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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimists Greeters

**Bob Avery and Everett Gardner** greeted us on an early spring stormy day, with little in the city, but a lot in surrounding areas.

At right, Scott Walker gets a handshake from Everett Gardner with Bob Avery in the middle.

Photo Noel Hasselgren



### Invocation

**Ron Cisco** gave the morning invocation asking that we not just recite the Optimist Creed but live by it as well and taking those promises out into our community and spread optimism every day. He then lead us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

### From the Prez

President **Craig Eley** started the meeting promptly at 7 a.m. and shared the sad news that **Scott Walker's** father passed away last Tuesday while in hospice. He was in his 90's. President Craig express the club's condolences to Scott and his family.

Craig then gave us several reminders in regard to upcoming events, including:

**Second Honeymoon:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Honeymoon Week-end will take place September 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Sixteen couples have signed up to date. If others are interested see Craig for details.

**Senior Moments:** The first "Senior Moments" took place last week when three members made a visitation to the Eastern Star Retirement Campus. Craig gave a talk about beekeeping and said approximately residences were in attendance. Plans are now being made for a second visitation.

**Next Weeks Visitation:** The Tamarac Optimist Club ladies will be making a visitation to our meeting next Friday just in time for the "Who is Smarter than

the Brain Bowl Chair" event. **Frank Middleton** announced that members would be allowed to sit with their spouses ... "if they want to;" but he will be handing out cards again to get us to sit in different places and to make attendance taking a bit harder.

**2017-2018 Club Officer Nominations:** Prez **Craig** called on Board Member **Paul Stratton**, who announced that the nomination committee is doing their thing and drawing up a slate of candidates for the Monaco South 2017-18 officer election. Currently they are:

President – **Jim Easton**

Vice President – **Mike McMahon**

Vice President – **Everett Gardner**

Board (elect 4) – **Robert Wardlaw, Tom Kramis, Ken Duffy, & Harry Arkin.**

The election will be held on Friday, April 21, 2017, at the Club's regular membership meeting at 7:00 a.m. at 5400 East Yale Avenue, Denver, CO. Members may nominate others or themselves by contacting **Paul Stratton** ([pcstratton@comcast.net](mailto:pcstratton@comcast.net)) or **Craig Eley** ([craigceley@gmail.com](mailto:craigceley@gmail.com)). Additional nominations must be made by the end of the membership meeting of April 14, 2017. Nominations cannot be made after that meeting and cannot be made from the floor during the election meeting.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee made up of **Mike McMahon, Jim Easton, Paul Stratton** and **Oscar Sorensen** for identifying this fine slate of candidates!

### Announcements

**McMeen Super Citizen:** **Don Thomson** reported that a Super Citizen presentation was made at McMeen Elementary School last Thursday. The old standard bearer's **Mike White** and **Pat Bush**, plus photographer **John Oss** and new member **Bill Blunden** attended the ceremony. Twenty-six students were honored for their achievements in the classroom and their interaction with their classmates.

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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

**Know Brainer:** Don Thomson also reported that the Know Brainer committee met last Monday night at his house to go over the finishing details. It appears that we will have around 16 teams entered into this year's competition. We are continuing to present mock demonstrations to schools and finishing up with scheduling tasks. We will be sending a volunteer sign-up sheet around the membership meeting in the next couple of weeks. You can may volunteer by contacting **Don Thomson** ([djthomson@earthlink.net](mailto:djthomson@earthlink.net)) or **Pat Bush** ([pbush@bushreese.com](mailto:pbush@bushreese.com)).

**Nite at the Races:** Donlie Smith said do not forget "A Nite at the Races" hosted by **Heather Gardens Optimist Club** on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at **Rendezvous Restaurant and Bar**, 2888 Heather Gardens Way, in Aurora. It is a fundraiser benefitting **Yale Elementary School**. Donlie Smith reports that the races start at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are just \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple and can be purchased from Donlie or by dropping by the Heather Gardens Clubhouse lobby on Wednesday's between 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. or the restaurant on Friday's between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

**Camp Colorado on Line Auction:** **Ron Gustas** reminds all members that the **T1DOC Optimist Club's on Line Auction** is coming up. They are seeking donations for the auction and are collecting a variety of services, hotel stays memorabilia and merchandise for the auction. Contact Ron if you have a donation that you would like to make to the auction. He can be reached at [rgustas@earthlink.net](mailto:rgustas@earthlink.net) or calling 303-770-9640. Their goal is to raise \$10,000 for scholarships to the **JDRF Camp Colorado** summer camp. This camp gives children with Type 1 diabetes the rare opportunity to go to a summer camp. They have medical staff on site for any medical emergencies as well as chefs to prepare the specialized diabetic meals required by the kids.

**Monaco South Hat and Shirt Sale:** **Greg Young** continues to accept orders for the Monaco South Optimist hats and shirts. He orders the hats and shirts with the Monaco South logo embroidered on them once he collects enough orders to make the shipping costs reasonable. He is currently nearing that point and will be ordering soon. The shirts come in a variety of colors so you might want to order seven different colors one for each day of the week. Just let Greg know what you want and make payment to him, and then you can be styling like President Craig. Hats are available for \$10 and a shirt with no name is \$25, or with an embroidered name it is \$30. The hat only comes in blue.

**Dime-A-Day:** **Perry Allen** reminded all members that you can join the Dime-A-Day program by writing a check 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. Perry will not turn down a check. A Dime-A-Day submission form is attached to the email.



## Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial: Steve



**Kady** reminded us that last year we had Major **Barry Bratt**, District 4 Commander, Colorado State Patrol, and **Keith Dameron**, retired State Patrol Captain and law enforcement historian speak to us in



regard to the Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial improvements. The memorial, at 15055 South Golden Road, in Golden, was started in 1978 and the first memorial ceremony was held in May of 1979. The Memorial is the official State of Colorado Memorial dedicated to law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty. As of this coming May, 306 names will have been added to this wall.



Through its members, MSOC donated \$300 to this improvement effort and we will be recognized by the placement of this "Respect for Law" stone. The Memorial remodel dedication will be

on April 21, 2017 and the annual ceremony to honor fallen officers will be held on Friday, May 5, 2017.

**DTC Wine Tasting & Silent Auction:** The Wine Tasting Event hosted by the DTC Optimist club is fast approaching and tickets are now available. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite St. **John Oss** reminds us that many of the Monaco South members are also members of DTC and tickets can be purchased from any one of them. This is an annual fundraiser for DTC Optimist Club, and the Monaco South Optimist members have shown great support.

**Bradley International School:** **Jon Wachter** reminded all members that Monaco South is very active at the Bradley International School. We run a Super Citizen program there every year and have built a JOI club that "re-tools" with new 5<sup>th</sup> grade student members each year. The JOI club runs a number of projects that benefits the school and the student body during the school year. The Bradley International JOI club will be entering two teams into this year's Know Brainer competition. To learn more about the JOI club contact Jon Wachter.



## Drawing

The winners of the Cups of Cash this morning were your editor, **Pat Bush**, **Perry Allen**, **Ken Duffy**, **Jack Kleinheksel**, **Jack Kleinheksel** (no it isn't a typo, he won twice) and **Frank Middleton**. The three members trying to stretch their luck to the deck of cards were **Jesse Carter**, **Ed Collins**, and **John Oss** but still no winner and the pot continues to grow.

**Celeste Archer, Director &  
Sergio Portesan, Assistant Director**  
National History Day in Colorado

**Karl Geil** introduced our guest speakers this morning. They are Celeste Archer and Sergio Portesan with National History Day in Colorado.

National History Day is a national competition for students in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades and has two divisions. The Junior Division is for 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students while the Senior Division is for high school students.

Each year a theme is chosen and all projects entered into the competition must relate to that theme. The theme this year is *"Taking a Stand in History."* Students may enter in one of nine categories including documentaries, performances, websites, or exhibits done by individuals or groups or a paper by an individual only. Groups can be up to five members. All work on a project must be original and developed for the project during the contest year.

The competition helps students learn history about an event of their choosing. That event may have local, regional, national or world influence. The projects are



Celeste Archer  
Photos Noel Hasselgren

limited to a specific size. The competition also teaches students organization, presentation, and interview skills. The Colorado competition starts with participation in one of 14 regional events. Qualifying projects advance to the State competition. The state competition will be held on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the University of Colorado, Denver Campus. Of course, events like this would not exist without volunteer judges. They still need 40 additional volunteers to judge at the State competition. You do not have to be a historian to judge in the event; in fact, they prefer non-historians.



Since Sergio Portesan admitted to liking t-shirts, Prez Craig Eley presented him with a MSOC t-shirt. Celeste Archer was presented an official MSOC coffee mug.

You can sign up to judge on the National [History Day in Colorado website](#) or by contacting Celeste or Sergio. As a side: we learned that our own Hamilton Middle School now requires all students to participate in National History Day and they had to have their own school competition to narrow the projects down to about 35 that could go on to the Denver Public School Regional Competition. See the 2017 Competition Information Sheet attached to the GUMS distribution email.

**Ten items from a list that will likely make you happier**

1. Your shoes are the first thing people subconsciously notice about you. Wear nice shoes.
2. If you sit for more than 11 hours a day, there's a 50% chance you'll die within the next 3 years. (Positive note: Get moving!)
3. There are at least 6 people in the world who look exactly like you. There's a 9% chance that you'll meet one of them in your lifetime.
4. Sleeping without a pillow reduces back pain and keeps your spine stronger.
5. A person's height is determined by their father, and their weight is determined by their mother.
6. If a part of your body "falls asleep," you can almost always "wake it up" by shaking your head.
7. There are three things the human brain cannot resist noticing: food, attractive people and danger.
8. Right-handed people tend to chew food on their right side. (So true!)
9. Putting dry tea bags in gym bags or smelly shoes will absorb the unpleasant odor.
10. According to Albert Einstein, if honey bees were to disappear from earth, humans would be dead within 4 years. (Note: Be grateful for the bees!)

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April Super Citizen Presenters		
Apr 19 @ 2:30	MPB	Joe Marci
Apr 27 @ 1:00	McMeen	?
Apr 28 @ 9:00	Holm	?
Apr 28 @ 3:00	Bradley	Mark Metevia

Weekly Greeters	
3/31/17	Jon Wachter & Tom Kramis
4/7/17	Greg Young & Don Thomson
4/14/17	Jesse Carter & Ron Cisco
4/21/17	Al Gapuzan & Perry Allen

**Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40<sup>th</sup> Year — Chartered in 1976**

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

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: Camaraderie & Election for 2016-2017 Officers & Directors (Members interested contact Paul Stratton, Chair of Nominating Committee, or Craig Eley, President)
Apr 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
May 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Marisa Atria Kruger, Optometrist, Vision Transformation

**Past Presidents of the  
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
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
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
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.