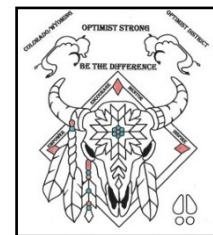




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Good Moring Optimist

We were greeted this morning by GT (golf & tree) Guru **Joe Marci** and Smilin' **Don Roth**. There was also a steady wave of wild and crazy ladies coming in the door laughing, hugging, and looking for a good time. It was the Tamarac Optimist ladies in full bloom. They had all come to enjoy and cheer on the annual "Battle of the Brains-Bowl and Roast." The room rapidly filled with high energy and optimism.



Joe Marci & Don Roth
Photos Noel Hasselgren

Morning Activity

A breakfast buffet of delicious French Toast, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, fresh fruit, Danish, juice, and plenty of hot coffee was presented in sumptuous portions.



Some of the Optimist ladies gather at the center table.

The **Gary Miller** pay station was indeed a very a busy place. Reigning Bowl Champ, **Karl Geil** was wearing his smarty pants and the crew of Daunting Challengers were seen huddled in the corner plotting,

scheming, and wiping beads of sweat from their furrowed brows. The pressure cooker was on the boil and starting to whistle for the start of this years challenge. While MC **Craig Eley** was seen sorting through the reams of supposedly well researched questions and answers.

Camaraderie Observations

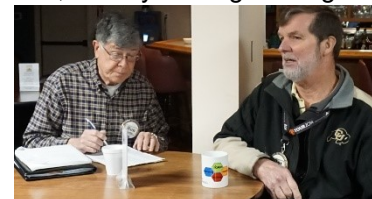
Russ Paul was exchanging an early gift with **Greg "choo-choo" Hurd** in the form of an unopened, antique narrow-gauge, Christmas train" set. Greg was overcome with emotion.

Past Lt. Governor and District Conference referee, **Jeanette Thompson**, who always reads her *GUMS* newsletter, was in the house to watch over the proceedings and throw a flag if the contest got out of hand. **Ron Gustas**, standing in for **Bob Avery**, and assisted by **Pat Bush**, were taking at-

tendance while getting to recognize many of our new members.

Past Governor and Tamarac Club President, **Abigail Nicholas** was magnificently leading the spirited gossip and joking among all the ladies and gents. When husband **Kent Gloor** was asked he replied, "I Know Nothing." It was determined (by an anonymous source) that the ladies had earlier taken a unanimous vote to not behave at breakfast this morning.

Tom Glazier cruised the room, weakly smiling looking for a safe place to sit. **Jim VanderKamp** as an invited guest was perched at the "Table of Wisdom" for an interview being conducted by presiding table chair **Cy Regan**. **Robert Duvall** arrived this morning with the swimsuit edition of *Sports Illustrated* tucked under his arm, covered by a copy of the



Ron Gustas & Pat Bush conferring on who is in attendance for Bob Avery.

Super Bowl Edition. Nice try!

Terry Shroyer was earnestly looking for a mystery item dropped on the floor. Probably a drawing ticket. Visiting Type 1-Diabetes Optimist Club Builder and Charter President, **Jeff Gartz** was heard laughing and gleefully saying, "I'm here, now we can start the meeting!" It was the start of a good morning.

Invocation & Pledge

Cy Regan presented a thoughtful message ... *To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are of your own and asked we all take joy in the success of our friends and neighbors.* He followed by leading us in the *Pledge of Allegiance* to our flag, followed by an unusually loud "PLAY BALL!" Here come the 2018 Rockies!



From the Prez

The first words out of our Presidents mouth this morning were, "Let's git this party started!"

He then announced we have over 20 guests visiting us from the Tamarac Optimist Club and asked Club President, **Cindy Eley** to say a few words. She was beaming and thanked us all for having the ladies here, and how good it was seeing Clubs getting together. *Let the fun begin!*

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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New Member Induction

President Jim then asked new member, **Les Volpe**, and his sponsor **Harry Arkin** to please come forward and commenced with the Monaco South Club new member Induction ceremony. Since Harry was not present **Tom Glazier** stood in for



Les Volpe, on right, with Tom Glazier & Prez Jim Easton.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

him. Seeing that Les was already wearing his MS name tag, **Tom Hoch**, wondering out loud, asked "how did Les get a name badge before being sworn in?" After receiving our congratulations and Certificate of Membership, Les spent a few moments sharing with the Club his involvement with "[We the People](#)," a national youth program that promotes civic competence and responsibility among the nation's upper elementary and secondary students. Thousands of young men and women participate yearly in local competitive debates. Regional winners advance to Washington D.C. for the national Finals Competition. More information will be forthcoming on the "We the People" program. Welcome aboard Les!

Announcements

Eagle Scout Award Banquet: Prez Jim said, "A big thank you to the Eagle Scouts Award Committee, especially to **Donlie Smith** for his 19-year commitment to the success of the program. Other committee members include, **Jack Kleinheksel**, **Greg Hurd**, **Kent Gloor**, **Frank Middleton**, **Bob Avery**, **Tom Overton**, and **Phil Perington**. He also noted the Annual Eagle Scout Awards Banquet is this evening. **Marilyn Brown**, will be presenting a \$1,000 check to the 2018 Eagle Scout Project Winner, in honor and memory of her husband and beloved Monaco South member **Doug Morton**. Editor, this years winner, **Michael Ankner**, will be our guest speaker on Friday, March 23rd.

Recognition for John and Claire Young: **Ron Cisco** asked all of us to recognized and honored Monaco South and Tamarac Club members **John and Claire Young** for having sponsored 100+ new members over the years.

George Washington H.S. Oratorical Contest: **George Buzick** reported he is still seeking volunteers to assist with the Club's oratorical contest at George Washington High School on March 23rd. He needs three judges and one timekeeper. If interest contact George.

Tri-Star Basketball Competition: **Michael Chavez** is looking for Tri-Star Basketball Competition assistance at the March 22nd regional competition at North High School, 2960 N. Speer Blvd. Some of the Tamarac ladies will managing the check-in table.

Rockies Opening Day: **Michael Chavez** also shared that our Club needs 40 volunteers to handout GO ROCKIES, Rally Towels on Friday, April 6th. The Rockies play the Atlanta Braves for this first day home game. Tickets are \$30 and include free parking. The Club will be paid \$750 for handing out towels and providing an optimistic welcome. Bring friends and family. It will be a memorable day!

Colorado History Day: **Karl Geil** that the Colorado History Day at Hamilton Middle School is coming up next week, Friday, March 16th. He needs experienced judges to assist in the judging. See Karl if you can lend a hand.

Nominating Committee Calling: Joe Marci, who is serving as the Club's Officer Nomination Committee Chair said, "All members will receive a call during the next 10-days re-

garding becoming a Board Officer of the club. The nominating committee is responsible to select a slate of nominees by March 22nd and turned it over to the Secretary for the election. All members will be asked if they would like to serve on the OCMS Board as a Director, Vice President, or President. Four Directors were elected last year and currently serving their first year of a two-year term. Please respond to the messages left by the nominating committee member in regard to your interest in running for office to ensure we have reached all prospective officer candidates."



DTC Optimist Wine Tasting Fundraiser: **Kent Gloor** information us that the DTC Wine tasting will be Saturday, April 14th, 1 to 4 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church, 15625 Illif Avenue. Wines from around the world and a silent auction will support DTC projects. Tickets are available from DTC President **Kent Gloor**, **George Buzick**, **Tom Overton**, **Paul Bernard**, and **John Oss**.

Optimist Odyssey to Santa Fe: **Craig Eley** invited MSOCers and their spouses and friends to join the Optimist Odyssey trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico, which leaves Friday, August 17th and returns Monday, August 20th.



Santa Fe offers a number of activities, including the Santa Fe Opera ([Madame Butterfly](#)), a backstage tour of the Opera, the new [Meow Wolf](#) amusement facility, the [Plaza Indian Market](#) and an [Astronomy Night](#) in the New Mexico hills. Add to this great food and shopping and the camaraderie of your fellow Optimists—it will be an epic weekend. If there is enough interest, a vans or bus might be rented for the 6-hour trip. Space is limited, so you can indicate your non-binding interest by signing up at a meeting or contacting Craig Eley @ craigceley@gmail.com.

Sample Lifelong Learning Courses: **Paul Simon** emailed, that after last week's speaker, Kristin Friedrich, addressing holding off dementia, emphasized the importance of using the mind by taking classes and also of socializing with new people. Optimists and their friends are invited to sample lifelong learning courses at the [Taste of OLLI East](#) from 10-2 on Monday, May 12th. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Denver is opening its Aurora campus for the spring term and Monday's event previews many of the classes. The campus is at Mississippi Avenue Baptist Church, 13231 E. Mississippi Ave. in Aurora—just a few blocks west of I-225. Call Paul at 303-300-9940 with any questions or email at ollidueast@du.edu.

Welcome Back

Welcome back fellow Optimists: **Peter Dimond**, **Les Larsen**, **Robert Duvall**, **Ed Leuty**, **Jim VanderKamp**, and **Tom Overton**.

Is there a Drawing?

With \$80 in the pot and the Jack of Diamonds to be picked the attempts were made by **Peter Dimond** and **Robert Duvall**. It is interesting that they both show up and get this opportunity. While Cups went to **Cy Regan**, **George Buzick**, **Les Volpe**, **Ed Leuty**, **Joe Marci**, and **David Moore**. For wearing his nametag **Don Roth** got a chance for the \$80, but he too came up short.



Closing Creed

With the meeting coming to a close, Prez **Jim Easton** called on **Cindy Eley**, President of the Tamarac Optimist to lead us in the creed, *Promise yourself*

Are You Smarter Than the Brain Bowl Chair

Provided by George Buzick

The much anticipated, "Are You Smarter Than the Brain Bowl Chair" provided this morning's entertainment. The contest pitted the brilliance of **Karl Geil**, the Brain Bowl Chair, against five of Monaco South's finest (?) minds. The com-



binated talents of **Dick Nickoloff**, **Al Gapuzan**, **Jim VanderKamp**, **Tom Mauro**, and your *GUMS* editor this month **Phil Perington** who were more than a match for our hero. Although Karl has, singlehandedly defeated the competition in two of the four contests held in the past four years, the MSOC brain trust was determined that he would go down in defeat this year.

Craig Eley, the moderator and question developer, explained the rules, in particular the one about the audience, namely **Tom Hoch**, remaining silent while the match was in progress and that any protest could be filed immediately after the competition in Room 327, 4494 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO, at the Headquarters of Optimist International.

The scorekeeper was **Les Volpe**, since he was the newest member and probably would not show any favoritism even though Craig, Karl, and Les are all attorneys.

The following are some of the better questions and as the moderator encouraged, "Pay particular attention to the Category."

- ◆ Category: Not Eddie
Question: The most decorated US soldier in WWII became a Hollywood Actor. What was his name?
Answer: Audie Murphy
- ◆ Category: Amazing

Question: What kinds of movies were banned in the country of Monaco after April 18, 1956?

Answer: Films in which Grace Kelly appeared.

- ◆ Category: Not Earl Stanley or Ed
Question: Name a current Vice-President of Monaco South?
Answer: Everett Gardner or Mike McMahon
- ◆ Category: Too big for its bridges
Question: What European capitol city was built on 14 islands?
Answer: Stockholm
- ◆ Category: Pronounce it carefully
Question: What company built the airplane flown by the Red Baron?
Answer: Fokker
- ◆ Category: Past Presidents
Question: Name either of the Monaco South members who share a birthday with Babe Ruth?
Answer: Craig Eley & Cy Regan
- ◆ Category: It is only logical, Captain
Question: Before Mt. Everest was discovered what was the highest mountain in the World?
Answer: Mt. Everest!

Though he fought bravely, another victory for Karl was not to be. Karl was fatigued from moving his office last weekend, Karl was ignominiously defeated by a score of 17 to 12. A good time was had by all, thanks primarily to Craig Eley's hard work in compiling the questions and handling



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the somewhat raucous crowd (including Tom Hoch). Tune in next year for another stirring episode.

March Super Citizen Presenters

Mar 20 @ 2:30	MPB	Phil Perington
Mar 22 @ 1:00	McMeen	Bob Avery
Mar 23 @ 8:20	Holm	?
Mar 23 @ 3:00	Bradley	Joe Marci

Weekly Greeters

3/16/18	Bill Blunden & Al Gapuzan
3/23/18	Perry Allen & Tom Glazier
3/30/18	Phil Perington & Michael Chavez
4/6/18	?

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 41st Year — Chartered in 1976

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

Mar 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Mar 18	Sun	12:30 pm	Regional TriStar Basketball Competition, North High School, 2960 N. Speer Blvd.
Mar 21	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Mar 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Michael Ankner, Amazing Eagle Scout, Denver Indian Center Project
Mar 25-26			Rescheduled Ski Day at Copper Mountain, See Bob Avery
Mar 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Apr 1	Sun	12:00 pm	TriStar Basketball District Finals, Pepsi Center, 1000 Chopper Cir., Denver

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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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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
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- 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.