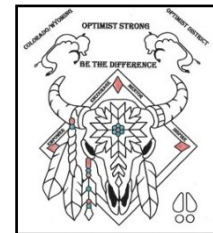




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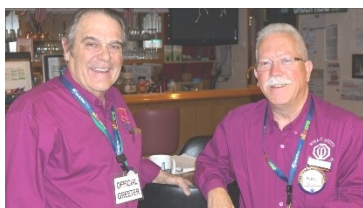
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Good Moring Optimist Welcome to Spring!

On this day, World Meteorological and National Melba Toast Day, we were treated to Professor Plum's two top assistants — the always colorful and upbeat **Perry Allen** and **Tom Glazier**. They were in fine spirits greeting the gathered this beautiful and warm Spring morning.



Tom Glazier & Perry Allen
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Morning Conversations

Karl Geil was seen distributing thoughtful "Thank You Cards" to all the volunteers that had helped with the recent successful and enlightening History Day at Hamilton Middle School last Friday.

"Mr. Baseball" **Tom Mauro** was a very celestial guy this morning, merrily delivering Rockies Season Ticket packages to numerous excited and hopeful Club members.

Craig Eley successfully passed the reading instructions on his drawing tickets. While our lovable Prez, mentioning very proudly, there is still has a woman in his house and life is good.

John Greene in green shirt was a pleasant visual, however, he said he still could not hit the side of a barn with a banjo when it came to addressing his golf ball.

Retired US Navy **Dick Zolman**, proudly wearing his USS Colorado (SSN-788) cap was holding court—slyly making tongue in cheek jokes, assisted our ticket-master, Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** with what was a very brisk morning for investors.



Dick Zolman

Mike White in search of a green shamrock for this hat, lamenting nobody seems to make them after St. Paddy's Day.

As MSOC VP **Mike McMahon** proudly was showing off his stylish new glasses, chiding to few guys who looked a little different than he previously remembered.

Cowboy **Michael Chavez** was happy to share he needed only one more ticket sold to complete the handout roster for the Rockies April 6th Opening Day game. Hats off to Michael and **Greg Young** for successfully organizing our first Rockies fundraiser of the season, handing out Rally Towels to 45,000+ expected cheering fans.

First Bell

With "Let's get this party started" and the gaveling of the bell at 7:02 a.m., MSOC President **Jim Easton** declared we were ready to go.

Invocation & Pledge

Past Governor and Club President, **Paul Simon** presented the Invocation... "make your optimism come true and thank you for another day, constantly striving to live our optimism as we optimistically greet strangers, friends and those we love throughout our life." The pledge of Allegiance followed with hearty and rousing shouts of *Play Ball!*



Jim Easton & Paul Simon
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Guests

Jack Kleinheksel introduced Philip Aerolla an Optimist member in 1970-71 in Detroit City, who fell away from the Club because of other activities. Phil shared he met Jack at the YMCA and Jack went on to assist in getting his two sons through the Eagle Scout award program. Hopefully Philip will have more time to be an Optimist once again and join our Club.



Another returning guest Alan Magnuson, Chair of the Annual Eagle Scout Awards Banquet recognized the 522 Eagle Scouts in attendance this year and a heartfelt thank you for the efforts of **Donlie Smith**

who started the Eagle Scout recognition banquet years when he organized the first class in 1999. He noted the Awards Dinner was the first of its kind and over the years it has become a national event. Donlie saw the need, plant the seed, and watch it grow. Alan also acknowledge Marilyn Brown who stepped up and done something amazing, establishing an annual \$1,000 award in memory of her husband and beloved Monaco South member **Doug Morton**. See the other Scout award winners attached to the *GUMS* distribution email.



Left, Marilyn Brown & right, Jim Easton present a \$1,000 scholarship check to Michael Ankner, 2017 MSOC Eagle Scout recipient.

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

Tri-Star Basketball Regional Competition: Michael Chavez reported that the Tri-Star Basketball regional at North H.S. had a great turnout, with 80 kids and 36 of them will move on to the Finals at the Pepsi Center on April 1st. Thanks to all the volunteers, **Mike White, Pat Bush, Mike McMahon, Tom Hoch, Bryce Slaby, John Greene, Don Roth, Donlie Smith, John Young**, and soon to be new members **Robert Ruhl** and **Chris Kinsky** for making this a successful tournament. One of the 1st place winners for 13 year old's, was **Jim VanderKamp's** grandson shown in the back row far right.



McMeen Super Citizen: Don Thomson said that 26 recipients for the SC award were recognized on Thursday. **Bob Avery** presented a message to the students that was impressive and well received. **Mike White** also assisted in the presentation of awards.

MSOC Directory Update: Craig Eley shared that directory changes are a-comin' if you want a new photo please see him quickly. Business card ads are still available for \$25 and come with a \$1 million-dollar return on investment (time may be a factor).



Senior Moments: Craig also mentioned that the Senior Moments program at the Eastern Star Retirement Home will feature **Karl Geil** discussing common law marriage and the issues presented. See Craig if you would like to attend.

Dime-A-Day Program: Perry Allen stating "I'm Back!" and that California has been really good to him, but he still loves Colorado. He also noted this is the 25th anniversary of his recently found estranged father's death and through the process of discovering who his father was he met his new brother. A super story and connection. Also, he mentioned a lot of Dime-A-Day checks were handed to him today. However, keep up the good work, we still need 100 percent. See the Dime-A-Day OI Foundation form attached to the GUMS distribution email and give it to **Ron Cisco** or **Greg Young**.

Junior Golf Fundraiser: Joe Marci was promoting a Rockies game Junior Golf fundraiser on Sunday, June 3rd. The Rockies play the LA Dodgers. The seats are located next to the media studios in back of home plate on the mezzanine level and a really hot spot for catching foul balls. See Joe for tickets.

OCMS 2018-2019 Nomination Slate: Joe Marci, as chair of the 2018 Election Committee, identified the following Officers and Directors for the next fiscal year. They are:



- ♦ President: **Everett Gardner**
- ♦ Vice Presidents: **Steve Kady & Bob Meyer**
- ♦ Directors: **Noel Hasselgren, Jack Kleinheksel, Dan Rodriguez, & John Stoffel**

Via email, OCMS secretary **Randy Marcove**, reported that the current Board approved the nominations and that the Club elections will be on Friday, April 20, 2018. The elections shall be conducted at the 7:00 a.m. meeting, at the

Club's usual meeting location, American Legion Hall.

Randy also noted that coming off the BOD for next year (2018-19) will be Immediate Past President **Craig Eley**, VP **Michael McMahon** (VP Everett Gardner will stay on as President), and Directors **Rob Gardner, Wyatt McCallie, Paul Stratton**, and **Mark Metevia**. *Thank you for your leadership and involvement!*

Eagle Scout Program Thank You: **Donlie Smith** in a record 20-seconds re-thanked everyone for their participation in the Eagle Scout program.

George Washington H.S. Oratorical Contest: **George Buzick** reported that the G.W. oratorical contest was held last evening. It was well attended and a successful. Thanks to everyone who volunteered.

DTC Optimist Wine Tasting Fundraiser: George Buzick also promoted the Annual DTC Wine Tasting and Auction coming up on Saturday, April 14th, from 1 - 4 p.m. The price is \$25 per person. See flyer attached to GUMS distribution email.

Spring Skiing: **Bob Avery** reported that **Kent Gloor's** Breckenridge ski day was great. The five MSOC ski bums started off with a good breakfast and then hit the slopes at Arapahoe Basin.



From left, Mark Metevia, Tom Glazier, Bob Avery, Tom Kramis, & Kent Gloor, at Kent's condo in Breckenridge.

Bob said the next ski day is set for Monday, March 26th at Cooper Mountain. The last get together had six up the mountain and five coming down. Mark Metevia suffered his first Injury in a lifetime of skiing and is grateful nothing got broke.



Bob Avery & Tom Kramis at Snow Plume Refuge, Arapahoe Basin, elevation 12,447 feet.

Bradley International Junior Optimist Clubs (JOOI): **Jon Wachter** shared that our JOOI Club recently met and voted to distribute their fundraising and contribution dollars to the Denver Dumb's Friend and the American Red Cross. The kids are really doing a great job and setting a tremendous example for their peers.

OCMS Shirts & Hats: Greg Young reminded us that some Club shirts and hats are still available. Some for only \$10. Better hurry!

This Week's Drawing

The big pot drawing for this week was for big bucks, \$100; with the 7 of Hearts the card to find. On the first draw, **George Buzick** goes for a wining draw and gets the winner and gets the \$100.



On the first draw, George Buzick pulls the card as Ron Cisco, John Young, & Keith Galloway look on in amazement.

Those that had to resort to taking a cup were **Keith Galloway, Don Thomson, Everett Gardner, Peter Dimond, and Phil Perington**.

Mike McPhee, author
"Dana Crawford: 50 Years Saving the Soul of a City"

Paul Simon introduces our guest speaker **Mike McPhee**, a retired award winning reporter for the Associated Press and Denver Post, who authored the book, "*Dana Crawford: 50 Years Saving the Soul of a City.*" Mike was here to tell the story and epic saga of Denver's most illustrious and visionary woman, Dana Crawford — the most quoted woman in Colorado history.



Mike McPhee shares the story of Dana Crawford and provides excerpts from his book, "*Dana Crawford: 50 Years Saving the Soul of a City.*"

Mike shared that he was born in Aspen and is an East High School graduate. He said, when he moved to Denver to report for the Rocky Mountain News, his editors occasionally dispatched him to an abandoned flour mill, in lower downtown where hobos had started yet another fire. He also had occasional assignments in the LoDo neighborhood area, which stimulated his redeveloped interests. Pushing that redevelopment was Dana Crawford.

It all began somewhere between lower downtown Denver, Larimer Square and the new Union Station over 40 years ago. Dana Crawford is now 87 years young and currently working on the redevelopment of downtown Trinidad, Colorado. And the old Argo Mine hotel and restaurant conversion in Idaho Springs.

Mike said he self-published this book as he saw it a great importance for memorializing the outstanding and determined life of Dana.

Dana was born in Salina Kansas, an only child. Her Father owned the first Ford dealership in Kansas and went on to build a marina with the first Chris-Craft dealership. At Salina High School she was number one in her class.

Dana received a BA degree, not a Mrs., at Radcliffe University affectionally known as the women's Harvard. She bragged this is where she learned how to drink martinis. In 1953, she relocated to Denver and became infatuated with the 14th and Larimer site of the original Denver town hall.

Over time DURA (Denver Urban Renewal Authority) began acquiring property from Curtis Street to Union Station. Corruption infested, and the old Post Office and Tabor building suffered the march to more and more parking lots. The only surviving buildings of this "progressive" onslaught were the Old Spaghetti Factory and the Daniels Tower.

At one time Arapahoe County was a major piece of real estate with the county line running all the way to the Wyo-

oming and Kansas state lines. Finally the City and County of Denver evolved and in 1920 the original City and County Denver Building was purchased by developer and promoter "the Donald" Zeckendorf and culminated in the May Daniels & Fisher plaza ice rink in the early 1950's. Ieoh Ming Pei, commonly known as I. M. Pei, a Chinese American architect designed a 700 room Hilton Hotel that was the end result. Interestingly, he shared, that Mayor Quigg Newton wanted the "gold" found while they dug the foundation at this site.

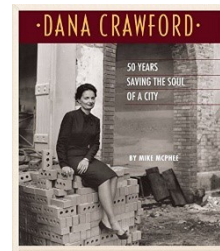
Dana decide that Denver needed a gathering place similar to her memories of New England and set about rebuilding Old Larimer Street. The rest is a legendary history of a woman determined to save Denver from the wrecking ball and Larimer Square was her child.

With no money, property or experience she convinced 15 investors of her vision and they bought up the entire block through separate purchases. Curriagan Wright Wooten was one of her first true believers. He commented later that the only profit he made was a case of wine. She married John Crawford, a geologist, and gave birth to four boys in 5-years.

After they moved to Larimer street John died in 1985 on the sidewalk of a heart attack. She then moved to 629 Humboldt Street and then to 17th and Emerson. She now resides in a condo she developed at the old Hungarian Flour Building, in lower downtown.

Along the way Mayors Federico Pena and Wellington Webb helped take down the elevated viaducts to make way for future development. The final crown jewel is the Union Station historical redevelopment. Channel 6 produced a tremendous account of that project—much of which came from Mike McPhee's research—including a bit on the Vietnamese chandeliers, which is now part of "Denver's living Room." The 2014 opening date was exactly 100 years to the day the first Union Station was christened. You can read all about it in his fantastic book.

Thank you Mike, we all hope to see again real soon!



April Super Citizen Presenters		
Apr 26 @ 1:00	McMeen	Dave Peck
Apr 27 @ 3:00	Bradley	Mark Metevia

Weekly Greeters	
3/30/18	Phil Perington & Michael Chavez
4/6/18	Ed Collins & Everett Gardner
4/13/18	Don Roth & Joe Marci

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 41st Year — Chartered in 1976

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

- Mar 25-26 Rescheduled Ski Day at Copper Mountain, See Bob Avery
- Mar 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
- Apr 1 Sun 12:00 pm TriStar Basketball District Finals, Pepsi Center, 1000 Chopper Cir., Denver
- Apr 6 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Holly Champion, Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado
- Apr 6 Fri 11:00 am Rockies Handouts, Opening Day for the Rockies, See Michael Chavez
- Apr 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
- Apr 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Sherry Manning, Global Seed Savers

**Past Presidents of the
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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Stan Cohen	2000-01
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Jack Rife	200Feb. 03
John Young	198Feb. 83	Karl Geil	2003-04
Pat Bush	1983-84	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Greg Young	2007-08
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Phil Perington	2008-09
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Bill Walters	1991-92	Paul Simon	201Feb. 13
Kent Gloor	199Feb. 93	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	John Oss	2014-15
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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.