



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

(GUMS)

May 24, 2019 – Vol. 43, Issue 34



Optimist Club of Monaco South



Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado
Serving Youth and the Community for 43 Years
National Philanthropy Day Colorado, Outstanding Service Organization, 2012
www.monacosouth.org

Editor for this Issue—Paul Stratton



Good Morning Optimists

On this Friday morning, May 24, 2019, we start the Memorial Day Weekend!



deepest gratitude to the heroes who selflessly protect our freedoms.

Our Greeters

Mike White and Don Thomson made for an excellent tag-team of greeters this morning. Each meeting attendee received hearty well-wishes and salutations on this Friday morning.

Right, Mike White & Don Thomson
Photo Noel Hasselgren



First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

John Oss was tasked with delivering our invocation, and he shared a powerful Memorial Day message, expressing gratitude to those known and unknown who served in our armed forces and gave their lives in support and protection of our freedom. He then lead us in the in an expression of allegiance to the flag of the United States and the republic of the United States of America.

From the Prez & Guests

Prez **Everett Gardner** could not find any guest this morning, but he did see that **Harry Fegley** was back from his 128-day global cruise. He has been gone so long he almost went unrecognized. A comment was heard, "...don't cruise ships have with 24-hour food service, well Harry doesn't look like he gained a pound!" Welcome back world-traveler!



Destination Imagination teams from Slavens Elementary sent "thank you notes" to the club, and President Gardner passed them around for all to see. Our club helped support

their teams going to the global competition.

Announcements

Casino Night Fundraiser: **Phil Perington** reminded us that the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club is having their annual Casino Night Friday, May 31st from 6 to 9 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Tickets are \$30, which will be for your food, entertainment, and fun! Oh yeah - also a \$1,000 worth of casino chips to test your luck on games. There will also be bingo, a silent auction, and a cash bar, with all proceeds going to OI's Childhood Cancer Campaign. It was six years ago that Monaco South chartered this club. So, come out to support them and also to have some fun! Pre-purchase tickets by contacting Patty Hasty at 303-619-9495 or by email at pattyhasty@msn.com.

Christmas Tree Lot Update: **Tom Kramis** let us know that he visited the Santa Haus and the tree lot trailer, and it turns out that no one was living in either of them, so that's the good news! He further shared they are in decent shape with maybe some paint needed for the Santa Haus. The Super Citizen school year is wrapping up, and tree lot season — which never really ends — is picking up. Tom reported he had to place the first tree order since Christmas can get scarce as we get closer to the Christmas Holiday Season.

Final Super Citizen Assembly: **Don Thomson** announced that McMeen Elementary had their final Super Citizen assembly for this academic year. Don expressed thanks to **Mike White** and **John Oss** for their participation and support. Don shared that the Super Citizen program start at McMeen in 1992. As the former coordinator of the Super Citizen program for our club, Don also said thanks to **Robert Wardlaw**, current Super Citizen Overseer, and Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** for the work they do for all of the schools that we support by honoring students as Super Citizens.



Dime-A-Day Donation: **Perry Allen** gave us a Dime-A-Day update. Approximately \$2,600 has been contributed by our club to OI via this program. Perry is up to five Monaco South Optimists who have contributed \$1.00/day instead of 10 cents a day, and thanked **Harry Fegley**, **Bob Avery**, **John Oss**, **Phil Perington**, and **Paul Stratton**, which means Perry's personal commitment and contribution keeps growing! If you have not made a Dime-A-Day contribution lately, consider it and contact Perry.



Continued next page

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

King Soopers Reloadable Cards: Frank Middleton

reminded us that King Soopers is still supporting community groups like ours. When you swipe your King Soopers card at checkout the club benefits. Frank passed around signup forms to get your card registered, and says you can also do so online. Go to "[King Soopers Community Rewards](#)" and Sign-In. Any questions please call Frank at 303-759-9232 or cell 303-903-1716 or email frankm101@hotmail.com.

Super Citizen Charlie Korsoski Presentations: Robert Wardlaw said, "the end of the school year is coming, the end of the school year is coming!" The Charlie Korsoski presentations start next week for our Super Citizen schools. All School Reps should see Robert for frames and certificates if you have not done so already, and see **Greg Young** for a crisp and clean \$100 bills to present to the award recipients.



To learn more about **Charlie Korsoski** and the Super Citizen program [CLICK HERE](#) or see **GUMS** distribution email.

CO-WY Junior Golf Tournaments: Joe Marci announced that there are three Jr. Golf tournaments coming up in June—on the 7th, 14th, and the 19th. Therefore, he is looking for volunteers to make sure they run smoothly. Sign up if you can, and for more information on each tournament [CLICK HERE](#) or contact Joe at 303-771-3748.

Bike MS: Colorado 2019: Bob Avery gave us a heads up that the MS 150 is coming up in about a month - June 29th and 30th. Bob will once again be riding, and Monaco South will staff the **Pat Sorenson Memorial Rest Stop** on Sunday. This year there is a 30 Mile Fort Collins Loop on Saturday only; 68, 82, or 100 Mile routes on Saturday; and 69 or 76 Mile routes on Sunday to Westminster, CO. More details will be forthcoming.



Lowry Community Volunteer Day: Paul Stratton shared a thank you note from **Lisa Davis**, the parent volunteer coordinator at Lowry Elementary, after our club supported their Community Volunteer Day last weekend:

"Dear Friends of Lowry Elementary:

Thank you so much for taking the time yesterday to come out and work on improving Lowry's grounds. The spaces we worked on look so much better thanks to your hard work! I am so excited to see students working in the Serenity Garden, which is now an inviting space for students and teachers to work."

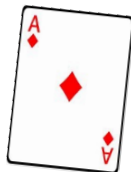
Thanks again to **Mark Metevia, George Buzick, Ken Duffy, Al Gapuzan, Stephen Avery, and Tom Kramis** for their hard work!

Drawing

The **Ace of Diamonds** held the key to the robust pot of \$130. When **Peter Dimond** heard that it was the Ace of Diamonds, he immediately



bought a ticket, thinking that his name would be called for sure. However, as it played out **George Buzick** and **Mark Metevia** who hoped to make their optimism come true went for it—but, just not this time.



Cups of cash went to: **Bob Meyer, Ron Cisco, John Stoffel** (after **Ed Collins** tried to pull a fast one by "misreading" his ticket), **Russ Paul, Wyatt McCallie, and Paul Stratton**.

It turns out that **Mike White** wears his name tag on his MSOC shirt! And, it is a good thing he was wearing it, as his name was called and he received a shot at the pot. Alas, no dough for Mike today either. And, yes, Peter lost out on all the calls as well. Next week the pot grows again.

Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

Hey Gang, Here's this week's "RANT & RAVES vs. ... Tweets" for your readership.

PAST ... Welcome back Harry Fegley and thanks for the \$365 donation!

Luckily I didn't plant my tomatoes last weekend (typical garden start on Mother's Day). As shown in these pix, they would not have liked the weather. We'll see how well the hops and peas survived this afternoon when I will put some plants in the garden. Oh yah, it's Turtle Crossing Season in Berryville, Arkansas now (last week's work journey). I was going to help him finish his journey but I didn't have gloves and I was running late to the airport.



Brenda Tierney from CDOT, Central 70 Project presentation was very interesting showing a park above the free-way traffic flow. I've seen roads under buildings in Chicago, Boston, Minneapolis, and a few other large metro areas, but not a park quite like this. Something else to set the Mile High City apart from the crowd. The work-force from that area and upgrading of the homes was a very interesting scenario. The handout brochure gives a good synopsis of the project. If you didn't get one, let me know and we'll find one for you.

HAPPENING NOW / SOON ... Wanted to go to the Sunday game, but had prior commitments. Sorry Joe, I'll be at the next game. Joe Marci has future Rocky tickets and they support the CO-WY Jr. Golf Program. Let's have a PARTY at Coors Field for the next game! Take a friend who wants to help Kids.

FUTURE ... We will have a New Member Orientation June 17 @ STEM Academy (John Scarborough's Silicon STEM Academy, 4201 E. Yale Ave., #130) to give an introduction and update on MSOC's projects, fund raisers, and how to get more involved. Also mentors for the newbies will be there and project leaders will be present for Q&A and to find their passion. If interested in attending, please inform Tom Glazer as a head count is needed for the light supper.

Last, it's not too late to register for OI's 101st Year National Convention in Louisville, KY, June 30—July 3, 2019.

Prez Everett

PS — Bring a GUEST next week. Follow-up on new and old contacts! Have a non-member help with upcoming Projects. The June Goal is 8 Guests per meeting.

Some Every Day Thoughts

Have you ever
listened to someone for a
while and wondered...
"who ties your
shoelaces for you?"

**Don't confuse my
PERSONALITY
with my ATTITUDE...**
My PERSONALITY is who I am.
My ATTITUDE depends on who you are!

Brenda Tierney

Control 70 Communications, Colorado Department of Transportation

Our speaker today was Brenda Tierney. Brenda is in the Communications Department at the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). She came with a presentation on



the Central 70 Project. The Central 70 Project will reconstruct a 10-mile stretch of I-70 between I-25

and Chambers Road. It is home to 1,200 businesses, providing the regional connection to Denver International Airport and carrying upwards of 200,000 vehicles per day.

The project will add one new Express Lane in each direction, remove the aging 55-year old viaduct, lower the interstate between Brighton and Colorado boulevards, and place a 4-acre park over a portion of the lowered interstate by Swansea Elementary School. An overview of this project can be seen in this CDOT December 2018 newsletter, [CLICK HERE](#).



Design began in January 2018. Construction began in September 2018 and will continue through 2022. It is a public/private partnership with no direct funds from the Federal Government. CDOT selected Kiewit Meridian Partners (KMP) to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the Central 70 Project. CDOT will be paying off the project over the next 30 years. Among CDOT's challenges with this project are railroad relocations, continuing to provide access



Brenda Tierney
Photo Noel Hasselgren

to local businesses, and keeping Swansea Elementary open and accessible.

There will be a fire suppression system, ventilation system, wider shoulders and video monitoring for the stretch of the highway under the park. There are a lot of resources to stay up to date on the project:

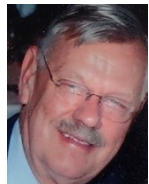
- ◆ Text alerts - text Central70 to 77948
- ◆ Email updates - c70.codot.gov [Sign up for Project Updates](#)
- ◆ Facebook @ [central70project](https://www.facebook.com/central70project)
- ◆ Website - c70.codot.gov - [Traffic Impacts page](#)
- ◆ Watch progress on the [webcam at c70.codot.gov](#)



[See Construction Live Web Cam](#)

Former Member Past Away

Ronald H. Carlson, February 11, 1936 - May 3, 2019, a former Monaco South member—a Celebrating of the Life for Ron will be held Sunday, June 2, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 6322 S. Lakeview St., Littleton, CO.



Born in New Britain, CT and lived in Colorado for 45 years. Preceded in death by his wife Ann Louise. Ron will be remembered for his kindness, enthusiasm and humor by his sons Greg and Jeff, his sister Barbara and brother Jeff, stepchildren, Kirstine, Keith, Sonja, and Anna Lis, and his many grandchildren and friends.

Camaraderie at its Best



Closing Bell & Creed

Our illustrious president **Everett Gardner** sent us onto our Friday after leading us in the creed:

Promise Yourself...

Korsoski Award Presentations

May 24 @ 9:00	Holm	At Hamilton
May 30 @ 6:30	Hamilton	At GWHS
May 29 @ 7:00	Slavens	At Slavens
May 30 @ 8:30	MPB	At MPB
May 30 @ 5:30	McMeen	At Hill Middle
May 30 @ 6:00	Bradley	At Bradley
May 30 @ 6:30	Lowry	At Lowry
May 30 @ 9:00	Samuels	At Samuels

Weekly Greeters

Sign-Up with Jon Wachter to be a greeter, it is a good way to meet members.

5/31/19	John Oss & Keith Galloway
6/7/19	Bryce Slaby & Michael Chavez
6/14/19	Tom Kramis & Bob Avery
6/21/19	Joe Marci & Bob Meyer



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

May 27 Mon			Memorial Day
May 31 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: East High School Constitutional Scholars	
May 31 Fri	5:30 pm	Casino Night Fundraiser for Childhood Cancer, American Legion Hall, 5400 E. Yale	
June 4 Tue	7:30 am	Junior Golf Adult Tournament/Auction, Saddle Rock Golf Course, 21705 E Arapahoe Rd	
June 7 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Scott Henke, How to Avoid a Scam	
June 7 Wed	7:30 am	Junior Golf Tournament, Boys 10-15, Overland Golf Course, 1801 Huron St.	
June 8 Sat	8:00 am	Gateway OC Pancake Breakfast, Village Inn, 15200 E. Iliff Ave.	
June 12 Wed	7:30 am	Junior Golf Tournament, Girls 10-18, Meadow Hills Golf Course, 3609 S Dawson St.	
June 14 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Neil Alderson, YMCA Update	
June 14 Wed	7:30 am	Junior Golf Tournament, Boys 16-18, Flatirons Golf Course, 5706 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder	
June 17 Mon	6:30 pm	New Member Orientation, Silicon Stem Academy, 4201 E Yale Ave., Suite 130	
June 20 Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room	

2018 - 2019 Officers

President	Everett Gardner	949-246-0984
Vice President	Steve Kady	303-931-1470
Vice President	Bob Meyer	303-814-5990
Secretary	Tracy Sorensen	303-886-1743
Treasurer	Greg Young	303-759-3921

2018 - 2019 Board of Directors

Ken Duffy	303-880-5072
Tom Glazier	303-522-5214
Noel Hasselgren	303-475-7125
Jack Kleinheksel	720-938-1760
Tom Kramis	303-917-5299
Dan Rodriguez	303-521-5120
John Stoffel	720-837-3013
Robert Wardlaw	303-525-2532
Jim Easton (Past Pres.)	720-987-7684

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		
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		

Newsletter Committee

Robert Finkelmeier	303-756-5829	Paul Stratton	303-366-6375
George Buzick	303-803-2268	Pat Bush	720-254-3741
Robert Wardlaw	303-525-2532	Craig Eley	303-758-9499
Phil Perington	303-832-4578	Greg Young	303-759-3921

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

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.