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Good Morning Optimists Zoom Virtual Meeting

Another successful online meeting via Zoom. More than 50 members joined the group for the 8:00 a.m. meeting called to order by **President Bob Meyer**. Our greeters today were **Kent Gloor** (from the cab of his tractor) and **Eldon Strong** (from the coziness of his Arizona abode).

Prez Bob reminded us that one of the tenets of the Optimist Creed is “make your Optimism come true,” which means we must live The Optimist Creed, not just espouse it. Bob also lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

This Day in History May 1st

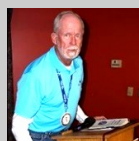
Today, among other things is International Labor Day which, under “normal” conditions would include massive demonstrations in many European countries and a renewed commitment to the protection of the working class. May is also the birth month of many of our members, such as, our editor **George Buzick**, 6; **Robert Duvall**, 24; **Harry Fegley**, 30; **Keith Gallaway**, 7; **Al Gapuzan**, 3; **Karl Geil**, 31; **Roy Jarrett**, 30; **Tom Mauro**, 28; **David Peck**, 28; **James Riley**, 1; **Gary Strowbridge**, 20; **Mike White**, 21; and **John Young**, 3.

Other on this day Birthdays: 1738, Kamehameha I; 1852, Calamity Jane; 1907, Kate Smith; 1918, Jack Paar; 1923 Joseph Heller, author of “Catch 22”; 1925, Chuck Bednarik; 1925, Scott Carpenter, American astronaut, born in Boulder CO; 1939, Judy Collins; and 1981, Wes Welker.

Events: 1489, Christopher Columbus proposes plan to search for a western route to India to Queen Isabella of Spain. Full support is granted in 1492. 1786, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s opera “Marriage of Figaro” premieres in Vienna with Mozart himself conducting. 1840, “Penny Black,” the world’s 1st adhesive stamp is issued by Great Britain. 1873, 1st US postal card is issued. 1898, Admiral Dewey commands “You may fire when ready, Gridley” as US routs the Spanish fleet in Manila. 1931, Empire State Building opens in New York City. 1939, Batman first appears in Detective Comics. 1941, Movie “Citizen Kane” premieres. 1941, US savings bonds go on sale to finance the war effort. 1948, Eddie Arcaro wins Kentucky Derby aboard Citation. 1951, Mickey Mantle hits his 1st career home run. 1952, Mr. Potato Head is introduced. 1960, Russia shoots down Francis Gary

Powers U-2 spy plane. 1961, 1st US plane is hijacked to Cuba. 1981, Radio Shack releases Model III TRSDOS 1.3. 1986, Russian news agency Tass reports the Chernobyl nuclear power plant mishap. 1999, “Sponge Bob Square Pants” debuts on Nickelodeon. 2019, US Attorney General William Barr testifies before Senate Judiciary Committee defending his handling of the Mueller Report.

Presidential Rants & Raves



We had another successful MSOC membership meeting on Friday with over 50 members participating in the Zoom meeting which started at 8 a.m. and lasted for an hour. Going forward, 8 a.m. will be the starting time of the meeting, although if you want to socialize with other members, feel free to sign on earlier. I think some members signed on about 20 minutes before the 8 a.m. start time to experience the camaraderie we have all been missing since we had to abandon our face-to-face meetings at the American Legion hall.

George Buzick took notes from the meeting, and they are posted elsewhere in this week’s GUMS.

Even though we are not meeting face-to-face, the MSOC membership drive continues. Please find new members and forward their membership applications and check to Greg Young for the Board to vote on.

My timeshare in Frisco will be unavailable for the foreseeable future, as Summit County has ordered the closure of all hotels and timeshare, Airbnb, and VRBO rentals, so, although the MSOC membership drive will continue, I was unable to offer my late-April week to the “winner” of the membership drive. I received an email two weeks ago from my timeshare management company saying they’d work with me and try to find a week for me later in the year. If they find one, I will give it to the “winner” of the membership drive.

At Friday’s meeting, Joe Marci announced that he has now received 13 applications from TJ High School students for the Sullivan Scholarships and asked for volunteers to review the applications in May. The volunteers will be Everett Gardner, Joe Marci, Tom Mauro, Phil Perington, and yours truly. The budget for the Sullivan Scholarships is set at \$6,000 for six scholarships, so the volunteer committee will have its work cut out.

As previously announced in GUMS and at last week’s Zoom meeting, we had a full slate of officer nominees for 2020-2021. The nominees’ names are: President Dan Rodriguez; Vice-president’s Tom Kramis & Chris Dunphy; 2-year Director’s Stephen Avery, George Buzick, David Peck, and Larry Pulaski.

Since we had an equal number of nominees and vacancies, the Club Bylaws permitted us to call for a voice vote declaring the slate

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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
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to be elected by acclamation, which is what we did. Congratulations to the new Club Officers and Directors!

I mentioned that I had participated in Zoom meetings the previous three nights where candidates for 2020-2021 OI President-Elect and Board of Directors-at-Large detailed their qualifications. Elections for those posts will be conducted throughout May 2020, with results being publicized in early June 2020. Although we have been successful in reaching 50 or more members with our weekly Zoom meetings, there are another 70 or so members we need to reach out to. **Frank Middleton** mentioned that he made a few phone calls this week to keep in touch with Club members we have not heard from in a while. I suggest that you do the same as you are able. All it takes is a few minutes to possibly brighten someone's day as we all endure the "new normal" of "stay-in-place. If you find Club members who need assistance, please let me or **Michael Chavez** know so that we can set up "phone trees" to help those who may be unable to get out for grocery store trips or medical appointments.

I continue working with Vitalant, the company that Denver's Belle Bonfils Blood Center merged into, to see when we can conduct a blood drive. The Vitalant representative I talked to indicated that their bloodmobile is booked for blood drives through the middle of June. I will continue to explore this possibility and will keep everyone informed. **Steve Hick** has hooked me up with the University Park Community Council about running a combined blood drive, and I have also been in contact with the Tamarac and University Hills Optimist Clubs to see if they would like to join us to get a significant turnout at a blood drive.

To get to know new members better, I would like them to complete the "[About Me](#)" questionnaire that is attached to the distribution email for GUMS. Additionally, I would like the new members, if they are comfortable doing so, to speak up at an upcoming Zoom membership meeting. If we cannot get them "live" on Zoom, we will attach their completed "About Me" questionnaire in an upcoming GUMS, but I would much prefer to see them talk about themselves during a weekly meeting. Thanks to **Greg Hurd** for put-

ting the "About Me" questionnaire.

Another **Greg Hurd** developed questionnaire is the "[Staying Busy When I Can't Go Out](#)" questionnaire also attached to the distribution email for GUMS. As with the "About Me" questionnaire, I would like members to complete the questionnaire and be ready to present it at an upcoming Zoom membership meeting. It will be fun to hear what members are doing to keep busy and active during the "Stay-in-Place" period. Greg Hurd was the first to complete the "Staying Busy When I Can't Go Out" questionnaire, and he shared his answers.

If you would like to make a presentation from either questionnaire, please let me know by separate email so that I can make sure to include you in an upcoming meeting.

Tom Mauro talked again about the COVID-19 Emergency Fund to help MSOC members who may be suffering financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. At its next meeting, the Board of Directors will establish eligibility criteria and an application for the Emergency Fund. To kick-start the Fund, Tom donated \$100. You can send donations via check made out to MSOC, show "COVID-19 Emergency Fund" on the memo line. Then send it to Greg Young or make an online donation for the Fund on the MSOC website from the link for MONACO SOUTH PAYMENTS on the right side of the home page. The link for the MSOC website is <https://www.monacosouth.org>. If you have any comments or suggestions about the Fund, please let me know by separate email.

FYI, Zoom offers a free membership package that permits 40-minute meetings. That's a great deal if you want to get your families together for some "family face time" or friends together for a "virtual happy hour. Check out that free offer at <https://zoom.us/pricing>. Please continue to take care of yourselves and your loved ones; practice safe health procedures, and we will see you at some point in the future.

If you need to contact me, please call 303-919-4532 or email me at meyerrob@comcast.net.

Yours in Optimism,
Prez Bob

Member News

President Bob announced that there would be at least one more Zoom meeting, as Denver has chosen not to lift the restrictions on group gatherings until at earliest, May 8th. When and whether the American Legion Hall will be open is still unknown.

By the way, One benefit of the "mute" function in Zoom is that you do not have to listen to the cacophony that ensues with the rendering of "Happy Birthday" by the illustrious MSOC choir.

Russ Paul Update: **Joe Marci** said that he had talked to **Russ Paul** and that he is back riding a bike again. **Gary Miller** added that he had worked with the insurance company and that they would be paying for a new bike for Russ, as well as paying any medical expenses incurred. Russ mentioned that he had also contacted **Donlie Smith**, who is doing fine.

Steve Kady Update: It was reported that **Steve Kady** had transferred from a less than successful stay at a convalescent home to Porters Hospital, where he is resting comfortably and being well taken care of. Later in the call Steve joined the Zoom meeting and shared the details. You can reach Steve on his cellphone at 303-931-1470.

John Oss Update: **John Oss** reports that his cancer is in complete remission and that he believes his chemo treatments are done. He is still participating in a study by his oncologist for about another 3-months but is hoping to get back to a more routine lifestyle. Thanks to everyone who assisted John and Ruth in this hour of need.

Other Member Updates: Several members were contacted concerning participating in the virtual meeting, but either did not have the technical expertise or the equipment to do so. Hopefully, these members will read the GUMS and keep up with what is happening. The phone still works. Stay in touch!

President Bob noted that he was still working on a blood drive, probably sometime in June. We might set this up jointly with Tamarac and the University Hills Civic Association.

The Covid19 Emergency Fund has received some donations but, to date, no one has asked for assistance. If you know of any members who may need some help getting through these trying times, please have them contact **Tom Mauro**, 303-929-5314 or Bob Meyer at 303-919-4532.

Scouting Award: **Jack Kleinhessel** reported that at a March 12, 2020, Frontier District Recognition Banquet, it was announced that **Frank Middleton** had been selected for the [Key Scouter Award](#) as a recognition for his work with Cub Scout Pack 713. This award is to recognize those "Special" adults in your unit who stays behind the scenes to make Scouting happen in each Packs, Troops, Teams, and Crews. This person is the one who can always be counted on at the last minute to make things happen successfully in the unit. This is the person in your unit who always has a smile and is always enthusiastic about everyone and everything.

At the same event, **Jack and his wife Georgia**, received [The True North Award](#). It is a special recognition awarded to adult Scouters in the Frontier District of the Denver Area

who have compiled a distinguished record of outstanding service to youth both in and out of Scouting over an extended, sustained period.

And on February 28, 2020, Jack received the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. This is a national award given by the Sons of the American Revolution for Distinguished Service to Scouting.

CO-WY District Convention: It was reported that the District Convention has been postponed until October. It will run concurrently with the 1st Quarter Conference. There are still plans to have it at Little America. Please check with Trish Merrill Conference/Convention Chair, 303-885-4288 or t.merrill@comcast.net.

Sullivan Scholarship: Joe Marci announced that he had received 13 applications from TJ students for the ten Sullivan Scholarship Awards presented annually to graduating seniors. His committee should have winners determined in 8-10 days. Chances are there will be no formal presentation ceremonies when the scholarships are announced. Someone wondered if Tom Mauro had been out recruiting since several of the applicants indicate a preference to go to Colorado School of Mines, Tom's alma mater.

Dime-A-Day: Allen Perry said that checks were still trickling in for the Dime-A-Day OI Foundation and asked that, if you were donating directly to OIF, you let him know, so he can keep his records straight and make sure you get a recognition pin. He also was notified by Ron Benson, District OI Foundation Representative that CO-WY led by Monaco South, has the highest participation rate of any District in Optimist International. But then said, "keep up the donations, we are not at 100 percent yet!"

Tree Lot Planning: In the absence of Tom Kramis, Everett Gardner solicited some help from members to make some repairs to various pieces of Christmas Tree lot equipment, including lighting, tree racks, and trailer. Please call Tom Kramis if you can help, 303-917-5299.

Club Directory: Absolutely last chance to update your entry in the club directory. For only \$25, you can have your business card prominently displayed in each issue (updated twice a year). Due to the slowed-down economy, Tom Mauro and Craig Eley who assemble this are guaranteeing one-million dollars increase in revenue to your business as a result of your ad. If you are not satisfied with your directory picture, for a small fee Craig can use his PhotoShop skills to enhance your image.

2020-2021 Officer Elections: Having received no nominations from the floor, Prez Bob asked that the slate of officers published in last week's GUMS be elected by acclamation. This was approved by voice vote. The officers for the Monaco South Optimist Club beginning October 1, 2020, will be: President: Dan Rodriguez, Vice-president: Tom Kramis and Chris Dunphy; Directors: Stephen Avery, George

Buzick, David Peck, and Larry Pulaski.

Besides, the election of officers for Optimist International which normally occurs at the International Convention will be held online, with the President of each club casting the vote on behalf of the club membership. The club will be allocated one vote for every ten members, or major fraction thereof. Voting will occur between May 1 and May 30, 2020. Editor's Note: Curt Merrill, Distinguished Past Governor of CO-WY District is nominated as VP for Region 6 (Southwest) for the 2020-2021 year.

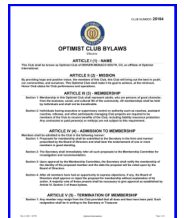
About Me Initiative: Prez Bob made another pitch for utilizing the two forms developed by Greg Hurd to help strengthen communications among members. There are links to the forms in the distribution email. The forms are entitled "About Me" and "Staying Busy When I Can't Go Out." Please consider an actual presentation of your information, either in person or at a Zoom meeting. Check with Greg if you have any questions at 720-587-7976.

Super Citizen Program: Closing of Denver Public Schools has made administration of this program rather difficult. Needless to say, there will be no assemblies to present either the Super Citizen Awards or the Charles Korsoski Award at schools. School representatives should be working with the individual schools to determine which, if any, awards will be presented and how. If you have a particular interest in any given school, check with Robert Wardlaw, 303-525-2532.

National History Day in Colorado: School closures have also affected Colorado History Day judges who will be exploring new territory, by attempting to judge all categories online. Even under these conditions, Karl Geil, who has been spearheading this effort is optimistic that the difficulties will be overcome, and the "show" will go on.

Golf Outing: A golf outing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2nd at Saddle Rock Golf Course with tee times starting at 7:30 a.m. This was to be a fundraising tournament for Junior Golf but since all the junior tournaments have been canceled we can make it a fun outing for us. We need Optimists who have stayed at home and want to play golf to call/email Joe Marci at 303-771-3748 or jmarci899@gmail.com. Please contact friends who might like to join us and give Joe some players who would want to play. We may be able to have a shotgun start if there are enough players.

Updated Bylaws: The OCMS Officers request members to please [review the attached updated by-laws](#). These bylaws have been revised to include new mandatory language from Optimist International as well as some formatting corrections and changes. If you have any questions please contact Greg Young, Bob Meyer, or Wyatt McCallie. We will vote for implementation of this version at the meeting of May 22nd.



On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt



Thank you to Bob Avery, Frank Middleton, and Dick Nickoloff for participating, and getting the right answer to last week's trivia Question. The question was: Which Beatles Album came first, Abbey Road or the White Album? It was the White Album that came out in 1968. Abbey Road came out in 1969.

This week's trivia question is: Who was President of the United States During World War I?

Remember, those who participate and do not get the cor-

rect answer will not have their names published, so you have no need to worry about embarrassment. Give it a shot. Even if you think it is George Washington, try it.

Please participate. [Email your answer to Warren.Allentown@gmail.com](mailto:Email.your.answer.to.Warren.Allentown@gmail.com).

Weekly Greeters

5/8/2020

In Person Meeting Suspended Due to Virus
Attend a Zoom Meeting starting at 8:00 a.m.

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

Due to the need to be cautious during the CONVID-19 outbreak, meetings are virtual until at least May 15th. Please check back for updates.

May 8	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: To Be Determined
May 10	Sun		Mothers Day
May 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: To Be Determined
May 21	Thu	6:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting: To Be Determined
May 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: To Be Determined
May 25	Mon		Memorial Day
May 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: To Be Determined
Jun 2	Tue	7:30 am	Golf Outing

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
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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		

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Robert Wardlaw	303-525-2532	Craig Eley	303-758-9499
Phil Perington	303-832-4578	Greg Young	303-759-3921

NEWSLETTER EDITORS: May **George Buzick**, June **Robert Wardlaw**, July **Pat Bush**

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.