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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



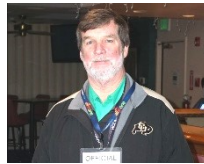
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### Good Morning Optimists

On this unusually cold and wet supposedly spring morning we were met by **Pat Bush**, who had received some greeting practice last Friday, and was now serving solo. Pat was extending a warm handshakes and greeting all.



### Morning Musings

Returning member and past Club Officer, **Frank Ross** walked in the door and pledged he will try and keep an eye on his old pal **Bryce Slaby**.

**Bud Black** and **Bob Avery** were sharing that the heat was off in their homes and the late cold weather had caught them both by surprise.



Clad in a bright yellow shirt, **John Young** proudly escorted his guest, **Brian Wilson** around the room looking for “surfers.”

**Everett Gardner** happily reported his home grown hops are growing and hopping at a very nice pace as all his boutique brewery customers are looking forward to his crop. While **Curt Boell** was a hungry guy this morning and was busy finishing off his second bowl of oatmeal, and **Alan Malask** was proudly showing off how well his XXL shirt fit. Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** was happily informing all the GUMS Editors they could expect the same cost of living and mileage increase they got last year.

The Monaco South blue baseball cap crew of **Tom Kramis**, **Jack Kleinheksel**, **George Buzick**, **Mike White**, and **Tommy Lasorda** (okay, not Tommy Lasorda) were in the house. **Oscar Sorensen** was supervising the coffee table and helping everyone with their assorted needs. There were plenty of flannel shirts this morning—i.e., **Paul Bernard**, **John Stoffel**, **Harry Arkin**, CO-WY District Governor **Paul Simon**, **Bud Black**, **John Oss**, **David Telpner**, and today's editor, **Phil Perington**, to name just a few. All the while the Caribbean traveling man, **Eldon Strong** was attired in a brightly colored tropical shirt, neon sandals, and custom tailored speedo Bermuda shorts.

### First Bell

Our President **Craig Eley** was absent this morning, so Past President and current Club Treasurer **Greg Young** graciously and gladly, gaveled the gathered together.



### Invocation & Pledge

**Paul Gibson** presented the Invocation—“To the Giver of life, remember whatever we make will be taken over by our youth, so let us nurture that which is good for future generations.” The Pledge of Allegiance followed by a rowdy and happy cheer of **PLAY BALL!**

### Guests

**John Young** introduces his neighbor **Brian Wilson**, who plays a few chords of... [Baa-Baa-Baa- Baa- Barbara Ann](#) (a classic of the Beach Boys) and then thanks everyone for inviting him.

Also in the hall was our old friend and brother **Frank Ross** who is back for a visit. *Frank we all enjoy seeing you!*

### Partners in Education Award

**Tom Mauro** took the stage and introduced Hamilton Middle School Principal, Dr. [Christian Sawyer](#). Dr. Sawyer in turn proclaimed Monaco South Optimist Clubs as a “true friend of youth” and shared that he was honored to be our guest. He then spoke highly of [Amy Kalinchuk](#) achievements and introduced our *Partners in Education for Excellence Award* recipient.



On left, Tom Mauro presents Amy Kalinchuk the Partners in Education Award for her contribution to education at Hamilton Middle School, as Dr. Christian Sawyer looks on.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

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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 Award Continued

Dr. Sawyer shared that Ms. Amy Kalinchuk is always humbled by her students and does everything she can for kids by helping them discover the power of their own minds and the magic of the skills in reading. As a special education teacher, Amy strives to "serve students" and believes this is her true mission. As she states, *"It is what I am supposed to do. They are amazing and I couldn't do what I do without the spirit of optimism and the support you give. I believe in optimism and share it with my students."* For her students, diagnosed with dyslexia are the most difficult. She says, *"The key is hearing the words, which then helps them to associate those words while learning to read. In all cases, if you start them early they can teach themselves with my help."*



Ms. Amy Kalinchuk & Dr. Sawyer from Hamilton Middle School.  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Amy went on to say how much she appreciates the help Monaco South provides and the Award is gratefully accepted. She responded to questions asked by **Don Thomson**, **Eldon Strong**, and **Harry Arkin**. Harry in turn offered to help gather and obtain new reading materials for the schools program, while **Frank Middleton** was wondering if any other schools have these services.

Tom closed by congratulating and thanking Ms. Kalinchuk and Principle Sawyer for being our guest and presented them both with an Optimist Cup and an invitation to return anytime and share their stories. He also acknowledged Harry's idea and said, this might be something the Club may look into as a continuing program.

## Announcements

**Update from the CO-WY District Governor:** Paul Simon welcomed guest **Brian Wilson** who is also a neighbor and share his story about going to the Mother's Day Rockies game, with Phil Perington and that it did not quite turn out the way he wanted. As a Los Angeles Dodgers fan he was disappointed that they got smoked in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning, but proclaimed it was an exciting game.

**FRACSOC Casino night report:** Monaco South members were dealers at the District's annual Casino Night, a fundraiser for the district's Childhood Cancer Campaign. **Paul Simon**, **Phil Perington**, **Everett Gardner**, **Paul Bernard**, and **Mark Metevia** dealt cards of course (what were YOU thinking?) at the blackjack tables. Thanks also to **Robert Duvall**, **Ron Gustas**, **Michael Chavez**, **Jack Kitchell** (the big winner), **Pat Bush** and **Greg Young** for supporting Casino Night and to **Kent Gloor** for bartending. The event, which also featured roulette and craps and a silent auction, raised \$2,600 for CCC and was judged to be a ton of fun. However, the take was down \$1,000 from the previous year, so next year we will expect to see twice the number of MSOC members lining up at the tables! *A good time was had by all!*



Photos Joe Priester, Academy Optimist Club

**District's 3rd Quarter Conference:** The CO-WY District's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference was held at the Salvation Army in Aurora on last Saturday, May 13, and was a rip-roaring success, continuing the recent pattern of a mixture of fun, education, and hands-on projects. The 90+ attendees included

Governor **Paul Simon**, Lt. Governor's **Jon Wachter** and **Michael Chavez**, and such other Monaco South luminaries as President **Craig Eley** (district inspiration chair), **Joe Marci**, **Ron Cisco**, and **Frank Middleton**. A special guest was **Katrina Smith**, the governor-elect of our brand new Junior Optimist District who will be installed as governor at our district's annual conference in Breckenridge on August 19. Other conference highlights were a presentation by **Kent Drotar**, ambassador for the Wildlife Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg, packing hygiene bags for homeless youngsters, a



Katrina Smith, JOI District Gov. elect.

rousing speech by our district Oratorical winner, and representatives of five Optimist clubs sharing their best and brightest projects and fund-raisers with their fellow Optimists. Additionally, we had Venus Sanford, OI Vice President, Southwest Region, who promoted OI 2017 Convention in Albuquerque, NM, July 6-8.

Paul said all that would have improved the conference if more Monaco South members had taken part, and he is looking forward to seeing MSOCers at the annual conference in August.

**Reloadable Cash Cards:** **Greg Young** said that **Cy Regan** has the reloadable **King Sooper** and **Safeway** cards, and since earnings are down not to forget you can use these



reloadable cards as a way to pay for your groceries. As a reminder, cardholders must renew a dormant card after 90 days. No lottery tickets can be purchased with the cards and buying fuel is a terrific way to help raise money for the Club. Also, he reminded us that the TI-DOC Auction is over on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Recruiting New Members:** **Frank Middleton** passed around a sheet detailing a game plan for adding and recruiting new members. There are currently gift certificate rewards of up to \$150 for bringing in new members. Get more details from Frank.

**Lowry Elementary Carnival:** **Paul Stratton** reported that the Lowry Kids Carnival is Friday afternoon.

**A LA Dodgers Fan:** **Joe Marci** pointed out that he was a Dodgers fan from 1942-1956 until the team moved to LA. That was the last straw. Then he shared that the 100 Rockies tickets he had are sold out for May 28<sup>th</sup> game. He added he still needs players for the June 5<sup>th</sup> Jr. Golf Tournament at the Broken Tee Golf Course, which will have a shotgun start. Editor: *Home of the new Englewood Optimist Club*. If anyone needs golf clubs, he has five sets of clubs at home. **Pat Bush** asked, "Do you have to bring a shotgun?"

**DTC Wine Tasting and Auction:** Tom Overton reminded everyone of the DTC Wine Tasting and Auction at Citron Bistro on Saturday, May 20. Tickets at the door are \$40 per person. Designated Drivers are available, but you need to make a reservation.

**Colorado MS-150 Hydration Station:** **Michael Chavez** announced the MS-150 Water Station affectionally named in honor of **Pat Sorensen** is on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, so please sign up. **Bill Morgan** and **Dave Moore** will also be honored.

Also, on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Rockies handout that earns the

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## Announcements Continued

club \$500 needs volunteers of members, friends, and family. A purple t-shirt and game ticket is included for the game against Arizona. See Michael for details.

**University Park Super Citizen Program:** Bob Avery, the University Park SC rep, said that the recent Super Citizen program was led by the talented and entertaining **Jon Wachter**. Parents and teachers were all excited because only two weeks remained in the school year.

He also mentioned there will a Senior Moments program at Eastern Star presentation upcoming.

**2017 Super Citizen Year:** Robert Wardlaw proclaimed a very successful 2017 Super Citizen Year with the concluding presentations of the **Charlie Korsoski Award Presentations**. See the schedule below. He thanked the hard working of the SC school representatives, **Randy Marcove, Tom Mauro, Donlie Smith, Paul Stratton, Don Thomson, Gary Miller, Kent Gloor, Tom Hoch, and Bob Avery**. He also recognized the photographers, **Greg Young, Wyatt McCallie, John Oss, Noel Hasselgren, Marc Goodbody, and Les Larson**.

## Happy Bucks

As the Happy Bucks pot made the rounds, here is what was shared:

**Paul Simon:** CO-WY District teamwork and happy because of all the support he gets.

**Bob Avery:** Son graduated, lots of expenses are gone, so he threw \$5 in the pot.



**George Buzick:** Lived another year and loves the snow on his birthday.

**Paul Gibson:** Celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and eye surgery was successful.

**Don Thomson:** New grandson having a baptism in June.

**Mike McMahon:** His son had first audition and got one of four available parts.

**Ricardo Ortiz:** Had an interview with a Chick-fil-A franchise owner in Atlanta for job he has worked to land over the last five years, and got hired on the spot. He too wants to be a distinct franchise business owner. So, Atlanta is his new home, but he will here next week.

**Tom Kramis:** Learned via audio learning to help him graduate from college & really a god send for his B.A.

## Good to See You!

Folks we have not seen lately, welcome back: **Curt Boell, David Telpner, Allen Pierce, Bryce Slaby, Sewell "Bud" Black, Ricardo Ortiz, and Frank Ross**. Welcome crack fellas—Good to see ya!

## Today's Drawing

With \$90 in the pot the card to find was the King of Hearts. Those who chose a cup were **Allen Malask** (with 2 wins), **Harry Arkin, Tom Overton, Lynn Jones, and Paul Gibson**. But the big winner was Don Thomson with draw of the King of Hearts. See picture below.



A \$90 Winner, Don Thomson



## Weekly Greeters

5/26/17	Keith Galloway & Russ Paul
6/2/17	George Buzick & Jim Easton

## Super Citizen Korsoski Presentations

Bradley International	May 30 @ 5:00 pm
Hamilton Middle	June 1 @ George Washington High School, 6:00 pm
Highline Academy	May 26 @ 2:30 pm
Holm Elementary	June 2 @ 8:30 am
Lowry Elementary	June 1 @ 6:30 pm
McMeen Elementary	May 31 @ noon
Most Precious Blood	May 25 @ 11:30 am
Samuels Elementary	June 1 @ 9:00 am
Slavens Elementary	June 1 @ ?
University Park	June 1 @ 6:00 pm

## Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40<sup>th</sup> Year — Chartered in 1976

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

May 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Respect for Law ( <i>Word has it there will be nine guests in our audience for this presentation.</i> )
June 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Jason Ganahl, Maestro of Meat, GQue Championship BBQ
June 5	Mon	7:30 am	CO-WY District Golf Scramble, Broken Tee Golf Course, 2101 W. Oxford Ave
June 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: John Wiebenga, Cancer Survivor
June 15	Thur	7:30 am	Junior Golf Tournament, Boys 14-15 & 16-18, Fitzsimons Golf Course
June 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day

**Past Presidents of the  
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96	Michael Chavez	2015-16

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**NEWSLETTER EDITORS:** May **Phil Perington**, June **George Buzick**, July **Robert Wardlaw**

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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.