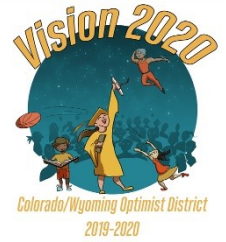




Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

(GUMS)

March 6, 2020 – Vol. 44, Issue 23



Optimist Club of Monaco South



OPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL

Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado
Serving Youth and the Community for 43 Years
National Philanthropy Day Colorado, Outstanding Service Organization, 2012
www.monacosouth.org



OPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL

Editor for this Issue—Paul Stratton

Good Morning Optimists

Our greeters **Harry Fegley** and **Tom Mauro** arose a bit earlier than most Fridays and arrived in time to provide smiles and (laurel &) hardy handshakes to the men of Monaco South on March 6th, 2020. Well, for some it was a fist bump. Or, maybe even a kick in butt!



Harry Fegley, Tom Mauro, & Craig Eley demonstrate one of their greeting moves, while Mike White looks from the rear.
Photos Noel Hasselgren

Invocation & Pledge

Frank Middleton delivered a message on living to make our optimism come true. This can be done with bits of encouragement, compliments, and help that we give other club members, friends, coworkers, and family. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Guests

Bob Avery introduced **Chandler Millikan**, a GM for Crest Roofing, returning for another visit. Chandler brought along a completed application, so he is a guest no more! **Todd Zahn**, Chandler's roofing company co-worker, returned for a repeat visit also. Todd, is a sales and project manager with Crest. Welcome! So, Todd, where is you application?

Dan Rodriguez introduced his guest, **Josh LiPuma**, who was here for a second time, and he also brought an application! It turns out the Josh is the nephew of the late-arriving **Jim Easton**. Welcome Josh! And thanks Jim!

From the Prez

As the norm, **Prez Bob** shares his wisdom on what occurred on this date in years past.

Birthdays on this Date: Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simon, 1475; Casimir Pulaski, 1747; Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 1806; Lou Costello, 1906; Ed McMahon, 1923; Alan Greenspan, 1926; Rob Reiner, 1947; and Shaquille O'Neal, 1972.

And, not to be forgotten, **Our Own March BD Boys:** **Paul Bernard**, 15; **John Egan**, 16; **David Moore**, 25; **John Oss**, 5; **Henry Schonewise**, 29; **David Telpner**, 10; and **Woody Thibodeau**, 25. And of course, they received the so called



song version of *Happy Birthday* from those in attendance.

Events on this Date: Ferdinand Magellan is given credit for "discovering" Guam, 1521; Napoleon Bonaparte captures city of Jaffa, 1799; Battle of the Alamo ended, after a 13-day siege, with the Mexicans winning the battle, killing all of the Texan soldiers inside the fort, 1836; a German chemical concern called Bayer patented a pharmaceutical called "Aspirin," 1899; Babe Ruth signs a 3-year contract with the Yankees at \$52,000 per year, 1922; the espionage trial of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg begins, 1951, Muhammad Ali (aka Cassius Marcellus Clay) is ordered by selective service to be inducted, 1967; and Walter Cronkite signs off for the final time on the "CBS Evening News," 1981.



Napoleon



Walter Cronkite

Announcements

Recognition: **Steve Kady** asked **Jack Kleinheksel** to share some accolades that he recently received. Jack acknowledged that he received an award from the Sons of the American Revolution. It is the *Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution*, a national award made to SAR members who have "...displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting program." Wow! Congratulations, Jack!

Hamilton Middle School SC Program: **Tom Mauro** let us know that 12 kids at Hamilton Middle School were honored last night as Super Citizens. **Jon Wachter** gave a presentation about citizenship and how it ties to the values in the constitution. **Karl Geil** was there giving out shirts and **Wyatt McCallie** was taking photos.

First of the Season Colorado Rockies Handouts: **Michael Chavez** announced that Tuesday, April 7th is our day for *Colorado Rockies* game day handouts—\$1 Hot Dog Coupon for *Nathan's Famous*. The game is against the Texas Rangers, and for those members who arrive early and help get a ticket and can stay for the game.

Get Well Abigail: While **Michael** had the floor, he also passed around a get well soon card for **Abigail Nicholas**. She is recovering from recent surgery.

Regional Finals Tri Star Basketball: And last, **Michael** let us know that the regional finals for Tri Star Basketball is coming up soon on Sunday, March 22nd, at 12 p.m., held at Central Park Recreation Center, 9651 E. Martin Luther King Boulevard. He is looking for some volunteers—let him know!

Continued next page

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

Update on John Oss: Noel Hasselgren reported that he spoke to **John Oss** this morning. John is getting blood transfusions three times a week. He wanted to thank the club for all of the support he has been given. Noel reminder us that a sign up genius has been set up

to help with John's transportation needs, To access, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094bafaa2f4-rides>.

Smarter than Brain Bowl Chair: **Craig Eley** let us know that the stage is set for the Friday, March 13th "Are You Smarter Than the Brain Bowl Chair" competition. More than enough Monaco South worthies volunteered to take on the solo **Karl Geil** at the buzzer box, so a culling process had to occur. Craig Eley drew cards in front of the Club to winnow the six combatants to five. **Dick Nickoloff**, a veteran of previous showdowns with Karl, had the low card, so he drops from the lists. The rest, **Bob Meyer**, **Tom Hoch**, **Jon Wachter**, **Bob Avery**, and **Jim VanderKamp**, will be hitting the books all week in an effort to draw blood at the next meeting. *Brush up your Shakespeare, guys!*

Redevelopment of Former Kmart Property: Councilwomen **Kendra Black** informed the community that a meeting to learn about the project and review process, ask questions, and provide feedback will be held on Wednesday, March



18th, from 6—7:30 p.m. in the Thomas Jefferson High School Cafeteria, 3950 S. Holly Street. As you may recall, this was one of our old Christmas Tree selling areas.

Moving Tree Lot Racks: **Tom Kramis** said, "I know it's getting old, but I need three guys to move them 18" more, that's what Storage Unlimited wants." Let Tom know if you can help him.

New Member Drive: The Club is looking for New Members during the month of March. **President Bob Meyer** will be awarding a one week stay at his Frisco condominium to the member that sponsors the highest number of new members from October 1, 2019 to the end of this month. Currently six members are tied for the lead. All that you need to do is **JUST ASK!**



Monaco South Officer Elections: The nomination committee has been mobilized to start canvassing for candidates to run for the various offices for the next Optimist year, 2020 to 2021. We will need to fill the offices of **President**, two **Vice-Presidents**, and four **Board of Director** seats. If you are interested in leading our club, do not wait to be called, let one of the nomination committee members know. The nomination committee is made up of Chairman **Joe Marci**, with **Bob Avery**, **Pat Bush**, **Ron Cisco**, and **Paul Stratton**. Please answer your phone or return the call so that everyone has officially been asked. Thank you!

DTC Wine Tasting & Auction: **Tom Overton** announced that the DTC Optimist Club's annual wine tasting and silent auction will be held on Saturday, April 4th at the Calvary Baptist Church from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. This is DTC Optimist Clubs annual fundraiser. Calvary Baptist is located at 6500 E. Girard Street is near the corner of Hampden Avenue and Monaco Parkway. Tickets are \$25 per person and Australian wines will be featured. You can get tickets from any DTC member - there are several in Monaco South.

OCMS Oratorical Contest: The Monaco South Youth Oratorical Contest will be held this Thursday, March 12th (incorrectly listed in last week's **GUMS** as March 5th) at George Washington High School. **George Buzick** is still looking for some judges for the contest as well as some members to act as contest officials. Give George a call at 303-985-0655 if you would like to help out. They assemble at 4:00 p.m. in the library at GW school.



Touting the Service: After arriving a little late, **Jim Easton** share and touted the services of **Chandler Milligan** and his crew from Crest Roofing. Jim needed help with a leaky roof this past week, so he called Crest Roofing. Interestingly, Chandler and his crew took care of the problem, but Jim did not realize he now belongs to our club!

Partners in Excellence Thank You: The Club received a thank you note that said ...

"Thank you and the Optimist Club for the certificate generous gift! I recognize that you all do so much for me and our school and wanted you to pass the word on to the club members that your support is greatly appreciated! Be sure to tell Tom Mauro thank you since he signed the card as Chair of the Partner in Excellence Award. I told Marilyn that you gave me the winning tickets for the cup drawing as well. She was bummed she missed the meeting.

As I mentioned, I will be gone this coming Friday visiting my daughter at college in Oklahoma. I know the Super Citizen Assembly will go well.

Thanks for everything!

Kurt Siebold, Slavens Principal"

Sullivan Scholarships Breakfast: **Joe Marci** shared that at our meeting on May 22nd, we will be honoring the Thomas Jefferson High School winning students who will be submitting applications for the Robert Sullivan Scholarships. This scholarship provides funds to deserving college-bound TJHS seniors. More details will be forthcoming.

Sharing Optimist Creed with Super Citizen Schools: **Mark Metevia** reports that he is facilitating a project he calls, "**Creed Awareness**," to have all of our Super Citizen Schools have a large Optimist Creed displayed and posted in the schools hallway. He said he got this idea from our recent speaker, **Bob Sweeney**, publisher of *The Villager*, who said, "That creed should be distributed to ever school student ...so good! Glad to see the Creed spreading."

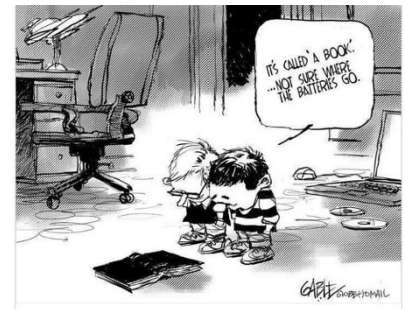


Mark is now meeting with each of our SC schools and the club's SC representatives to get this accomplished. **Dan Rodriguez** is assisting with the proposed plaque.

Now Where Do We Go From Here?



"Just open it and read it. You don't need a password."



It's called "A Book" — Not Sure where the Batteries Go!

Shiloh House

Today's speakers were introduced by **Tom Kramis**. They are **Steven Ramirez**, Chief Executive Director of Shiloh House. Tom knows Steven through the DTC Optimist Club, where they are both members. Steven and his wife, Vicki founded Shiloh House 35 years ago. Steven was at our meeting with his daughter **Molly Ramirez**, Chief of Program Development, and **Anna Miller**, the Chief Administrative Officer.



Steven Ramirez and Molly Ramirez, highlight the history, vision, and activities of Shiloh House ... offers nurturing, therapeutic, and educational services to empower youth and families to overcome the impact of abuse, neglect, and trauma.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

In 2012 Shiloh launched the *Beyond the Walls* program, a community resource network for young adults ages 16-26, in need of support for academic, employment, and independent living goals. The youth that participate in this program have the opportunity to work with an Independent Living Coach to identify their needs, set goals, and connect them with our Community Partners or Resources. The youth is then linked to opportunities and experiences to help them reach their goals.

The Shiloh House is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization offering services tailored to meet the varied educational, emotional, and mental health needs of Colorado youth and families. They offers nurturing, therapeutic, and educational services to empower youth and families to overcome the impact of abuse, neglect, and trauma, through guidance, clinical intervention and advocacy. The Shiloh House meets the needs of the community while respecting the diversity of youth and families.

Steven spoke of the history of Shiloh House, founded in January of 1985. The organization started with one home, sixteen boys, and six staff members. In March of 1987, an on-grounds school was established in Littleton to address the educational needs of youth and provide greater continuity of care.

Shiloh House continues to provide residential and educational services, and has developed additional programs in the areas of day treatment, outpatient therapy, and community outreach services across 5 campuses that span from Centennial to Longmont.

Molly talked about the evolution of their programs and services, and Anna presented a video. Anna also shared that the Shiloh House is currently looking for kitchen cabinets for their two Longmont facilities. She asked, *Do you know a contractor or business that would like to donate these to help beautify our kitchens for our youth?* If so, please contact Anna Miller at: amil-ler@shilohhouse.net.



Anna Miller

She also encouraged us to Volunteer. Individuals and small group opportunities are available at all Shiloh House locations—facility maintenance, building projects, activities with our youth, and many more options are available! Please contact Kathy McShane at: kmschane@shilohhouse.net.

Read more about Shiloh House, including volunteer opportunities, at www.shilohhouse.org.

Upcoming Free Days in Denver

- ◇ **Denver Zoo:** April 9, October 20, November 10, & November 14
- ◇ **Denver Botanic Gardens:** March 22, April 19, June 23, July 24, August 11, & November 11
- ◇ **Denver Botanic Gardens, Plains Conservation:** March 19, June 18, July 16, August 20, November 19, & December 3
- ◇ **Denver Botanic Gardens, Chatfield Farms:** March 3, April 7, June 2, August 4, & November 3
- ◇ **Museum of Nature & Science:** April 26, May 31, June 1*, August 12*, September 21, October 11, & December 6 (* free only from 5-10pm)
- ◇ **Denver Art Museum:** March 7, April 26. May 2, June 6, June 9, August 4, September 1, September 12, October 6, November 7, & December 1.

A Bit of Humor, The Theory of Intelligence

"Well you see, Norm, it's like this ... A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Now, as we know, excessive intake of alcohol kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of alcohol eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. And that, Norm, is why you always feel smarter after a few drinks!"



This Weeks Drawing



We had a drawing! The good Doctor Bob announced that there was \$70 lurking in the pot. The King of Spades held the key.

"Sure thing" cups o'cash went to: **Bob Avery**,

Kent Gloor, Bill Litchfield, Russ Paul, Prez Bob Meyer, and Terry Shroyer.

A pair of Franks—**Frank Ross** and **Frank Middleton**—tried their hands at the big bucks, but came up empty. As did proud nametag-wearing **Dick Nickoloff**.

Weekly Greeters

3/13/20	Harry Fegely & Gary Strowbridge
3/20/20	Frank Middleton & Allen Malask
3/27/20	?

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

Mar 12	Thu	6:00 pm	Club Oratorical Contest, George Washington High School, 655 S. Monaco Parkway.
Mar 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Craig Eley, <i>Are You Smarter Than the Brain Bowl Chair?</i>
Mar 17	Thu	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood
Mar 19	Thu	6:00 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Community Room
Mar 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Mar 20	Thu	8:10 am	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary
Mar 22	Sun	12:00 pm	Reg. TriStar Basketball Competition, Central Park Rec. Ctr., 9651 E. M. L. King Blvd.
Mar 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Don Moon, <i>Bringing Theodore Roosevelt to Life</i>
Mar 27	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International School
Apr 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Apr 4	Sat	1:00 pm	DTC Optimist Club Wine Tasting, Calvary Baptist Church, 6500 E. Girard Ave.

2019 - 2020 Officers

President	Bob Meyer	303-919-4532
Vice President	Steve Kady	303-931-1470
Vice President	Dan Rodriguez	303-521-5120
Secretary	Tracy Sorensen	303-886-1743
Treasurer	Greg Young	303-759-3921

2019 - 2020 Board of Directors

Perry Allen	303-521-3453
Noel Hasselgren	303-475-7125
Jack Kleinheksel	303-751-3602
Tom Kramis	303-917-5299
Allen Malask	303-726-3700
Bill Morgan	303-868-4384
Mark Smith	303-691-9766
John Stoffel	720-837-3013
Everett Gardner (Past Pres.)	949-246-0984

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	Everett Gardner	2018-19
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		

Newsletter Committee

Robert Finkelmeier	303-756-5829	Paul Stratton	303-366-6375
George Buzick	303-803-2268	Pat Bush	720-254-3741
Robert Wardlaw	303-525-2532	Craig Eley	303-758-9499
Phil Perington	303-832-4578	Greg Young	303-759-3921

NEWSLETTER EDITORS: April **Phil Perington**, May **George Buzick**, June **Robert Wardlaw**

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.