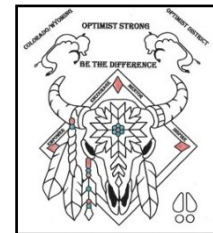




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Good Morning Optimist

On this cool and overcast spring morning, it was noted that this is a day we are to be celebrating over sixteen special holidays, from “I Love Reese’s Day” to “National Bike to Work Day.” (See Checkiday.com.) Our greeters this morning were **Greg Young** and new member **Jed Ziegenhagen**.



Jed Ziegenhagen & Greg Young
Photos Noel Hasselgren

However, it was also noted

that only one person in attendance actually was celebrating “National Bike to Work Day.” That happened to be a special guest and Friend of Optimist member (FOO), District 4 Councilwoman **Kendra Black**.



Opening Bell

Vice President and President Elect **Everett Gardner**, standing in for President **Jim Easton**, rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Steve Kady reads the invocation this morning. It is Respect for Law Day so Steve references one of the tenants of being an Optimist, *Respecting the Law*.



Respecting the Law seeks this to contain our wants and desires and promotes the rule of order. One of the basics of a civilized society is the rule of law for without laws we have anarchy.

Steve then leads us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*—thirty-one words which affirm the values and freedom that the American flag represents.

Morning Visitors

Councilwoman **Kendra Black**, who biked here this morning to say hello and recognize our morning speaker, along with another long-term FOO member **Leo Hagele**.



Announcements

Senior Moments: **Craig Eley** says good morning and reminds us about *Senior Moments*, which will be taking place at the Eastern Star Retirement Community, on Thursday, May 24th, 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. **Greg Hurd** will be talking about trains. Every month we have a Monaco South member bring a topic of interest to chat about with the Eastern Star residents. Craig invited 3 or 4 Optimists to accompany the speaker to help interact with the residents. Also, if you have a topic you would like to share, please consider signing up to speak. See Craig Eley for details.

Breakfast & MSOC Hats: **Greg Young**, Club treasure, points out that members need to take advantage of the breakfast service and to remember to bring less than a \$20 bill with you, so cashier **Gary Miller** can keep the coffers well appointed. He shares it is a great breakfast for a very reasonable cost. Greg also points out that is a wonderful opportunity to comrade with fellow Optimists and guests. Greg also shares that he still has MSOC hats for \$10 each. See him if interested.

CO-WY Junior Golf: **Ron Cisco** talks about Junior Golf three upcoming tournaments for kids:

- Boys 10 to 15 years of age, Aurora Hills Golf Course, Friday, June 8th
- Girls 10 to 18 years of age, Meadow Hills Golf Course, Thursday, June 14th
- Boys 16 to 18 years of age, Flatirons Golf Course, Friday, June 15th



... and the need for hole sponsorships and volunteers; plus an adult fundraiser tournament on Monday, June 4th at Broken Tee Golf Course along with an Optimist Day at the Rockies game on Sunday, June 3rd. Ron, along with co-chairs **Bob Meyer** and **Joe Marci** need your involvement, support, and hole sponsorships. See either of them to become involved with the CO-WY Junior Golf program. See [CO-WY Junior Golf](#).

MSOC Cub Scout Pack: **Michael Chavez** talks about visiting the Cub Scout Pack in Stapleton. The Pack has 53 kids in it now and they are in the process

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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 Continued

of planning next years' recruiting and events program. More details to come. **Frank Middleton** and **Michael** attended the meeting of the Pack leaders frequently.

Eagle Scout Award Winner: Speaking of Scouts, **Jack Kleinheksel** shares that the Eagle Scout Award Banquet winner who won the overall Outstanding Eagle Award, sixteen year old **Michael Ankner**, student at East High School, member of Troop 199, and resident of the Park Hill neighborhood, has been selected for the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year award. He has been invited to speak at the American Legion's 100th National Convention in August, where he will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship. See [Eagle Scout Award of the Year](#).

2nd Annual South by Southeast Festival: **Kendra Black** announces that on Saturday, August 18th, the 2nd South by Southeast Festival will take place at Bible Park. Last year we, MSOC, helped out with parking and logistics and she is hoping that can help out again this year. Last year 10,000+ people showed up and they are expecting a bigger crowd this year. The event will feature a beer garden, food trucks, snack carts, a pop-up dog park, kids activities, yard games, live music from local bands, and much more! This should be another fantastic year. See [South by Southeast](#).

T1DOC Online Auction Goes Live: Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club announced that there American Diabetes Association Camp Colorado online auction went live today, Sunday, May 20th, and will end at exactly 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29th. To view and bid on many great items and packages visit <https://www.32auctions.com/t1diabetes2018>.



Respect for Law Program

Randy Marcove, Respect for Law chair, shares that this is the theme of today's meeting and provides a brief history:

In July 1965, a discussion between Past Optimist International President Carl Bowen and former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover resulted in the birth of the Respect for Law program. This is the fourth most popular program with more than 1,500 Clubs participating last year. This program has been expanded to include Firefighters.

Randy then announced, when **Steve Kady** joined our club in 2008 and throughout his time in the club we



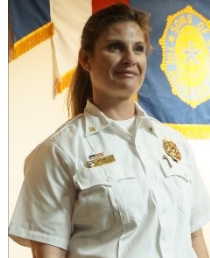
Photo Noel Hasselgren
Randy Marcove presents a plaque to Steve Kady, for his efforts in helping MSOC in respecting the men & women of our communities police & fire departments.

have all noticed Steve's affinity for the men and women in blue, as well as the firefighters, and what they all do in our local communities. We would all be remiss in not mentioning that with-

out the help of firefighters we probably would still be unloading the truckloads of Christmas Trees this past year. To recognize Steve for his work, Randy then presented Steve with a plaque which read, "For distinguished and dedicated service advancing the Respect for Law objective of Optimist International by the Optimus Club of Monaco South."

Recondition of Deputy Chief Carly Helwick

Steve Kady in turn, introduces today's guest and Respect for Law recipient **Carly Helwick**. Carly is a Denver, Colorado native. She is the daughter of a firefighter. Her dad, Charlie, is in his 36th year with the DFD. She graduated from Kennedy High School and then became a Denver Public Safety Cadet and graduated from Metro State University with a degree in Behavioral Science. She was hired by the DFD in 2003. She has been married to her husband Jon for 17 years who is also a Denver Fire Lieutenant currently at Station 26. They have three children.



Carly Helwick
Photo Steve Kady

Carly shared, that there are 47 females in on the DFD, which has a total of approximately 1,000 members. There are two female chiefs women. The other female is a Division Chief. She is the only female chief on the streets currently. She considers this as a "plus and minus" being a female firefighter.

Carly then spoke about the March 7, 2018 apartment building fire under construction at 18th Avenue and Emerson Street. This was a very memorable day.

Several factors converged to make this especially notable. Just after noon the department received the call of a construction site fire. It was not until she arrived on scene that she was able to fully appreciate the scope of the situation.



Photo Denver Fire Department

The fire had spread very fast; Chief Helwick played a video that showed in 45-seconds how the entire building had become fully engulfed in flames. She added, that the standard response time for the DFD to respond to a call is 4-

minutes. On this day, the response time was very quick, perhaps 2 ½ minutes, and still it became quickly apparent that saving this structure was not to be. The video was shot from Park Avenue and Emerson, and the person who shot the video commented, "The heat from this fire was hard to describe." Forty vehicles parked around the sight were destroyed from the heat of the fire.

As Carly arrived on scene she was told that someone had jumped off the back of the building, and one

person was missing. Assessing how many people were inside and the potential victims she had to consider where to place firefighters at the scene. Vehicles parked along the street were off gassing, and some had begun the process of catching on fire. This fire was so intense it even registered on space reports.



Everett Gardner presents a Respect for Law plaque to Deputy Chief Carly Helwick.
Photo Randy Marcove

The conversation Carly played for us, demonstrates just how chaotic the situation was. She soon realizes that this building was a loss, and that there were other buildings in danger of catching fire. Other than spot fires, which occurred the fire, was contained. Carly explains to us the strategy she uses to coordinate and organize the situation. Soon it became apparent that with so many firefighters to control and the various tasks of keeping track of, she needed to delegate to those on each side of the burning building.

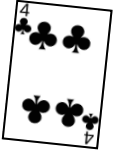
Over 136 firefighters responded to that fire and this was the first day she had ever put so many people in place and did not handle a hose or ladder. An incredible day that was hard to describe and try to conserve what could be saved. This particular fire was called a 3-alarm fire, but they were on the verge of making it a 4-alarm fire. What a day!

Thank you very much Chief Helwick for a fascinating presentation and for the work you do in our city.

Do We Have a Drawing?

Yes we do and there is \$90 in the big pot with the lucky card the 4 of Clubs.

Members holding tickets this morning include **Perry Allen, Don Thomson, Mike White, Ed Collins, Mike White, and Greg Young** who all take a cup. **Harry Arkin and Jack Kleinheksel** go for big pot, but come up as losers.



When it came to who was wearing his name badge, **Don Thomson's** name was called, but he too draws a card but not the 4 of Clubs.

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Don Thomson then leads us in the closing Optimist Creed — *Promise yourself*

2018 Korsoski Certificate Dates

All MSOC members are invited to attend one or all of these 2018 Charlie Korsoski presentations. This is the final presentation for the Club's 2017-2018 Super Citizen Program.



- ◇ Bradley International School, May 29 at 6:00 p.m. **Randy Marcove** coordinator
- ◇ Hamilton Middle School, May 29, held at George Washington HS, at 5:30 p.m. **Tom Mauro** coordinator
- ◇ Holm Elementary School, May 30 at 1:45 p.m. **Donlie Smith** coordinator
- ◇ Lowry Elementary School, May 30 at 6:00 p.m. **Paul Stratton** coordinator
- ◇ McMeen Elementary School, May 30, held at Hill Middle School at 5:30 p.m. **Don Thomson** coordinator
- ◇ Most Precious Blood Catholic School, May 24 at 11:30 a.m. **Gary Miller** coordinator
- ◇ Samuels Elementary School, May 31 at 9 a.m. **Kent Gloor** coordinator
- ◇ Slavens Elementary School, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. **Tom Hoch** coordinator

May Super Citizen Presenters

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

Weekly Greeters

5/25/18	Pat Bush & Allen Malask
6/1/18	?

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

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

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.
June 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
June 15	Fri	7:30 am	CO-WY Junior Golf Tournament, Boys 16-18, Boulder Flatirons Golf Course, 5706 Arapahoe

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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.