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Editor for this Issue—Robert Wardlaw

Good Morning Optimists

On this dreary and misty morning, with an expected high in the 40s, we gather with an expectation for later in the day, rain mixed with snow. March 29th is the 88th day of the year. There are 277 days left in 2019.

On Monday, April 1st we will experience April Fools Day; therefore we are starting the April Fool's Weekend.



While Friday, April 5th is the Colorado Rockies Home Opener. They play the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Our Greeter this morning are **Jim VanderKamp** and **Tom Hoch**.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

First Bell, Invocation, & Pledge

President **Everett Gardner** rings the bell promptly at 7:00 a.m. to start the meeting. He calls on new member **Stephen Avery** who reads the invocation today. *"Help us God to look at the sunny side of everything. Inspire us to right wrongs and grant us the wisdom and serenity to accept the things we cannot change. As members of this club we are in a unique position to help those around us do this as well."*

Stephen then leads us in the pledge of allegiance.

Guests

Joe Marci introduces **Max Rush**, who is a super tree lot helper and who was with us in February. However, this morning Max has an application in hand and plans to join the club. Welcome Max!

From the Prez

Prez **Everett** shares a couple of "Thank You Notes" from groups the club has supported. He mentions one vary specifically from the Tamarac Optimist Club who sent thanks for the \$200 donated Monaco South made in **Sharon Young's** name. Sharon was the president of Tamarac Optimist Club and died suddenly on February 2nd. From the celebration of Sharon Young's life, held on February 28th, we learned that Sharon had many

friends, enjoyed golf and skydiving. A remembrance and photos from the celebration can be found in Tamarac Optimist Newsletter of March 2019, [Click Here](#).

Since our scheduled speaker did not make the meeting, **Prez Everett** called to recognize those in attendance that had a Birthday in March.



President Everett Gardner
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Those members who received this very special singing of *Happy Birthday* were **John Oss, Paul Gibson, and Dave Telpner**.

Announcements

King Soopers Reloadable Cards: Frank Middleton encourages everyone that has a King Soopers rewards card to load the card to the \$500 limit by the end of the month so that Monaco South Optimist Club can get the 5% return. At the start of April King Soopers will have a new program and you will need to enroll so that the Club is associated with your card. To do that follow these instructions:

1. Go to KING SOOPERS @ <https://www.kingsoopers.com/>
2. Select SAVINGS & REWARDS drop down menu and

2019-2020 Club Officer Nominations

Currently the slate of nominees are:

President — **Bob Meyer**

Vice President — **Steve Kady & Dan Rodrigues**

Board (elect 4) — **Allen Malask, Perry Allen, Mark Smith, & Bill Morgan**

The election will be held on Friday, April 19, 2019 at the Club's regular membership meeting at 7:00 a.m. at the American Legion Hall, 5400 E. Yale Avenue, Denver, CO.

Members may nominate others or themselves by contacting **Joe Marci** (jmarci899@gmail.com)

Nominations cannot be made after Friday, April 12, 2019, and from the floor during the election meeting.

Coming off of the Board of Directors are: **Ken Duffy, Robert Wardlaw, Tom Kramis, & Tom Glazier** (who replace **Harry Arkin**, upon his death). When **James Dockter** moving away, **Tracy Sorensen**, was appointed by the president at the February Board Meeting.

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

Select King Soopers Community Rewards
– Click on [ENROLL NOW](#).



Sign in to your existing King Soopers account with your email address and password. If you do not remember your password select FORGOT PASSWORD. If you do not have a King Soopers account, select “New to King Soopers?” [Create an account](#).”

3. “Find an Organization” will come up.
4. Type in “Optimist Club of Monaco South” It will appear as “Optimist Club of Monaco South-Denver, WA161”
5. Click on ENROLL
6. Once completed, every time you swipe your loyalty card to get fuel points MSOC gets a donation.

Heather Gardens Optimist, Nite at the Races:

Donlie Smith, who is also a member of the Heather Gardens Optimist, said come join us for 3rd running of the “Nite of the Races.” This club fundraiser is on Saturday, April 13th, starting at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and includes \$20 in funny money and dinner. Then place your funny money on pre-recorded horse races. This is a great event and you need to sign up quickly; last year the event sold out. Contact Donlie at 303-745-3210 or Jeannie Montgomerie, her number is on the flyer attached to GUMS distribution email.

Rockies Handouts: **Michael Chavez** asked for volunteers on Saturday, April 20th, before the Rockies vs. Phillies game, to handing out Rockies Tote Bags. Currently, he has 26 people signed up for the event. Start time is 3:00 p.m., you will receive a ticket for the game. Please sign up and help the club!



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Update on Oscar Sorensen: **Tom Mauro** shared

that, Oscar Sorensen is moving today from the hospital to Brookdale Greenwood Village rehabilitation facility. The address is 6450 South Boston Street, Greenwood Village. He is doing well and can be reached by calling his cell phone, 303-870-4493.



Member Directory Update: **Tom Mauro** also

told us that he is in the process of updating the directory. He seems to be looking for sponsors, in his words advertisers, but that is not right. You place a business card in the directory for \$25 dollars and receive in benefits \$1 million dollars. This is the last week to update the Directory, so if you have new information please get it to him.



Craig Eley had his camera and can take new pictures of you should you need a directory picture.

Lowry Elementary Garden Project: **Paul Stratton**,

Lowry's SC Coordinator, tells us that Lowry Elementary has an opportunity to help with their garden project for Saturday, May 18th from 8:30 to 12:30. This is their Community Volunteer Day to renew the outdoor garden spaces. They are hoping to gather over 40 people together to pull weeds, lay mulch, and refresh pathways. Staff from Singing Hills Landscape will be volunteering their time as well and they will have tools and materials to support the effort. The refreshed gardens will provide a variety of outdoor spaces for stu-

Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

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

PAST ... Board Meeting Thursday, March 21st. The meeting was conducted virtual from Breckenridge and anyone in the area was welcome to attend with me. Meeting minutes will be published by our new Secretary, Tracy Sorenson. Please contact him for an e-copy.

Went camping in Utah with my Brother Dennis, in from IN, Cuz Kent, and 11 additional family members from Abigail's side. Lots of Jeeping on the cliff edges and "walking" up rock stairs in the jeeps. Down side was 34 degree lows at night and 30-35 rated sleeping bags were not enough. Pictures are available I space permits.

Paul Bernard had a successful outcome with back surgery at Parker Advantest Hospital. Give him a call on his cell that Kent announced. However with his absence, our scheduled speaker was a no show this Friday, and we had an impromptu Comradery Day.

Had a great gathering at the "President's Day" at the CO-WY District Strategic Growth Meeting on Saturday. In attendance was Lt. Governor John Oss, Chairman, Phil Perington, Michael Chavez, and myself. Among things discussed was a presentation by Abigail Nickolas on Mentorship of New Members.

HAPPENING NOW / SOON ... Happy April Fool's Day! J FUTURE ... See you next Friday!

PS; Bring a GUEST next week Follow-up on new contacts! I met Greg Decker at Pearl Vision on Saturday and he teaches martial arts to kids. He also invents guitar gear and Randy Marcove and John Wachter probably know him from his former shop on Broadway. Goal; 6 Guest per meeting for April. Max from Safeway was there and had his app filled out but forgot to bring to the meeting. Keep it up!

Prez Everett

dents to take their learning outside. Many hands make light work and we hope that Optimist Club members will consider joining us as we work together to provide unique learning spaces for our students. The school contact is Lisa Davis, and her phone number is 303-250-5769 and email lisa@denverdavis.com. Or see Paul Stratton with questions. A signup sheet will go around when we get closer to the date.

Update on Paul Bernard: Kent Gloor provided an



update on Paul Bernard who underwent surgery at Parker Adventist Hospital this past week. Keep him in your prayers during his recovery. You can contact Paul via his cell, 720-339-8025, for best time to visit.

Colorado Rockies Tickets: **Joe Marci** reported that he has 150 Rockies tickets on hand for those interested. This effort helps support fundraising efforts for Junior Golf. The games he has are April 21st and May 26th. Tickets on the 3rd level above home plate are \$23 and on the 1st level by 3rd base for \$43.

Zone 6 Oratorical Contest: **John Oss**, mentioned that on Tuesday evening Zone 6 will hold its Oratorical Contest. These kids continue to impress with their speaking skills. Many of these youngsters have come from very stressful situations. He shared several examples and said to come and join him—contact John.

Announcements Continued

Front Range Cancer Society Chili Cook Off: Phil Perington promoted the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club's Chile Cook Off on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. The event takes place at The Boardroom, 51 W Dry Creek Court, Littleton, cost is \$10 per person. See the flyer attached to GUMS distribution email.

Denver Tech Center Optimist Wine Tasting: The DTC Optimist Club will be sponsoring a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 6th this year 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 any members of DTC Optimist Club of which there are many in Monaco South.

Looking for a Rototiller: Don Thomson announced that he is looking for someone with a rototiller to help turnover the garden dirt at Augustana Lutheran Church. If you have one or know someone who does, please get in touch with Don.

9 Health Fair: While Don had our attention he reminded us that the 9 Health Fair will be held at Augustana Lutheran Church on April 8th and 9th 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 information and register at www.9healthfair.org.

April Fools' Tradition Popularized

On this day in 1700, English pranksters begin popularizing the annual tradition of April Fools' Day by playing practical jokes on each other. Although the day, also called All Fools' Day, has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, its exact origins remain a mystery.

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes.

These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as poison d'avril (April fish), said to symbolize a young, "easily hooked" fish and a gullible person.

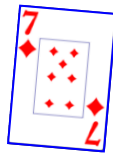
April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

From the History.com Editors. (March 7, 2019). A&E Television Networks Publisher. Retrieved from <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/april-fools-tradition-popularized>.



Do We Have a Drawing?

Yes, we do and there is \$50 in the pot and the lucky card is the 7 of Diamonds. Members holding tickets this morning **Max Rush**, **Karl Geil** and **Jack Kleinheksel** take a cup; then **Tom Mauro** gets called and goes for a card but comes up short; **Ed Collins** takes a cup as does **Karl Geil** on his second win; and **Tom Mauro** also gets a second try and takes another cup. **Paul Gibson** is forced to draw a card, but no show. **Prez Everett** draws a name for wearing your name badge and **Mike White's** name is called. Mike also does not have the touch, so the pot grows for another week.



Eagle Scouts of Monaco South



Front, Jack Kleinheksel, Tom Overton, Bob Finkelmeier, Donlie Smith & Andy Towt; Back, Allen Pierce, Stephen Avery, Bob Avery & Paul Gibson

Colorado Rockies Home Opener

Friday, April 5th at 2:10 p.m. Dodgers at Rockies



Prez Everett in Utah Jeeping



April Super Citizen Presenters

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

Weekly Greeters

4/5/19	Gary Strowbridge & Dan Rodriguez
4/12/19	Jong Young & Allen Malask

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd Year — Chartered in 1976
See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

Apr 1	Mon		April Fool's Day
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
Apr 27	Sat	2:00 pm	Communication Contest, Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Bethany Lutheran Church
Apr 27	Sat	7:00 am	Know Brainer Competition, Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E. Dartmouth Ave.

2018 - 2019 Officers

President	Everett Gardner	949-246-0984
Vice President	Steve Kady	303-931-1470
Vice President	Bob Meyer	303-814-5990
Secretary	Tracy Sorensen	303-886-1743
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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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.