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Good Morning Optimists Memorial Day Weekend

On this Friday morning, our wide-eyed and bushy tailed greeters this morning were **Russ Paul** and **Keith Galloway** merrily waving in the crowd. They were on their best behavior, however, not quite sure why there were five Denver Police officers in the hall. Someone finally mentioned it was our **Respect for Law Breakfast**—all was well.



Morning Musings

Ralph Pedersen, powering through his breakfast was seen consuming copious amounts of Vitamin B (as in bacon). Meanwhile, our Denver Police Department guests were laughing and cracking jokes about Danish vs. Donuts.

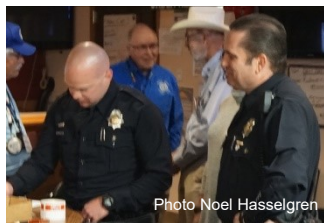


Photo Noel Hasselgren
Some of DPD guests sign-in.

Bryce "don't call me Bruce" Slaby realizing there were handcuffs in the room, promised everyone he would be a good boy this morning and not tell any jokes.

Eldon Strong, Gary Strowbridge, Barry Barker, Tom Overton, and John Swick were engrossed in animated conversation, sharing hail damage stories.

Perry "the gentleman" Allen, was elegantly attired for a visit to his Evergreen Estate, while **Allen Malask, Wyatt McCallie, and Ron Gustas** decided all the bugs flying around the room were probably drones bugging the place.

Not to be overlooked over in the corner, President Elect **Jim Easton, Allen Pierce, and David Telpner** were chortling to each how cool it is that they had an unnamed "ringer" in their foursome for the upcoming CO-WY Jr. Golf Tournament. While **Gary Miller** was giving away a free breakfast to any customer wearing a Rockies hat.

First Bell

President **Craig Eley**, made it quite clear there were a number of outstanding warrants in the room, but did not

reveal his last name and gaveled the gathered together at 7:03 a.m. He then presented a thoughtful invocation: *"In this complicated and fast paced world let us strive to live in harmony, inspire respect for law and curb anarchy. Without such conduct, we cannot impart that credo to our youth...."* He then lead us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*, ending with shouts of *Play Ball!*

Prez Craig Eley announced there are still several April 2017 Club Directories available for anyone who has yet to pick one up.

Guests

With a full house this morning and many Guests were in attendance:

Harry Arkin introduced his two friends, **Les Volpe**, a retired lawyer volunteering for the "We the People" constitutional program and a fellow lawyer, and **Art Walsh** whom he shares office space with. He has known them for way too many years, but they still may be returning soon.

Noel Hasselgren, his guest was **Chris Johnson**, a father he met at the recent Super Citizens Awards held at University Park Elementary who is now interested in Monaco South and all the things we do.

Past CO-WY District Governor **Bob Hartwig** and his wife **Carolyn**, who now reside in Texas, stopped by for a visit before traveling to their new home and Optimist Club. They recently sold their home in Loveland and are now as happy as kid with a \$100 bill in a candy store.

City Council member and Friend of Optimist **Kendra Black**, who was a founder of the Respect for Law program in 1980, stopped by to participate in the morning activities. She greeted us with a smile and good will.

John Young proudly pronounced his guest from last week, **Brian Wilson** has returned with an application and check in hand, and is now our newest member! Welcome aboard Brian it is great to see you again.

Respect for Law Presentation

Randy Marcove introduced DPD District 3 Lieutenant **Carlos Aragon** and his four officers, some accompanied by their wives. This was followed by the detailed description of a very dangerous and complicated 12-hour incident that had recently occurred at a hotel located



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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******

Respect for Law Continued

near E. Hampden and S. Tamarac. It involved the taking of hostages, a complete evacuation of guests, and a stand-off encompassing the entire 7th floor. Because of the skill and courage of these Officers, everything ended well and no one was hurt. It is with great honor and respect that the Optimist Club of Monaco South can present these Denver Police Department Officers with our Annual Respect for Law Award. A standing ovation followed and a profound sense of pride filled the room.



From left to right, Craig Eley, Jordan Pittsley, Brain Pancelo, Carlos Aragon, Gary Yampolsky, James Boutin, & Randy Marcove.

Photos Noel Hasselgren / Steve Kady

Announcements

Hamilton Middle Super Citizen: Karl Geil shared that the final Super Citizen program of the year at Hamilton Middle School was held on Thursday evening, May 25th. President **Craig Eley**, **Wyatt McCallie**, and Karl honored thirteen more students, or "scholars" as they call them at Hamilton Middle School, to the Super Citizen Family.

Super Citizen at Samuels: Kent Gloor followed up saying the final Super Citizen program at Samuels Elementary was last Friday and he was assisted by **Eldon Strong**, **Everett Gardner**, **Les Larson** and photo specialist **Noel Hasselgren**. A big thank you to everyone!

T1DOC On-line Auction Results: Ron Gustas thanked members of the OCMS for supporting the recently completed "Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club" Third Annual On-line Auction by being both auction item donors and actual bidders. Several OCMS members were successful with winning bids. Proceeds from the auction exceeded \$9,500 and with some cash donations after the auction closed, the project surpassed its \$10,000 goal.

Proceeds from the auction will provide partial or full "Campserships" to thirty or more kids to a special diabetes camp this summer and help make a significant donation to JDRF for Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) research studies. Thanks to all who helped make this auction a success and in benefiting those with this difficult disease. Your support makes a difference!

CO-WY Junior Golf Tournament: Joe Marci told us that the Jr Golf Tournament set for June 15-16 is still in need of volunteers. It will be held at the Flatirons Golf Course, 5706 Arapahoe Ave. in Boulder, starting 7:30 a.m.

Colorado MS-150 Hydration Station: Michael Chavez is looking for MS-150 volunteers to help staff the hydration station named in honor of Pat Sorensen and in supporting member's **Bill Morgan** and **David Moore**. Monaco South has been supporting fundraising activity with volunteers for over 20 years. According to **Bob Avery**, a long-time rider, this event is also a great place to see the advances made in the Spandex industry.

Additionally, Michael shared that there is a June 22nd Rockies handout day that raises \$500 and he needs 35 volunteers. It is a day game and includes a Rockies shirt plus

tickets to the game with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

In an email **Bill Morgan** said, "Thanks for allowing me to talk about the clubs **MSRunTheUS** donation this year. This year's Colorado runners are **Abbie Solberg** and **Angela McMurray**. Abbie is currently running the Steam Boat Springs to Denver segment and Angela will take over next week and run the Denver to Wray segment. See [the first giving pages](#) provide nice biographies of each runner a why they are in the event.

Bill Morgan

Yesterday Kaitlyn, my daughter, (photo at right) helped Abbie tackle Loveland pass in a 27-mile day. Sunday, she will run Abbie into Denver, city park. The link for donating in Abbie's name is <https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/abbie-solberg/msruntheus2017relay>.



Next week on Tuesday and Wednesday Kaitlyn plans on running with Angela. The link for Angela's name is <https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/Angela-McMurray/msruntheus2017relay>.

Kaitlyn's relay running this year is just for the fun of it; she is crazy! And she is doing it to bring awareness to the event and help the runners tackle challenging days. The donation is greatly appreciated.

When I told Sue last night what the club did for the relay, she started to cry then immediately called Kaitlyn and then she cried too. Well, what can you say? Thanks, Bill."

DTC Wine Tasting and Auction: John Oss thanked members for supporting the recent DTC Wine Tasting and Auction Fundraiser. He said, "It matters, matters!"

Eastern Star Presentation: Bob Avery provided a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who attended the 4th Thursday retirement home visit at Eastern Star. He shared that this is a new Club outreach program and everyone is encouraged to participate. His presentation, "Small world stories" was this month's theme.

He added that **David Telpner** would also be riding in the MS -150. And that last year, we raise between \$1,000-\$2,000 annually from club member contributions. He is thankful to everyone who donates.

Dime-A-Day: Perry Allen the Dime-A-Day Club Chair, is still accepting annual contributions of \$36.50 and urges anyone who wants to be a part of the OI Foundation program to participate. Members who have contributed more than once this year are **Allen Malask**, **Gary Miller**, **John Oss**, and **Ron Gustas**.

Monaco South Shirts & Hats: Greg Young reported that Monaco South shirts, with or without your name, are available. They come in assorted colors. Additionally, blue hats are also available (without hair), as Russ Paul proudly displayed his ne MSOC ball-cap.

Councilwoman Kendra Black: Kendra Shared that she helped organize the 1990's MS-150, and is a staunch supporter of the race and appreciates our contributions toward the success of the Ride.

The "South by Southwest" neighborhood celebration will be held at Bible Park on Saturday, August 19th, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. There is also a great Family golfing opportunity taking place at Kennedy Golf Course starting June 6th and running through August 29th.



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Announcements Continued

OCMS Programs: President Eley reminded everyone that the Club has lots of youth programs and every member is urged and welcome to jump in and get involved. (See the project list at <http://www.monacosouth.org/Page/projects-and-activities>). He then reminisced that when he was 35 years old (a long, long, time ago), **John Young** had dragged him to his first Monaco South club meeting and finally eight years later he joined. He reminded all to "JUST ASK!"



A Shared Comment: Steve Kady, in a moment of self-inflicted jest, mentions to our guests that there are still donuts over there. **Karl Geil** responded, "You know they have guns, right?" Colorado Rapids vs. Columbus Crew tickets for the new Police Department Museum fundraiser are available for the June 3rd game at Dick's Sporting Goods Park. See the poster at right.



COLORADO RAPIDS GROUP TICKETS
LAW ENFORCEMENT NIGHT

COLORADO RAPIDS V. COLUMBUS CREW
Saturday, June 3rd at 7:00PM
Dick's Sporting Goods Park
6000 Victory Way
Commerce, CO 80022

DENVER POLICE MUSEUM

Ticket Package \$30:

- Reserved seating in the South Corner
- \$3 from every ticket will benefit the Denver Police Museum
- First 100 buyers will receive a limited edition Colorado Rapids Law Enforcement Challenge Coin

Law Enforcement families and friends welcome!

To purchase tickets, please visit: <http://www.rapidsfix.com/lawenforcement>

Please contact Andrea Garza with the Colorado Rapids at 303.727.3724 or Andrea.Garza@TeamKSE.com with questions and orders of 20 or more.

Meeting Photos



Jack Kleinhessel & Don Roth welcome Councilwoman Kendra Black.



Randy Marcove welcomes our guests.



At left, Craig Eley & Bob Avery conferring on attendance.

Photos Noel Hasselgren

Weekly Greeters

6/2/17	George Buzick & Jim Easton
6/9/17	Steve Kady & ?
6/16/17	Jim VanderKamp & Bob Avery
6/23/17	Bill Morgan & Dave Moore
6/30/17	Robert Wardlaw & ?

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 40th Year — Chartered in 1976

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

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
June 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Beth McCann, Denver's first female District Attorney
June 24	Sat	4:00 pm	HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) Seminar

**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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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.