers. Those who help can stay for the 6 p.m. game if they wish.

**Rockies Handouts:** Michael Chavez also stated that on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, before the Rockies vs.

Phillies game, you can participate in handing out Tote Bags. This project can make \$500 for the club, and volunteers get a ticket to the game that evening. Michael is looking for 35 volunteers, and you can bring friends and family (over age 16 please). Michael passed around a signup sheet and will send one out via email also.

**Speaking of the Colorado Rockies:** Joe Marci has Rockies tickets for sale that will support Junior Golf. The tickets are for Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. First-level seats are \$43 and Third-level are \$23. See the order form attached to **GUMS** distribution email.

**Member Updates:** Dick Nickoloff visited Oscar Sorenson at Swedish this past week. Oscar had a stroke and is now moving to a new room for rehab still at Swedish. Dick said he is answering his cell phone so give him a call to check in on his progress.

Joe Marci added that he took Russ Paul home from the VA Hospital yesterday, which is great news.

Joe reports that Russ is doing well post-surgery.

**Oratorical Contest:** George Buzick reported that the rescheduled Oratorical Contest took place at George Washington High School on Thursday. Jim Easton, Phil Perington, Andy Tout, Joe Marci, and Michael Chavez were there to assist George. The zone Oratorical contest is coming up on April 2<sup>nd</sup> - location to be determined.



Photo Phil Perington

In an email, Phil reported, “... there a fine line between Optimism and Reality?” This was the subject of this years Oratorical Contest. To that end, 5 students presented their thoughts and unique opinions to Monaco South Club members, family, parents, friends. The Contest was enthusiastically led by Program Director, George Buzick and District Oratorical Co-Chair Michael Chavez. Judging duties were performed by Jim, Joe, and myself. The welcome was conducted by Lt. Governor John Oss, with Time Keeping and Scoring managed by Andy. The scores were extremely close, with 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner Freddie Edmonds III, along with 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner Aisys Thompson, whose father was a past Super Citizen recipient. They will advance to the Zone Contest on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Following the awards presentation and pizza party, club members met with contestants and offered encouragement and optimistic comments to the advancement of their future oratorical progress. It was a friendly gathering centered around an excellent group of students, engaged in moving ahead to the greater achievements of their lives.”

**Denver Tech Center Optimist Fundraiser:** Tom Kramis reports that the DTC Optimist Club is supporting the Shiloh House and with a “Day of Giving.” March of 2019 is Jersey Mike’s Subs Month of Giving, and on March 27<sup>th</sup> is the day 100% of proceeds of their sales is donated to the Shiloh House. So, go to one of the many Jersey Mike’s locations that day!

**Denver Auto Show:** Steve Kady shared that his friend Jim Czupor could not be with us, but he has provided tickets for the [Denver Auto Show](#) at the Colorado Convention Center, March 27-31. Steve says that anyone that wants them just call or email him (303-931-1470 or thumpkady@msn.com) and they will be waiting for you at the “Will Call Window” in their name. The days and hours of the show are on the Auto Show webpage.

**Railroad History Coming Soon:** Greg Hurd shared via email, that May 10<sup>th</sup> this year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Golden Spike. In celebrating this the Union Pacific (UP) RR will send North-

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ern 844 (4-8-4) and Big Boy (4-8-8-4) to Ogden Union Station. Union Pacific personnel will also be at the National



Northern 844 (4-8-4)

Service ceremony on the 10<sup>th</sup> at Promontory, UT which will be a recreation of the original ceremony followed by a music fest, interactive exhibits, and live steam rides behind the Jupiter (Central Pacific) and #119 (Union Pacific) locomotives. 844 is scheduled to leave Cheyenne April 27<sup>th</sup> and arrive in Ogden April 28<sup>th</sup>. The 4014 will depart Cheyenne May 4 after a christening ceremony at 9:30 a.m. and arrive at Ogden May 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be on display until May 12<sup>th</sup> when they will be double headed back to Cheyenne arriving May 19<sup>th</sup>. After that, both 844 and 4014 will tour the US in celebration of the Golden Spike anniversary. A special UP baggage car has been converted into a rolling muse-

um with displays along one side of the car for the Golden Spike and along the other side with displays of the current operation and technology of the UPRR.



Big Boy (4-8-8-4)

4014 is the largest operating steam locomotive in the world once again! More information can be found a <https://www.nps.gov/gosp/index.htm>

### Some other interesting weblinks:

- UP #844 4-8-4 Northern @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p07Lc6Ycm3E>
- Union Pacific 4-8-8-4 "Big Boy" Steam Engine Footage @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2M-GxH29CCc>
- Lionel Legacy Union Pacific 4-8-4 FEF Northern #844 @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znZ4hKesebU>
- Lionel Vision Line Union Pacific 4-8-8-4 Big Boy #4014 @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1mpGv2fmM>

## Respect for Law

Colorado State Trooper Bellamann "Bell" Hee

**Steve Kady** introduced today's speaker, Colorado State Trooper Bellamann "Bell" Hee. Trooper Bee was seriously injured when struck by the car of a kidnapper in 2014. He missed 21 months of work and came to the club to tell his story a few years ago. He joined us today to talk about the Police Unity Tour Challenge ride.

Last week Corporal Dan Groves of the State Patrol was struck and killed by a motorist when he was out of his car assisting a vehicle that was stuck during the blizzard. Cpl. Groves is the fourth state trooper in the last four years who has been struck and killed while working on a roadside.



Colorado State Trooper Bell Hee  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

The motto of the Policy Unity Tour Challenge is "We Ride for Those Who Died." This will be Trooper Hee's second time riding, and he will be riding in honor of Deputy Micah Flick, who was shot and killed in the line of duty in 2018. He will ride his bike 225 miles starting in New Jersey and ending in Washington DC, at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Funds that he is able to raise go to sponsor the Memorial, the museum and its programs. **VP Bob Meyer** gave a donation from the club to sponsor Trooper Bee. If you are interested in learning more

and contributing to this cause, go to [socalput.com/donations](http://socalput.com/donations) and enter "Bell."

## Do We Have a Drawing

We had a drawing! \$40 was in the pot o' plenty, and the Six of Spades was the card to find. Cups of dough went to: **Dick Nickoloff, Steve Kady, Perry Allen, Tom Hoch, Bob Meyer, and Tom Overton**. Officer Hee's ticket number was called twice, and each time he went for the big bucks, but no luck. However, many donated funds to support his ride.



For Nametag - **Steve Kady** has his on and asked a proxy to draw for him, but the proxy came up empty.

## A Bit of Humor

**Phil Perington** got this picture as he entered the door at George Washington High School this past week for the Oratorical Competition saying, "Those administrators at GW really treated **George Buzick** with respect by putting his name on the main entrance marquee — can you believe that?"



### April Super Citizen Presenters

Apr 16 @ 2:30	MPB	?
Apr 26 @ 3:00	Bradley	?

### Weekly Greeters

3/29/19	Jim VanderKamp & Tom Hoch
4/5/19	Gary Strowbridge & Dan Rodriguez
4/12/19	Jong Young & Allen Malask

**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 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Brad Appel, Wish for Wheels
Mar 30	Sat	12:00 pm	Chili Cookoff for FRACSOC, The Boardroom, 51 W. Dry Creek Court
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: Ryan McCullough, Cub Scout Pack 8023
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 & Camaraderie Day
Apr 20	Sat	3:15 pm	Rockies Handouts, Coors Field-Employee Entrance
Apr 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TJHS Students
Apr 27	Sat	8:00 am	CO-WY 3rd Quarter Conference, Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden Ave

**2018 - 2019 Officers**

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Vice President	Bob Meyer	303-814-5990
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Treasurer	Greg Young	303-759-3921

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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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**NEWSLETTER EDITORS:** Mar **Robert Wardlaw**, Apr **Pat Bush**, May **Paul Stratton**, June **Phil Perington**

**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.