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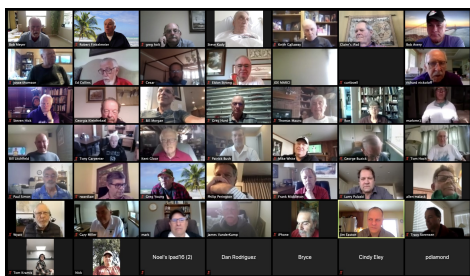
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Good Morning Optimists Zoom Virtual Meeting

Thank goodness for Zoom! Talking with people is more fun than talking to the dog.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by **President Bob Meyer** who was not his usually organized self since his computer was hacked, and he has spent most of the week working on damage control.



Invocation & Pledge

Prez Bob gave the invocation, reminding us to be *"too large for worry, and to spend our efforts in positive action of making situations better, rather than worry about them."* Past President **Jim Easton** led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Fifty-three members were in attendance.

Do You Remember?

In an email, **Bob Avery** reminds us of what six months looked like ... our gang at the Legion Hall on November 8th.



Then just after the March 13th meeting where **Karl Geil** was in the winner of the "Are you smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair?" playoff, the coronavirus pandemic canceled our March 20th and March 27th meetings, closed the American Legion Hall Post 1, and placed our caterer, Heather Mulqueen on paid leave. Through the abilities of telecommuting we have been meeting virtually every Friday, since April 3rd. For to-



Karl Geil
Photo Noel Hasselgren



Heather Mulqueen
File photo

days meeting we had 53 members in attendance, and next week we will celebrate eight weeks in using this platform. By the way, for those of you who have not joined a meeting because of computer problems or other technical issues, you can still join by telephone. Just call one of the numbers shown on Prez Bob's invitation and follow the instructions. You will need to have the Meeting ID# and Password#.

Member News

Perry Allen announced that he would have to leave the session early, as his daughter Lauren, who is 25 years old had a 12-hour open-heart surgery on Thursday. Perry wanted to be with her and asked that we remember his daughter and pray for a speedy recovery. She is improving. This is the third valve replacement she has undergone.

David Moore has rejoined the club after a brief hiatus, which brings our membership to a net-zero. Welcome back, David!

Steve Kady is still recovering and says that he feels pretty good these days and hopes to be released soon. Steve also said that he had spoken to **John Oss** who is still pretty weak from his Leukemia treatments and needs some help turning his sprinkler system on. **Phil Purington** said that he would take care of that.

Jack Kleinhessel said that **Neil Alderson** had been confined to his home with Coronavirus and was on supplemental Oxygen, but is in the recovery stages of the illness and was not hospitalized. **Frank Middleton**, reported by email, that he talked with Neil's wife, Jodi, and he is really sick and that the best way to share your thoughts is to send him a regular get well card thought the mail. Neil's address is in our directory.

Dick Nickloff announced that his daughter's name would appear on one of the NASCAR contestant cars in this Sunday's race. This, in honor of her dedication to tending to the health of others in these trying times.

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 am and lasted for an hour.

I was not as prepared for the meeting as I usually am, because I was still trying to resolve issues from an identity theft last Sunday. And I am still working to resolve issues with banks, credit card companies, credit bureaus, and the police department. Thankfully, it looks like we will be made

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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******

financially whole for the many fraudulent transactions that were processed last Sunday evening while we watched the movie "Forrest Gump."

My advice to everybody is to be ever vigilant on your computer and with all your financial instruments. Trying to clean up identity theft and the resulting fraudulent financial transactions are very, very stressful.

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.

At Friday's meeting, **Joe Marci** announced that the review of the 13 applicants from TJ High School for the Sullivan Scholarships has been completed with at least eight very qualified students, and the Board of Directors will be asked to increase the Sullivan Scholarship budget above the \$6,000 previously budgeted.

We will be voting on new Club Bylaws at the May 22 meeting. Please be sure to read the proposed Bylaws published elsewhere in this week's GUMS.

Jack Kleinhessel reported that **Neil Alderson** has been infected with COVID-19 and is very ill. Please keep Neil in your thoughts and prayers. "Get Well Soon" notes can be mailed to Neil's wife Jodi at 10862 Oakshire Ave., Highlands Ranch, CO 80126.

Frank Middleton introduced our own **Steven Hick**, who is the Adult Leader of Venturing Crew 1893 at South High School. The Venturing Crew provides outdoor opportunities for high school youth. **Tom Kramis** assists Steven with the Venturing Crew. Steven gave a very informative presentation, including a PowerPoint slide show, about Venturing Crew 1893. The slide show is [attached here](#) and to the GUMS distribution email. Thanks, Steven, for the great presentation and thanks, Steven and Tom, for leading this great youth activity.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held over Zoom on Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m. All newly elected Officers and Directors will be invited as we conduct Club business.

Although we have been successful in reaching more than 50 members with our weekly Zoom meetings, there

are another 70 or so members we need to reach out to. I suggest that you reach out to members who we have not seen on the Zoom meetings and invite them to join us for future meetings or at least check in with them to see how they're doing. 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.

To get to know new members better, I would like them to complete the "[About Me](#)" questionnaire that is attached to the GUMS distribution email. I would like 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 putting the "[About Me](#)" questionnaire.

Another **Greg Hurd** developed questionnaire is the "[Staying Busy When I Can't Go Out](#)" questionnaire also attached to the email that distributes the weekly 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.

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.

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**

Announcements

CO-WY District Update: District Governor Tony **Carpenter** was our guest this morning. Tony said that given the instability of some members' jobs, 3rd quarter district dues would be waived and that the [CO-WY Annual Convention](#) had been postponed and will be combined with the 1st Quarter Board meeting in Cheyenne, Little America Hotel, October 16-18, 2020. The [OI Convention](#), which was scheduled for July is canceled. Instead, there will be a virtual convention on June 27 and 28. (A three-hour session on each of the 2 days). All members are invited to attend. The registration fee will be \$25 for the first 500 registrants and \$35 thereafter. See the OI website for details, [Click Here](#).

Tony also said that the District Oratorical contest finals would be held online and that Optimist International had some modules on how to use Zoom.

Speaking of Zoom, Tony said OI is also offering a series of webinars to answer questions for both beginners and those looking to go to the next level. They can be found on the OI Facebook page, [Click Here](#).

Sullivan Award Scholarship: According to **Joe Marci**, the Sullivan Award Scholarship judging should be completed

this week. Joe will be requesting permission to increase the number of scholarships at the Board of Directors meeting next Thursday night. Newly elected board and officers will be invited to this Zoom session. (If you would like to attend, contact President Bob before Thursday evening.

Christmas Tree Lot: **Tom Kramis** announced that he is working with our Christmas Tree suppliers in Oregon and Michigan and that, due to current economic conditions, he would probably be ordering about 20% fewer trees than last year. He is also looking into moving back to the former K-Mart parking lot. More details to follow.

Craig Eley Gets the Word Out: **Paul Simon** shared via an email, that driving by Craig's house he noticed this sign.

Craig responded saying, "It may not be a realistic sign, with over 1,000 deaths, but it is at least an optimistic one. It is my COVID art project. No worse than Grandma Moses would have done, I think."



Announcements Continued

Updated OCMS Bylaws: A few week's back it was announced that the Club's Bylaws had been revised and updated. If you have any questions regarding them, please contact **Greg Young, Bob Meyer, or Wyatt McCallie**.



In response to several questions this week, two main changes were made: 1) an addition of section 2 in article 3 and Section 6 in Article 8, was made, as required by OI. 2)

Article 6 and Article 7 were renumbered (6 for 7) because they were accidentally reversed in the last revision. Other than that, a couple of minor word typos were corrected.

Member voting for implementation of this version at the meeting of May 22nd Zoom meeting.

Charlie Korsoski Award Recipients Selected: All though the Super Citizen program was not as active this academic year due to the pandemic, we still have eight Korsoski Award recipients. This year they are: Mimi Leahy, Bradley International School; Ruth Danquah, Hamilton Middle School; Bryan Leclair-Campos, Lowry Elementary School; Osman Babikir, McMeen Elementary School; Colin Dwyer, Most Precious Blood Catholic School; Tanya Lopez-Valle, Samuels Elementary School; and Sofia Soucek, Slavens Elementary School.

One of the highlights this year were virtual Super Citizen presentations. [Slavens Elementary](https://youtu.be/O-W-pWbCKM4), a National Blue Ribbon School, under the leadership of MSOC member **Kurt Siebold** is a Super Citizen YouTube video presentation that can be seen at <https://youtu.be/O-W-pWbCKM4>.

Our Speaker

Steven Hick

As a follow up to last week's speaker about the Cub Pack Monaco South sponsors, our own **Steven Hick** was our speaker for today. Steve is, by profession, a professor of Geography and the Environment at The University of Denver. He also directs the activities of the Mt. Evans Field Station which is owned by the University of Denver. You can learn more about this facility by [Here](#).



Steve, is a Life Scout and an avid outdoorsman. He has been involved with Boy Scouts at almost every level, including being a Pack Leader, a Scout Master, and in his current position as a Crew Leader. Steve developed an excellent presentation regarding the South High School Crew #1893. To see his PowerPoint slides, [Click Here](#).

The Mission this outdoor adventure club is to get students outside. South High School has a global student body where 62 languages other than English are spoken and

many of the student come from economically disadvantaged families. The Crew #1893 was formed in 2019 with the help of Monaco South Optimist and former member James Dockter who at that time worked for the Denver Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. James is now a Field Manager with the Simon Kenton Council in Columbus, Ohio.



Steve leads the Crew activities of hiking, cabin camping, snow-shoeing, etc.

Thank you Steven for an interesting presentation about South High School and the Crew program.

A Bit of Humor



On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt

Answers to last week's questions was the biggest response we have had to date. Five people responded and all five got the right answer. They were



Mark Smith, Tom Glazier, Bob Meyer, Bob Avery, and Dick Nickoloff.

The question was: **Who was President of the Monaco South Optimist Club AFTER Jon Wachter?**

The answer is **John Oss**, who thankfully is recovering well from his recent health scare.

This week's trivia question is: **What is the Colorado State Flower?**

Remember, those who participate and do not get the correct answer will not have their names published, so you have no need to worry about embarrassment. Please give it a try. [Email your answer to Warren.Allentown@gmail.com](mailto:Warren.Allentown@gmail.com).

2019 National Memorial Day Concert

Sam Elliott pays tribute to SGT Ray Lambert on the 2019 National Memorial Day Concert, 30th National Memorial Day Concert. Aired May 26, 2019, on PBS.

Go To: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdzWRdZgan0>

Baseball Quote

"If you're 10 years old and your coach says, 'Get on top of the ball.', 'tell him 'no'."

Josh Donaldson — see the story on the GUMS distribution email, [The Home Run Revolution](#).

Weekly Greeters

5/22/2020

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 the end of May. Please check back for updates.

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
June 5 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: To Be Determined
June 12 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: To Be Determined

2019 - 2020 Officers

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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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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.