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Good Morning Optimists

Springing forward today has caused a delay for GUMS. However, on Friday, March 8th, the days of longer sunlight and warmer temps, and lots of Spring snow seemed to be with us.

Our greeters this morning were **Bob Avery** and **Jack Kleinheksel**. Plus Bob brought his son Stephen who also got into the act.



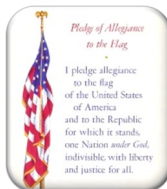
Right, Stephen Avery, Bob Avery, and Jack Kleinheksel.
Photo Noel Hasselgren



First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

President Everett Gardner rang the bell promptly at 7:00 a.m. and called on **Paul Gibson** to read the morning invocation today. *"Make all our friends feel that there is something in them. As we strive to fulfill our weekly promise, help us celebrate our friends' individual talents and a special 'something' that each person contains."*

Paul then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.



Guests

Phil Perington introduces Allan McCall, who was with us last week and is a former member. He has returned to the club after a time and has submitted his membership application. Allan introduces James Wang, who was also with us last week and has joined us again this morning. James is in digital marketing and is interested in nonprofit work. Welcome Allen and James!

Bob Avery introduces his son Stephen Avery, and

remind us that the last time Stephen was here, he was selling popcorn and was in a Boy Scout uniform. Welcome Stephen!

Announcements

Regional TriStar Basketball Competition: Michael Chavez reminds us that the Regional TriStar Basketball skills competition will be on Sunday, March 10th at North High School, starting at noon. There will be about 60 kids participating and winners will advance to the Championship to be held at the Pepsi Center on March 26th.

Hamilton Middle School Super Citizen: Tom Mauro tells us that on Thursday evening they had a Super Citizen assembly at Hamilton. **Ron Cisco** gave the presentation and did a great job.

Member Directory Update: Tom Mauro also told us that he is in the process of updating the directory. If you have changes to your personal contact information, Tom wants to know about it. Tom is also accepting payment for those who would like their business card in the directory, it is only \$25, and he says he will guaranteed an increase in profits of one-million dollars.

Slavens Elementary School Super Citizen: Tom Hoch tells us about the Super Citizen Program that took place at Slavens on Tuesday, March 5th. Eighteen students were recognized and they always have a great time at these assemblies. Tom also shared that the school has a new program for raising money for cancer research. The kids are awarded dollars for good deeds they perform. The class that raises the most money, will be rewarded by having their teacher's hair cut off.

Are You Smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair: Craig Eley reminds us that next week, March 14th, we will have the "are you smarter than the Brain Bowl chair challenge." Craig has the lineup that will compete against **Karl Geil** on knowledge, wit, and general over-all smarts. This year marks Karl's last year as the Chair/Overseer of the Brain Bowl.



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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

Annual Optimist Odyssey: Craig Eley also reminds us that September 6th through 9th will be the 3rd Annual Optimist Odyssey. The group will be traveling to southwest Colorado, the Ouray and Silverton area, exploring some of the most beautiful parts of our state. You do not need to be a couple to signup, you can attend as a single. To learn more or signup contact Craig at craigceley@gmail.com.

Hamilton Middle School History Day: Karl Geil reported that Hamilton Middle School had its in-school History Day competition this past Wednesday, March 6. **Joe Marci, George Buzick, Cap Hermann, and Karl** selected the 12 exhibits which will move on to the Regional History Day Contest. Other volunteers judged the Documentary, Performance, Website, and Paper categories. This year's theme is "Triumph and Tragedy in History." Anyone interested in judging at one of the many Regional contests or the State History Day contest on May 4th can volunteer online at <https://clas.ucdenver.edu/nhdc/judging>. There are also resources there to train judges, so you do not need to have been a History Day judge in the past.

Juvenile Diabetes Dream Gala Prep: Ron Gustas tells us that he and **Mike McMahon** both have family members who are impacted by Juvenile Diabetes. And that, JDRF, a nonprofit 501c organization that funds type 1 diabetes research and advocates for regulation favorable to medical research, will hold its Gala on Saturday, April 13th. This Gala brings together over 600 prominent philanthropic community leaders, all in support of raising critical funds for type 1 diabetes (T1D) research.

On Friday, April 12th, Ron and Mike are looking for help loading and unloading equipment for the Gala. Volunteers are needed for a couple hours to help. This year's event will take place at the Hyatt Regency Colorado Convention Center during which they hope to raise \$800,000. To assist contact Ron or Mike.

Recognizing DFD, Stations 22: Last week it was reported that Prez **Everett Gardner** recognized DFD, Stations 13, 22, & 24 for helping us at the Christmas



Photos Steve Kady

Tree Lot. However, because of scheduling issues, Fire Station 22 was not visited until Friday, March 1, after our meeting.

These three fire stations provide a major contribution with "firefighter power" to our Tree Lot. We thank ALL that assisted us!

Update on Russ Paul: Joe Marci reports **Russ Paul** has been moved to regular room and out of ICU and seems to be recovering well.



Rockies Tickets for CO-WY Junior Golf: Joe Marci also shared that he has tickets for the Rockies available for Sunday Optimist Day's, April 21st and May 26th. The cost is \$23 or \$43 depending on seating area. See the order form attached to **GUMS** distribution email.

Super Citizen Field Trips: Don Thomson shared an article from the *Denver Post's YourHub*, from April 27, 2006, with him and some **Charlie Korsoski SC**



winners visiting with Mayor Hickenlooper. The article was written by **Greg Young**. Don said, "... back in those day's we would take the **Charlie Korsoski SC** Winners from the various schools

on field trips and visit places like the Museums, Air Force Academy, etc." He said, "today's headline in the *Denver Post*, 'Hickenlooper: U.S. needs a new era of Optimism,' reminded him that we gave Mayor Hick a Super Citizen shirt and certificate. Back then Gerald Whitman, former Denver Police Chief and Monaco South Optimist, was a presenter at many SC assemblies."

"The Super Citizenship presentations dates back to the days of **Charlie Korsoski** who passed in 1992. Charlie was the first SC Coordinator. **Gerry Davis** then took up that role, followed by **Don**, and now **Robert Wardlaw**. Charlie's wife, Laurel, used to use her calligraphy skills in making all of the certificates. Today, since she stopped back in 1999, Dr. **Bob Finkemeier** has been making printing them. Without all of this help the Super Citizen program would not be what it is today." Don ended by saying, "this is not an endorsement for any presidential candidate."

Follow-up on the SC Program: Greg Young shared that "... *John Hickenlooper has been a big supporter of the Super Citizen program during his time as mayor and then as Governor.*" Greg tells us about the Super Citizen assembly at **Lowry Elementary** with **Paul Stratton** this past week. "These assemblies are always a lot of fun, the teachers do a fabulous job of talking about each child, and after each name is announced, the kids go crazy. Take time to attend one of these assemblies and you won't be disappointed."

Morning Breakfast: Greg Young also mentions that for our meetings please try the breakfast, and the great spread put out by our caterers and thank you to Gary Miller for taking the monies.

Governors Letter for SC Program: Bob Finkemeier asks if anyone has access to our new Governor, Jared Polis, he is trying to get a new Super Citizen recognition letter to take the place of Governor Hickenlooper's. After numerous attempts to the new governor's office, he has had no luck. So, if you have an intro into the office please let him know.

Ron Benson Optimist International Foundation: Dime-A-Day

Perry Allen, our OI Foundation representative for Dime-A-Day, talks about the program and then introduces **Ron Benson**, our speaker today. Ron is a member of the Wheat Ridge Optimist Club and is serving as the CO-WY District OI Representative. Ron is married to **Linda McDonald**, our current CO-WY District Governor. Ron mentions the work of **Ron Cis-co** and his accomplishments for raising money last year for the foundation.



Ron Benson, CO-WY OI Foundation
Photos Noel Hasselgren

He then tells us that in the world today there are about 80,000 Optimists in more than 20 countries. New Optimist clubs have been started in Nepal, as well as in Baghdad.

Ron touts the efforts of Canadian Optimists who support very well the cause of Optimism with their own foundation. Through members and the 3,000 Optimist clubs OI puts over a million annually back into the local clubs.

He then shares a handout titled, "10 Things the Optimist International Foundation accomplished in 2017," and speaks to each of these items. The OI foundation has:

1. Sent 136 students off to college with OI oratorical, essay, and CCDHH scholarships totaling \$315,800.
2. Relunched and broadened the CCC Matching Grant program to include health and wellness projects that relate to Childhood Cancer.
3. Helped 352 Optimists help 7,027 children and their families by awarding 22 Club Grants including 2 grants to Clubs in Africa.
4. Assisted Clubs in receiving \$303,158 in charitable contributions for their own local programs through the Pass

Through program.

5. Supported the OI Oratorical World Championship Contest by funding the US and International winners totaling \$35,000.

6. Contributed \$35,540 towards the OI Research Fellowship in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at Johns Hopkins.

7. Paid out \$384,052 to Clubs utilizing the Club Campaign program and added an additional \$21,421 in Interest to Club Campaign funds.

8. Ended the year with 204 Members to the Women's Philanthropy council, which will fund two scholarships and two Club grants in 2018.

9. Launched initiative to provide \$100 grants to new JOI Clubs with 25 members or more to help conduct service projects.

10. Increased unrestricted giving over the previous year by 15 percent.

President **Everett Gardner** presented Ron with a check for \$365 to go to the Foundation **Perry Allen** recognized **John Oss**, **Phil Perington**, and **Paul Stratton** who have given checks of \$365 to fund Childhood Cancer research. **John Oss** also gave \$250 for the Presidents Club. Also mentioned was the Christian D.



Larsen Partners program for members who donate \$1,000. Christen Larsen's is credited as the author of the Optimist Creed.

Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

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

PAST ... We once again presented the Eagle Scout Awards Friday night. Would like to thank Bob Avery, Donlie Smith, Phil Perington, Frank Middleton, Allen Pierce, Tom and Overton who accompanied me at my table. Plus Jack Kleinheksel and wife, Georgia, who were with his troop's table. During my presentation, I did go off script to recognize my Grandfather, Bert Nutter, who was awarded the Silver Beaver by the Pottawatomie Council in South Bend, IN. That then gave me a gateway to recognize the additional Silver Beavers in MSOC; Donlie, Bob, and Jack. Everything after was then as per script. There were 480 young men who were honored with the Eagle Scout Rank.

Steve Kady and I presented Station 22 with their recognition Plaque. They informed us that they were building a "trophy wall" in the station to exhibit like awards.

HAPPENING NOW / SOON ... On the road again, but "I'll be Back" for our Friday gathering.

FUTURE ... Looking forward to Q & A with Karl and MSOC team.

Prez Everett

Drawing

Do we have a drawing? Yes, we do and there is \$20 in the pot and the lucky card is the 5 of Diamonds. Members holding tickets this morning



Bob Avery, **Robert Wardlaw**, **Cap Hermann**, **Randy Marcove**, **Everett Gardner**, plus one other who I missed. Having to go for a card draw were **Phil Perington** and **Dick Nickoloff**; who both came up short.

President Everett draws a name out of the jar, **Greg Young's** name was called. As you may recall, Greg cleaned out the pot a few weeks back. But, no luck this time drawing the winning card! The pot will survive for next week.

A Baseball Quote

"I walk into the clubhouse today and it's like walking into the Mayo Clinic. We have four doctors, three therapists, and five trainers. Back when I broke in, we had one trainer who carried a bottle of rubbing alcohol, and by the 7th inning he'd already drunk it."



Tommy Lasorda

Weekly Greeters

3/15/19	Frank Middleton & Perry Allen
3/22/19	Paul Stratton & Michael Chavez
3/29/19	Jim VanderKamp & Tom Hoch

March Super Citizen Presenters

Mar 19 @ 2:30	MPB	?
Mar 22 @ 8:30	Holm	?
Mar 22 @ 3:00	Bradley	?

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

Mar 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Are you smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair?
Mar 10	Sun	12:00 pm	Regional TriStar Basketball Completion, North High School, 2960 N. Speer Blvd.
Mar 21	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level
Mar 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Mar 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Brad Appel, Wish for Wheels
Mar 31	Sun	12:00 pm	TriStar Basketball-District Finals, Pepsi Center, 1000 Chopper Circle.
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: TBA
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

2018 - 2019 Officers

President	Everett Gardner	949-246-0984
Vice President	Steve Kady	303-931-1470
Vice President	Bob Meyer	303-814-5990
Secretary	James Dockter	605-216-7799
Treasurer	Greg Young	303-759-3921

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Ken Duffy	303-880-5072
Tom Glazier	303-522-5214
Noel Hasselgren	303-475-7125
Jack Kleinheksel	720-938-1760
Tom Kramis	303-917-5299
Dan Rodriguez	303-521-5120
John Stoffel	720-837-3013
Robert Wardlaw	303-525-2532
Jim Easton (Past Pres.)	720-987-7684

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		

Newsletter Committee

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Robert Wardlaw	303-525-2532	Craig Eley	303-758-9499
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NEWSLETTER EDITORS: Mar **Robert Wardlaw**, Apr **Pat Bush**, May **Paul Stratton**, June **Phil Perington**

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.