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Good Friday Cheers & Camaraderie

On this beautiful morning we were greeted by Cowboy **Michael Chavez** and GUMS "tattler" **Phil Perington**, dishing out energetic high fives, low fives, and double fives to each and everyone coming through the door. Rockies anticipation and great optimism was wafting mightily in the air.



Michael Chavez, left, & Phil Perington, on right, greet past president John Oss.
Photos Noel Hasselgren

Where is Prez Jim?

Vice President and 2018-19 candidate for president **Everett Gardner**, once again was standing in for absent President **Jim Easton**. At 7 a.m. sharp he approached the podium and gaveled the gathered to attention.

Invocation & Pledge

The invocation and pledge was lead by past Club President, 1983-84, **Pat Bush**, "... constantly striving to live our optimism, giving encouragement, help and support our fellow optimists, friends, and strangers. Living our optimism in all we do."

Guest

At the call for guests, **Steve Kady** introduced **Jim Czupor**, Director of Marketing for the Virtegit Group that does the marketing for the Denver Auto Show, which starts on Wednesday, April 4th.



Jim Czupor
Photo Steve Kady

Jim was celebrating his annual visit, and once again gave away a dozen tickets to the Show. He announced that anyone interested should sign up and pickup their tickets at will-call window. One of the highlights of the show will be a 2019 Ford Mustang GT Bullitt, which commemorates the 50th anniversary of the movie Bullitt starring Steve McQueen. It is one of the top 10 car chases in cinematic history. The original 1968 Mustang used in the high-powered chase will be on display. An estimated 50,000 photo shots are anticipated. Additionally, a wide assortment of new 2018 and some 2019 autos will be on display—over 500 vehicles. You can also test your driving skills at the Jeep indoor expo.

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Last year, the collector-car world was abuzz with news that one of the two 1968 Mustang GT fastbacks used in the filming of the 1968 Steve McQueen movie Bullitt, which was long thought to have been scrapped, has been discovered in a junkyard in Mexico.

[Ref: Car & Driver Magazine](#)

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Morning Conversations and Camaraderie

Not too many Rockies shirts appeared this, however Mr. Baseball **Tom Mauro** was in full jacket purple and black. The "Table of Wisdom" was in full Spring bloom and experiencing many new visitors. **John Greene**, who the GUMS editor misquoted last week clarified his actual statement, "I can't hit the butt of a bull with a banjo," referring to his current golf game. (Editor, we are glad you read our prose, John!)

Vice President **Mike McMahon**, again wearing his new glasses, was observed seeing some members in a new light and enjoying the experience.

Past Club President, 1981-82, **Frank Middleton**, was passing around photos of the Monaco Club sponsored Cub Scouts participating in a recent car derby.

While past Club President, 1982-83, **John Young** was in high spirits happily sharing his pleasure and appreciation for the early morning full moon.

Pat Bush was bragging that he had recruited some cheerleaders for his new Virtual Bronco game business. Also, his list of beer drinking volunteers was growing.

And Club President, 2004-05, **Bryce Slaby** and Classic Car Club Vice President **Allen Yockey** were

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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Conversations and Camaraderie Continued

making the rounds taking names for their new “*Jokers Gong Show*” promotion.



Keith Galloway, Dan Rodriguez, Harry Arkin, and Les Volpe were all engaged in

animated exchanges of conversation and concepts of great importance.

David Moore and another past Club President, 2014-15,

John Oss were talking computers and sharing stories of high tech adventures. While **Mike White** was still in search of a green shamrock for his Optimist hat.



Photos Noel Hasselgren

Announcements

Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby: Frank Middleton getting no respect from the chortling Peanut gallery gleefully responded, “*Am I interrupting you?*” And then presented photos of the recent Pinewood Derby conducted by the Monaco South sponsored Cub Scouts. The cost of \$3,000 to build the metal track was raised by Cub Den members and their families and friends.



Show & Tell: Tom Hoch proudly showing off the gifted ham bone he had received for the joke he was telling everyone at the recent Tri-Star North Competition.

Opening Game Fund Raiser: Past Club President **Mike Chavez** shared that the volunteers for \$750 Rockies fundraiser on Opening Day has been filled and 34 of the 48 volunteers have purchased tickets. He also reminded the Final Tri-Star Basketball Championships at the Pepsi Center will be held Easter Sunday, April 1st starting at noon. He also reported that the new Difference Makers Optimist Club of Aurora is holding a pancake breakfast fundraiser on April 21st for \$10 per ticket.

Colorado Rockies: Joe Marci reported that the Colorado Rockies are currently in 2nd place. And then he announced that he had some excellent tickets still available for the Sunday, June 3rd Junior Golf fundrais-

er, against the Dodgers. Also, There is still time to nominate yourself or others for the Board. Nominations will close after the meeting on Friday, April 13th or from the floor on the day of the election, per Club’s Bylaws.

Know Brainer: **Pat Bush** announced that the “Know Brainer” is alive and well. Everything has been finalized for the Saturday, April 28th contest at Hamilton Middle School. The Brain Bowl type competition is for 5th graders in the southeast area.

Reflections From His Meetings: **John Oss** in a reflective mindset shared how he had met a man who shared with him the history of his hometown Milaca, Minnesota, including how the train tracks connected all the local towns, like Princeton, MN, one to another. (Editor, I think he was referring to new member, **Henry Schonewise** who is from Backus, MN.)

Also, John said new member **Andy Towt** is looking forward to getting involved with the Oratorical Contest, coming up on April 4th starting at 5:30 at the American Legion Hall. Past Governor George Buzick, 2007-08, and John will be coordinating the event.

Another Ski Day: Past Club President **Bob Avery**, 1989-90, opened with a joke that might not make the cut for the new Monaco South “Jokers Gong Show.” However, he did say that club ski days are coming to the end of the season and that he and **Tom Kramis** took in a day, but **Robert Duvall** was no-show for the Hot Tub after-glow soiree.



A Tom Kramis & Bob Avery selfie.

Colfax Marathon: Acting Prez **Everett Gardner** reported that he has committed MSOC to the May 2018 Colfax Marathon. Details and more information to come later. This project is a \$1,200 money maker opportunity. (Editor, we hope he can do the same thing for the 2018 Great American Beer Festival.)

New member Induction

New member **Henry Schonewise** was presented his Certificate of Membership by **Tom Glazier** and subsequently sworn in by Vice President **Everett Gardner**. This was followed by **Mike Chavez** presenting the Optimist International pin and **Frank Middleton** offering up a \$25 King Soopers pre-paid card. **Ed Collin’s** shouted, “*I want to re-rejoin!*” A hearty round of “*Welcome Aboard!*” and applause followed. Henry shared some biographical information.

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2018-2019 Club Officer Nominations

Currently the slate of nominees are:

President – **Everett Gardner**

Vice President – **Steve Kady & Bob Meyer**

Board (elect 4) – **Noel Hasselgren, Jack Kleinhessel, Dan Rodriguez, & John Stoffel**

The election will be held on Friday, April 20, 2018, 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 Marci (jmarci899@gmail.com)

Nominations cannot be made after Friday, April 13, 2018, and from the floor during the election meeting.

New member Induction Continued



From left, Frank Middleton, Michael Chavez, new member Henry Schonewise, Everett Gardner, & Tom Glazier.

Photos Noel Hasselgren

Henry Schonewise shared that he is the past president of the Denver Teaches Award Committee and his three kids all who attended Hamilton Middle School and are now attend South H. S., Thomas Jefferson H. S., and at Western State University. Henry attended the University of Nebraska, Bachelor in Business Administration, and then went on to the University of Kansas for graduate studies in math and economics. He is now vested in the practice of trust investments and equity securities. He said, he talked with **Michael Chavez** at a recent Teachers Award Ceremony, who then finally coaxed him into joining the club. Henry is also a musician, plays guitar, and co-founded Second Bell, a non-profit rock and roll band. More to come later, maybe at our Holiday Party.

Member Sharing

Since this was a camaraderie day, new member **Les Volpe** provided some insight on his background. Les is an attorney and thanked **Harry Arkin** for turning him on to Monaco South. Soon after he volunteered for the Bill Walter's Thanksgiving Dinner he was dually impressed. He is a native Coloradan, born in Glenwood Springs and attended CU for 7 years and then proudly announced he became a sophomore. After graduation he clerked at the Colorado Supreme Court and has never been convicted. He professed that his bride of 51 years in marriage still thinks he is funny. They have two children. His son is an attorney, just like Dad, and his daughter holds a PhD in biology and provides educational resources and information to first responders. Les is deeply com-



Les Volpe

mitted and involved in mentoring Constitutional Study speakers. Many students have won Regional and National Awards and some have become members of Congress and local government. He will present the Club with a Program in the near future and is pleased with his decision to join our Club. Editor, *We are too, Les!*

Weekly Drawing

After **George Buzick's** win last week of \$100, the big buck drawing fell back to \$20. Therefore the rush for taking the cups went to **Ed Collins, Dave Moore, Bill Morgan, Kent Gloor, Allen Malask, and Bob Meyer**. Those who were forced to draw for the pot of \$20 were your **GUMS** editor, **Phil Perington** and **Allen Malask**. But they both came up short. For wearing his name tag was Boy Scout Leader, **Jack Kleinheksel**, but he too did not have the Midas touch.



Closing Creed

As the meeting came to a close, **Dave Moore** was lead us, "Promise yourself"

On this Sunday, Easter Day & April Fools
You're invited to an Optimist Easter Egg Hunt ...



Some 10,000 plastic eggs were laid out on the south lawn of the state Capitol for the second annual Bismarck Optimist Club Easter egg hunt. But the Bismarck Optimist Club did not expect snow. Hundreds of youngsters and their parents braved the cold temperatures to take part—it was a long day finding those eggs.

Reference The Bismarck Tribune

April Super Citizen Presenters

Apr 26 @ 1:00	McMeen	Dave Peck
Apr 27 @ 3:00	Bradley	Mark Metevia

Weekly Greeters

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>

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, Last day for 2018-2019 Club Officer Nominations
Apr 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: OCMS Election & Sherry Manning, Global Seed Savers
Apr 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Essay Contest Winners
Apr 28	Sat	7:00 am	CO-WY District 3rd Quarter Conference, Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden Ave. District Oratorical Contest Finals & Deaf & Hard of Hearing Communication Contest
Apr 28	Sat	7:00 am	Know Brainer Competition, Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E. Dartmouth Ave.

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Cy Regan	1999-00
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Don St. John	2001-02
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
Mark Metevia	1994-95	Michael Chavez	2015-16
Bob Safe	1995-96	Craig Eley	2016-17
Tom Overton	1996-97		

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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.