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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Robert Wardlaw for Paul Stratton

### Good Morning Optimists

It is a beautiful morning today, this first Friday of May 2019. Our Greeters this morning are **Keith Gallaway** and **Andy Towt**. And, like many other days it has holidays to celebrate, like Garden Meditation Day, International Space Day, International Tuba Day, National Chocolate Custard Day, just to name a few.



Keith Gallaway & Andy Towt  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

### First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

President **Everett Gardner** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. **Andy Towt** is called upon to read the morning invocation — The Youth of today. *“When youth are present as they are this morning we ask Almighty God for his help in guiding them. Throughout history, we are reminded youth are our hope for the future. Help them realize their full potential.”* This in honor of our guests this morning, students from Thomas Jefferson High School, our Sullivan Award winners.

### Guests

Upon the call for guests this morning, **Ken Duffy** introduces **Elton Jones** who he met a couple weeks ago and invited him to join us. *Welcome Elton!*

### Announcements

**Colorado Rockies Tickets:** **Joe Marci** has tickets for May 26<sup>th</sup> Rockies game—the Rockies are back to their winning ways; well, sort of. Sunday afternoons game against the Arizona Diamondbacks starts at 1:10 p.m. Sales of tickets for these games benefit CO-WY Jr. Golf program. The club has also made a generous donation for the kids. This year the Optimist Club of Monaco South is sponsoring 64 kids to compete against other golfers from around the world, in Florida.

**Membership Directory:** Once again, **Craig Eley** was sharing the news that the April 2019 Membership Directory was available. If you still need one, they will be available at the next several membership meetings.

### Dime-A-Day Donation: Perry Allen encourages



members to donate to the Dime-A-Day Program. One dime a day comes out to \$36.50, and your check supports Ol's Childhood Cancer research program. He says, *“you can become part of the movement of ‘Helping Optimists Help Kids’ and become part of a large group of Foundation supporters who realize what a difference they make every day in the lives of children.”* For those generous souls who wish to donate more, the Presidents Club is another option. See Perry for details.

**Know Brainer:** Pat Bush shared that last Saturday, Monaco South and Tamarac Optimist Clubs sponsored the Know Brainer at Hamilton Middle School. This is the seventh year that the Know Brainer has been contested. Twenty-one teams from nine different schools participated. We had teams from Bradley International, Holly Hills Elementary, Lowry Elementary, McMeen Elementary, Mission Viejo Elementary, Newlon Elementary, Samuels Elementary, Slavens K-8 School and Southmoor Elementary School. The Know Brainer is simplified version of a Brain Bowl style competition for fifth grade students. The afternoon head-to-head rounds are eliminated and total points from the four verbal rounds and a written morning rounds determine the winners. The winners this year were the “Muppets Who Fall on Their Swords” from Slavens Elementary.



The Slavens “Muppets Who Fall on Their Swords” first place team.

**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\*\*\*\***

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## Announcements Continued

The Southmoor "Mockingjays" and "Hunger Games"



Southmoor "Mockingjays" second place team.



Southmoor "Hunger Games" third place team.

teams placed second and third respectively. We thank the volunteers from both Tamarac and Monaco South for helping make this a successful event for the students. We had many positive comments from the teachers and parents of the students.

Monaco South members that helped with this event were **Greg Young, Karl Geil, Cap Hermann, Jack Rife, Allan Pierce, Noel Hasselgren, David Peck, Craig Eley, George Buzick, Mike White,**

**John Greene, Mark Smith, Keith Gallaway, Phil Perington, Don Roth, Don Thomson, and Pat Bush.** Co-Chairman **Pat Bush** would especially like to recognize **Don Roth, Allen Pierce, and Don Thomson** for their participation on the Know Brainer Organizational Committee.

## East High School Constitutional Scholars Win First Place

The Denver Post reports, a team from Denver's East High School took first place this week in the nationwide We the People civics competition in Washington, D.C.

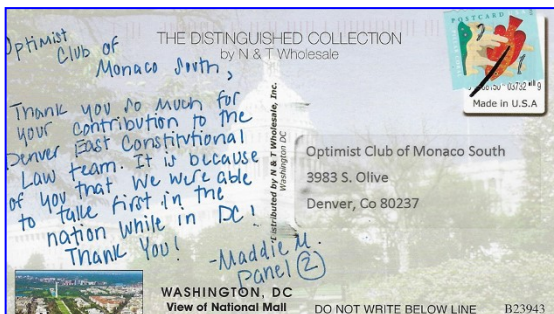
The competition started April 26 and ended Monday. Students "testified" in a mock congressional hearing and answered judges' questions about their knowledge of the Constitution, such as how the Founding Fathers limited majority rule and how the Supreme Court arrived at the idea of a right to privacy.



Optimist Club of Monaco South was a big contributor to this wonderful project that so enrich the lives of these future leaders. Much credit goes to the teachers, Susan McHugh and Matt Fulford, and Beth Gowers who is a great organizer. Hopefully they will come and speak to the club soon.

At right, is a nice thank you note from one of the participants.

Contributed to GUMS by Greg Young.



## Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

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

**PAST ...** Another packed week traveling to Joplin, MO dodging tornado / warnings and driving in the accompanying



torrential downpour (... like a cow on a flat rock). At left are pictures of a funnel that took the roof off one school and destroyed another. Pictures were taken by a worker at the school who was unhurt but his truck

ended up in a tree. Scary stuff!

Info update for the CO-WY District Oratorical Contest \$2500 Scholarship winner; Lena Martinez from Thornton. She participated in the Prairie Middle School contest hosted by the Westminster Optimist Club. Thanks for the corrected info Michael Chavez.

Hats off to our Robert Sullivan Essay Contest Finalists and our MC Joe M. See details elsewhere in GUMS and thanks to Kathy Sullivan for leading us in the Creed.

I attended the Samuels community garden 2019 growing season Orientation yesterday, because I have a plot there. Since MSOC does Super Citizen there, it is a perfect opportunity to start a new "Garden Optimist Club." They already participate in Kendra Blacks South by Southeast Community Festival. In fact Kendra helped a few weeks ago at the garden spring clean-up. Great idea Steve Kady for a garden club. Those interested in starting a Garden Club, send me or Steve a note or give me a call.

**HAPPENING NOW / SOON ...** TJHS Essay Contest Winner will be announced at the banquet on Tuesday evening May 7<sup>th</sup> and will present at our next Friday's meeting.

**FUTURE ...** There are at least 4 attending the OI Convention, June 30 to July 3, in Louisville, from MSOC so far. Not too late to register although the Derby was yesterday.

### Prez Everett

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

## Via Email

**Paul Stratton** asks you to **volunteer for Lowry Elementary**, one of our Super Citizen Schools, on May 18, 2019 from 8:30-12:30. Lowry will be hosting a **Community Volunteer Day** to renew their outdoor garden spaces. They are hoping to gather over 40 people to pull weeds, lay mulch, and refresh pathways. Staff from Singing Hills Landscape will be volunteering their time and bringing tools and materials to support our efforts. The refreshed gardens will provide a variety of outdoor spaces for students to take their learning outside. Many hands make light work and we hope that Optimist Club members will consider joining us as we work together to provide unique learning spaces for our students.

The contact at the school is Lisa Davis, the School Garden Coordinator/Parent Volunteer. Her phone number is 303-250-5769 and email [lisa@denverdavis.com](mailto:lisa@denverdavis.com).

Paul also reminds us that **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is the American observance of Cinco de Mayo**. He also shared this fact: Back in 1912, Hellmann's Mayonnaise was manufactured in England. In fact, the Titanic was carrying 12,000 jars of the condiment scheduled for delivery in Vera Cruz, Mexico, which was to be the next port of call for the great



## Robert Sullivan Scholarship Students

Joe Marci

**Joe Marci** introduces Thomas Jefferson High School Principal Mike Christoff. Principal Christoff thanks voters for passing the bond that was recently voted on. Monies from this Bond passage has resulted in numerous construction projects for TJ, the Library, a new turf field, a new concession stand, etc. The athletic teams have had success this past year with a lot of support from the community. A new gym floor has also been installed. Just in time to have Kyle Freeland's jersey retired in the gym. Kyle is now playing for the Colorado Rockies. Next year they will have 480 Freshman joining the school, which is the largest class in many years. Good things are happening at TJ High School.



Mike Christoff  
Photos Noel Hasselgren

Joe Marci talks about the booster club at TJ. The program was started back in 1999, by Joe Marci and Robert Sullivan. Joe shared that Bob knew the names of all the students and was very active with the school. During the past 20 years, this club has recognized 200 students for Sullivan Scholarships. The Sullivan Scholarship winners Terrence Carter, Miles Harrison, Grace MacDonald, Malia McDorman, Malia Miles, Michela Puni-Nimako, and Estefany Rodriguez-Aguirre join us this morning.

Joe invites all 7 winners of the award up to the stage and share a story.

Miles Harrison was involved in basketball, lacrosse, and is in to the arts and is most proud of friendships he has made and getting involved in his school. His favorite teacher has given him a chance to become involved. He wants to work with sustainable fashion design and will attend CSU.

Estefany Rodriguez was involved in cheerleading, basketball, and favorite teacher is Ms. Kovak who was helpful with tough times and making sure she is doing well. She will attend UCCS this fall interested in nursing and criminology.

Malia McDorman was involved in various clubs, and cross country. She's most proud of her work with student council. Her favorite teacher helped her with exams, college

applications. She will be taking a gap year with Up With People for the coming year. She will follow that by attending Arizona State.

Terrance Carter, a former Super Citizen, will be attending Morehouse College, also involved with basketball. He will be studying pre-med or dentistry. He is proud of his growth at TJ.

Michela Puni-Nimako, has been involved with environmental club, sang with church choir, and plans to attend CU Boulder hoping to become a software engineer.

Malia Miles thinks she should have been more involved with clubs at the school, and she is very proud of being here and graduating. She will attend CSU, undecided as to what she will study.

Grace MacDonald was involved with softball, National Honor Society and will attend CU Boulder and hopes to go to med school.

Joe introduces Kathy Sullivan, widow of **Robert Sullivan**, and has been a big help all these years.

This coming Tuesday, these recipients along with other honorees will be recognized at the Senior Awards Assembly, let Joe know if you are interested in attending. The TJ AVID Program (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a college readiness course that prepares students for college life and provides insights into what is expected. It also, assists with grades and college admission preparation.



Kathy Sullivan & Joe Marci recognize the academic scholarship of our Robert Sullivan Award winners.

### Via Email Continued

ship after its stop in New York. This would have been the largest single shipment of mayonnaise ever delivered to Mexico ... but as we know, the great ship did not make it to New York. The ship hit an iceberg and sank. The people of Mexico, who were crazy about mayonnaise, and were eagerly awaiting its delivery, were disconsolate at the loss. Their anguish was so great, that they declared a National Day of Mourning.

The National Day of Mourning occurs each year on May 5<sup>th</sup> and is known, of course, as – Cinco (Pronounced) Sinko De Mayo. Spanish for "Fifth of May." WHAT — You expected something educational from me?

### Do We Have a Drawing?

Yes we do and there is \$100 in the pot and the lucky card is the Four of Hearts. Members holding tickets this morning **Gary Strowbridge**, **John Greene**, **Allen Pierce** draws a card, no winner, **Bob Meyer**, also comes up short, **Randy Marcove**, **Terry Shroyer**, **Steve Kady**, and **Allen Pierce** win a cup.



**President Everett** draws a name out of the jar, **Russ Paul's** name is called. No luck this time drawing the winning card! The pot keeps growing!

## Optimist International a 100 Years 1919-2019

**Mission:** *By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves.*

**Vision:** *Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop to their full potential.*

### May Super Citizen Presenters

|               |          |   |
|---------------|----------|---|
| May 8 @ 1:00  | Lowry    | ? |
| May 9 @ 5:30  | Hamilton | ? |
| May 17 @ 8:15 | Holm     | ? |
| May 17 @ 1:00 | Samuels  | ? |
| May 21 @ 2:30 | MPB      | ? |
| May 23 @ 1:00 | McMeen   | ? |

### We need Korsoski Award Presentation Dates

### Weekly Greeters

|         |                                 |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| 5/10/19 | Randy Marcove & Ken Duff        |
| 5/17/19 | Robert Wardlaw & Phil Perington |

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

|         |      |         |  |
|---------|------|---------|--|
| May 10  | Fri  | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: TJHS Essay Contest Winner  |
| May 16  | Thur | 6:15 pm | OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level           |
| May 17  | Fri  | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day  |
| May 18  | Sat  | 8:30 am | <a href="#">Lowry Elementary School-Garden Cleanup</a>   |
| May 24  | Fri  | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: CDOT, Central 70 Project Explained and Detailed                              |
| May 27  | Mon  |         | <b>Memorial Day</b>  |
| May 31  | Fri  | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: East High School Constitutional Scholars                                     |
| May 31  | Fri  | 5:30 pm | <a href="#">Casino Night Fundraiser for Childhood Cancer, American Legion Hall, 5400 E. Yale</a>   |
| June 4  | Tue  | 7:30 am | <a href="#">Junior Golf Adult Tournament/Auction, Saddle Rock Golf Course, 21705 E Arapahoe Rd</a> |
| June 7  | Fri  | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA  |
| June 12 | Wed  | 7:30 am | <a href="#">Junior Golf Tournament, Meadow Hills Golf Course, 3609 S Dawson St.</a>                |

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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.