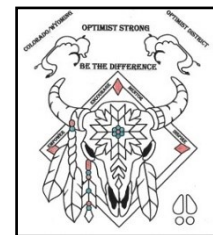




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Editor for this Issue—Robert Wardlaw

Good Morning Optimist

On this sunny spring morning we started a three-day holiday weekend marking the unofficial beginning of summer and America's most solemn occasion, Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a federal holiday for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. To learn more [CLICK HERE](#) for a Memorial Day video from the *History Channel*. Our Greeters this morning are **Pat Bush** and **Allen Malask**.



Allen Malask & Pat Bush
Photo Noel Hasselgren

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First Bell

President **Jim Easton** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. and calls on **Greg Young** to read this morning's invocation and to lead us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Invocation & Pledge

It is a Memorial Day prayer, *Merciful God The remembrance of those who have died is painful for us, but it is doubly so when we remember those who have laid down their lives for us in battle, passing on to us a debt, which we can never, repay. We are grateful for and grateful to those living among us who have suffered the brutality of way, and to all veterans, known and unknown.*

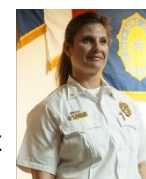


From the Prez

Back from his absence last Friday, Prez **Jim Easton** thanks president-elect **Everett Gardner** for standing in

for him and then reads a very nice "Thank You Card" from Constitutional Scholar Jackson, a very nice postcard from the Vietnam Memorial from Washington DC.

Additionally, a "Thank You email" from Deputy Chief **Carly Helwick**, the recipient of our Respect for Law Program award last week was mentioned.



Prez Jim also mentions two Optimist Club anniversary's: the Northeast Optimist Club is celebrating its 41st anniversary and the Park Hill Optimist Club is celebrating its 21 years. The two Club's will hold a joint celebration at Park Hill Golf Course on June 23rd. If interested in attending RSVP by June 1st to 303-909-0217, the cost is \$30 per person.

Announcements

Colfax Marathon Recap: **Everett Gardner** thanked those who assisted with the handing out of materials for the Colfax Marathon. Although he did not have the number he had hoped for nor a complete list of all the helpers, it was a fun event for those who did show up. Those helping out were, **Greg and Diane Young, Curt and Sharon Boell, Tom Kramis, Mark Metevia, and Robert Wardlaw** and family.

Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY): **Paul Bernard** announced that the HOBY Youth Leadership program will be coming up on Saturday, June 23rd. Founded in 1958, HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation. Paul reports there is record registration of 200 kids this year. Paul is looking for volunteers for about an hour and a half.

Hamilton Middle School Super Citizen: **Karl Geil** recaps the final Super Citizen Assembly at Hamilton Middle School, on May 24th. Nineteen new Super Citizens were recognized with Karl serving as Master of Ceremonies and **Noel Hasselgren** taking pictures. **Harry Fegley** served as guest speaker. The students

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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

recognized were a diverse group and Harry's story was of two villages, which had survived civil war in their countries. In one, the younger generation was slovenly and just did not care. Ten years later, conditions in that village had gotten worse, and the village was desperate for more foreign aid. In the other, the younger generation was composed of people we would consider to be Super Citizens. Ten years later, that village was thriving and had made improvements to the water and other infrastructure, all of which demonstrating the value of Super Citizens in their communities.

T1 Diabetes Set Up: Ron Gustas thanked Michael Chavez and other Monaco South Optimists: Mark Metevia, Jed Ziegenhagen, George Buzick, Greg Young, and Don Roth for their help in transporting on May 19th materials for the 2018 JDRF Dream Gala. The Gala the following night was a major success and raised at least \$825,000 to provide funding for research seeking a cure for and improved treatment options for Type 1 Diabetes (T1D).

T1DOC Online Auction: Ron Gustas then announced that the Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club's Fourth Annual On-Line Auction is in progress and that bidding will close at 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 29th.



The auction which has over a 130 separate lots with a combined value exceeding \$25,000 hopes to raise a minimum \$10,000 to provide "Camperships" helping kids with T1D get to a special summer camp and also support JDRF funded research efforts. The auction site address is www.32auctions.com/t1diabetes2018. Included in the auction lots are a half dozen golf packages—a couple with no bids—and many lodging/condo offerings. Some items are yet to receive any bids and provide great values. Please register, bid, and support the *Auction to Help Kids with T1D*. Pass the info about the auction to others who would like to bid on some great items!

Optimist Odyssey to Santa Fe: Craig Eley says, only 3 reserved rooms left! MSOCers and their spouses and friends are invited to the Optimist Odyssey, a trip to Santa Fe, NM, which leaves Friday, August 17th and returns Monday, August 20th. Santa Fe offers a number of activities, including the Santa Fe Opera (Madame Butterfly), a backstage tour of the Opera, the new Meow Wolf amusement facility, the Plaza Indian Market and an Astronomy Night in the New Mexico hills. Plus, it is the weekend of the annual Indian Market Festival. Add to this great food, shopping, and the camaraderie of your fellow Optimists and it will be an epic week-end. We may rent vans or carpool so that the 6-hour trip will be as much fun as the destination. If interested, contact Craig Eley, craigceley@gmail.com.

Optimist International 100th Convention: Craig Eley also reported a bylaw amendment which is being taken up at the Optimist International 100th Convention this July. This information is taken from the OI Website. [ISSUE 6: THE OPTIMIST CREED](#) (Submitted by

the Springfield-Luncheon IL Optimist Club). A proposal to change the Optimist Creed to "*To make all your friends all your friends all persons feel that there is something in them.*"

Explanation: *The reason for this proposed change is to be more inclusive. It is perhaps easy to encourage one's friends; it is not so easy to encourage acquaintances or strangers. Optimists are not just "friends of boys" anymore, but "friends of youth"; we need to change with the times. We should not just inspire or reassure those whom we know; we should also sustain or encourage those who are not friends. (Please note, as this proposes a revision to Article 1 of the Optimist International Bylaws, this will need a 2/3 approval vote to pass)*

Craig suggested that "...this was either in reaction to a perceived feeling (but not true) that Optimists do not have many friends, so we need to expand the field, or more likely a secret effort of the Amalgamated Banner Printers of America."

Casino Night for Cancer: Paul Simon recalls the speaker we had earlier this year talking about staving off early dementia. So on Friday, June 22nd, come to Casino Night, here at the American Legion Hall 6-9 p.m. sponsored by the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club. See flyer [CLICK HERE](#).

CO-WY Junior Golf: Joe Marci reported that he still has five tickets available for Rockies vs Dodgers on Sunday, June 3rd. And the Golf Tournament fundraiser for Jr. Golf is on June 4th. It is a scramble at Broken Tee Golf Course in Englewood. Plus, there are three tournaments for kids coming up in June. See the Jr. Golf [Webpage](#). Joe is looking for Hole Sponsors. There is plenty of opportunities to help.

March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball: Pat Bush announced he was contacted this week by March of Dimes in regards to the Mudd Volleyball coming up on Saturday, August 4th. Pat is looking for volunteers to help with parking duties and said he will buy breakfast.

Gateway Optimist Club Pancake Breakfast: Bob Krech stopped by to promote the club's Annual Breakfast, on Saturday, June 2nd, at Village Inn, I-225 & Mississippi in Aurora.

Denver Broncos Tickets: Harry Arkin says he will offer tickets for individual games for this coming season—four seats at cost. The location is on the Goal Line on the north end, section 109. See Harry if you are interested.

Do You Know These Graduates?



It was reported that these two 1966 graduates discussed the unfriendly blonde in English class, having a couple of long necks, and being part of an Optimist Club in Denver while this picture was taken. Do you know who they are? It is said that if you can identify goth of them a nice reward will be yours. Let your editor know.

South by Southeast

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 18th, to assist with parking at the 2nd South by Southeast at Bible Park. Councilwomen Kendra Black says 10,000+ are expected 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 more. This should be a fantastic event!

Cheyenne Depot Days

Steam Train Buffs **Greg Hurd** with son **Andrew** and **Everett Gardner** enjoyed a wet—rained all week-end—Cheyenne Depot Days last Saturday and Sunday on separate excursions. Greg being there Sunday morning and Everett Saturday afternoon enjoyed both the Steam shop where the Union Pacific (UP) Big Boy is being restored, and the Round House that houses the UP Challenger and other vintage engines and assorted cars. Pictured are various aspects of the self-guided tour. Being later in the day, Everett was one of a small group that was able to have a “private” tour of the smoke box (front of engine that emits the smoke from burning coal) of the Big Boy. A fun historical time was had by all!



Above, the Big Boy being restored. At right, Everett standing in front of a Big Boy drive wheel.



Below, the UP 844 that pulls Cheyenne Frontier Days train from Denver & engineers controls.

Photos Everett Gardner & Greg Hurd



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

Do we have a drawing?

Yes we do and there is \$100 dollars in the big pot with the lucky card being the 10 of Spades.

Members holding winning tickets this morning include **Bob Meyer, Frank Middleton, John Oss, Jack Kleinheksel, Karl Geil** wins a cup, and then again his ticket is drawn and he draws the lucky card! **Ed Collins** and **Gary Strowbridge** win the remaining cups.



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Promise yourself ...

May Super Citizen Presenters

May 25 @ 8:20	Holm	?
May 29 @ 6:00	Bradley	?
May 30 @ 1:00	McMeen	?

Weekly Greeters

6/1/18	Bob Avery & Woody Thibodeau
6/8/18	Randy Marcove & Jon Wachter
6/15/18	Curt Boell & ?
6/22/18	Allen Pierce & Everett Gardner

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

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

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
June 20	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
June 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

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

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Cy Regan	1999-00
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.