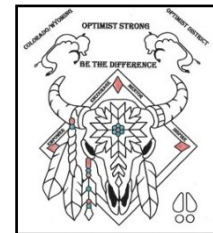




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Good Moring Optimist

It truly was a beautiful spring morning this day. Our greeters this morning were **Phil Perington** and **Jack Kleinheksel**. For the early arrivals a very nice breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, tater tots, accompa-



Two over zealous member, Greg Hurd and Eldon Strong, are greeted by Phil Perington and Jack Kleinheksel.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

nying fruit, and sweet rolls were awaiting. However, since it was learned that May 11th is the official introduction day of the “Hostess CupCake” back in 1919—originally called “Chocolate Cup Cakes” created by Taggart Bakery, purchased by Continental Bakery in 1925 and then renamed—none were spotted on the breakfast table.



First Bell & Invocation

President **Jim Easton** rings the rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m., and invites **Michael Chavez** to read the morning invocation. *“God, our Helper, help us to inspire health, happiness, and prosperity, knowing we cannot do so without your help. As we make our way through the world in our actions and words, help us to work towards the tenants we recite weekly.”* Michael then leads us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Guest

Steve Kady introduced Bob Fry who was here a couple weeks ago and is happy to be back. Bob recently retired from the Denver Police Department’s

Crime Scene Unit, having been on the force since 1975. He is thinking seriously about joining us and with an application in hand.

Partners in Education/Excellence Award

Due to an early morning graduation ceremony that he had to leave for, **Tom Mauro** introduces our special guest this morning, the recipient of the Partners in Education/Excellence Award—**Rhonda Rau**, a forth grade teacher from Samuels Elementary School. Over the year, Tom encourages us all to be on the watch for teachers who are doing great things in school that we should be recognizing. Our club is happy to make more presentations like this.



Second from left, Rhonda Rau, with her husband Shane, Tom Mauro, Jim Easton, and Cesar Rivera, Samuels Elementary principal.

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Tom then introduced, **Cesar Rivera**, Principal at Samuels Elementary, who first thanked the club for its involvement with Super Citizen Program and who said he looks forward to the Korsoski Award presentation and assembly next week at Samuels.

Principal Rivera shared, *“it is a pleasure to work with Rhonda Rau over the last four years. She has proven to have tremendous results with children in both reading and math. Specifically, her children grow considerably throughout the year with Median Growth Percentiles consistently above the 60th percentile as well as meeting or exceeding critical grade level competencies. Mrs. Rau has also ensured that her children have enriching opportunities outside of the classroom. She*

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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******

Partners in Education Continued

has been the lead teacher for [Girls on the Run](#), an after school activity for girls designed to build confidence and nurture physical, emotional and spiritual awareness.

Additionally, Mrs. Rau has worked to expand student's knowledge of financial literacy by partnering with [Everfi](#), which offers teachers and children a research-backed online education curriculum. This year, students enjoyed a visit from a number of Everfi dignitaries, including Colorado Attorney General, Cynthia Coffman who led all fourth grade students through a culminating financial literacy activity.

Finally, Mrs. Rau has successfully led students in designing and presenting at the Capitol, a \$70,000.00-plus outdoor learning space funded through Great Outdoors Colorado which will break ground later this year. Needless to say, Mrs. Rau's contributions to Samuels



Tom Mauro presents Rhonda Rau a certificate recognizing her significant contribution to her students and community while at Samuels Elementary School.
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have been tremendous, and her impact continues to be far-reaching for children, parents, fellow educators, and the broader Samuels community. We are so fortunate to have her at our school as a deeply valued teacher!"

Rhonda Rau has worked at Samuels for 11+ years. Cesar has been at Samuels for 4 years and counts her as a strong team member.

Rhonda says education found her. She is a graduate of Northern Arizona, earning her degree in business and started her career in the business world after graduating. After working in the business world she realized she enjoyed her volunteer work more than her job in business activities. So, she moved to Colorado, earned her Master's degree in Education and student taught at Samuels before coming back to the school as a full-time teacher. Rhonda introduces her husband Shane who has been a wonderful partner, supporting her in long hours and efforts to help the kids.

Tom presents Rhonda with a plaque and gift to recognize her work. **Thank you Rhonda for what you do in our community and for our kids!**

Announcements

Senior Moments: Craig Eley addresses the club and shared that his son went to Samuels Elementary. Then he asked members to attend the Senior Moments presentation at the Eastern Star Retirement Community, on Thursday, May 24, at 10:15. **Greg Hurd** will be talking about trains.

Craig mentioned that every month we have a Monaco South member bring a topic of interest to chat about with the residents. He needs three or four optimists to accompany the speaker to help interact with the retirement community residents.

Cheyenne Train Weekend: Greg Hurd talked about the train weekend coming up at the Cheyenne Wyoming Depot Museum on Saturday, May 19th and Sunday, May 20th. The [Union Pacific Steam Shop Roundhouse](#) will be open for public viewing. There are five working area stalls in the roundhouse. The Roundhouse area also includes a fascinating display of locomotives and cars on the roundhouse "radial" tracks, as well as a fully functioning 74-foot, Armstrong turntable. A trolley will escort people to and from the steam shop, with departures scheduled every 30 minutes from in front of the Depot. There is a small charge for admission.

Lowry Super Citizen: Paul Stratton reports on the Super Citizen assembly at Lowry. This is the 14th year for the Super Citizen Program at Lowry at the school recognizing the kids. Paul mentions that one of the teachers was overcome with emotion speaking about her kids.

Colfax Marathon: Everett Gardner talks about the Colfax Marathon coming up on Friday, May 18th to packet hand out materials from 3 to 7 p.m. Currently he is about 100 volunteers short right now. The club will earn \$1,200 if we can supply the agreed upon numbers. [REGISTER HERE](#). Details are all on the website, so sign up. We need lots more volunteers so please invite family, friends, and neighbors.

Dime-A-Day Program: Perry Allen is back, and says he might be back for the summer this time. The Dime-A-Day program is still going strong. He appreciates all who have donated and encourages members to support this program. If interested in participating in the see the Dime-A-Day OI Foundation form attached to the GUMS distribution email.

Junior Golf Fundraiser: In the absence of **Joe Marci**, Prez Jim Easton talks about the Jr. Golf program and the up-coming events that help fund the program. First, the Dodgers vs Rockies Baseball Game on Sunday, June 3rd. Joe may still have tickets available for this game. Additionally, he has two more games later this season featuring the Mariners and Cardinals.

Second, there is a golf tournament coming up for members to play in to support Junior Golf. Prez Jim noted that he and **Allen Pierce** played in last year's tournament and bought golf outings in Las Vegas and Pinehurst respectively. Allen was able to play the number two course which is the same course PGA Professionals play and it was a wonderful experience. Joe Marci, Bob Meyer, and Rob Cisco, the Junior Golf Fundraising Trio, will also need volunteers for other upcoming Jr. Golf tournaments coming up this summer. There are plenty of opportunities for playing and supporting Jr. Golf!

Club Hats & T1DOC Online Action: Greg Young mentioned that he has hats available for \$10 each. Get them while they last.

Also, on Sunday, May 20th, the Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club will be kicking off their T1DOC On-line Auction. The goal is to raise \$10,000 for kids with dia-

betes for sending them to camp. Opportunities to donate items and bid on great prizes. Check the website, [T1DOC On-line Auction](#), for details.

FRACSOC Casino Night: Phil Perington says this facility, the American Legion Hall, 5400 E. Yale Avenue, will turn into a giant casino on Friday, June 22nd, starting at 6 p.m. Proceeds go to Childhood Cancer fund. **Abigail Gloor** will be here to help with entertainment. Tickets are \$30, and you get a \$1,000 in play money to get the evening rolling. It is a great time and a great cause so plan to attend.

Happy Bucks

Happy Bucks — a time to share and spread the word with your buck!



Curt Boell reports he is happy because his chemo treatments will be over at the end of this month and he will be Cancer Free.

Wyatt McCallie says he is happy because Joanie is coming back Sunday after being a bachelor for the past week.

Cap Hermann is happy that medical procedures allow for the advancements in the replacement of knees and hips.

Don Thomson is looking forward to heading to Seattle to see his new grandson.

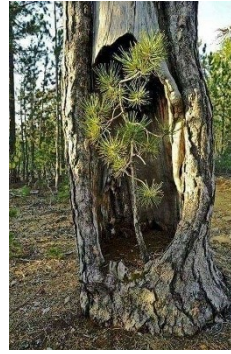
Gary Strowbridge's granddaughter, who golfs #1 for Grandview has qualified for the State championship.

Mark Metevia says Ilene has recovered from a health scare and they plan to vacation in Costa Rica.

John Oss reports that Ruthy is able to fly this year and will be attending a family reunion with him in the Midwest.

Ron Cisco reported he and his wife, Barbara, are celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary.

Camaraderie & Great Jokes Abound



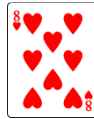
Shared by **Jim Tapp**,

"Somebody should tell us, right at the start of our lives, that we are dying. Then we might live life to the limit, every minute of every day. Do it—I say! Whatever you want to do, do it now! There are only so many tomorrows."

Pope Paul VI

Do we have a drawing?

Yes we do and there is \$80 in the big pot and the lucky card is the 8 of Hearts. Members holding Lucky tickets this morning include **Harry Arkin** who draws a card, but not the right one, **Steve Kady** takes a cup, **Phil Perington** takes a chance at drawing a card, but he too is not a winner. Those taking



the remained of the cups include, **Ron Cisco**, **Jack Kleinheksel**, **Phil** wins a second time and has to take a cup, **Keith Galloway**, and **Cap Hermann**.



With the, "Are you wearing your nametag drawing," **David Moore's**, at left, name is called, but he too comes out a loser.

So, the big pot keeps growing!

Closing Creed

Go out and spread the word of Optimism by your words and by your deeds!

May Super Citizen Presenters

May 18 @ 1:00	Samuels	Everett Gardner
May 24 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Harry Fegley
May 25 @ 8:20	Holm	?
May 29 @ 6:00	Bradley	?
May 30 @ 1:00	McMeen	?

Weekly Greeters

5/18/18	Jed Ziegenhagen & Greg Young
5/25/18	Pat Bush & Allen Malask

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

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

May 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Respect for Law, First Responders Recognition
May 18	Fri	3:00 pm	Colfax Marathon Registration Support, Mile High Stadium, 1701 Bryant St.
May 23	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
May 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
June 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Mike Hesse, Board President, Denver Police Museum
June 4	Mon	7:30 am	CO-WY Junior Golf Fundraiser, Broken Tee Golf Course, 2101 W. Oxford Ave.
June 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Francis Owens, Anchor Center for Blind Children
June 8	Fri	7:30 am	CO-WY Junior Golf Tournament, Boys 10-15, Aurora Hills Golf Course, 50 S. Peoria St.

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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	2002-03
John Young	1982-83	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	2012-13
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	John Oss	2014-15
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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.