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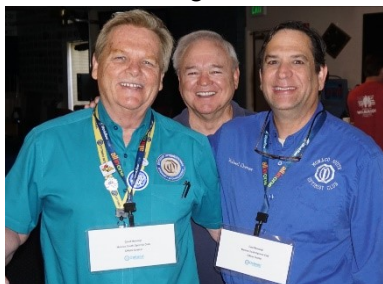
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Good Morning Optimists

Our official greeters, **Phil Perington** and **Michael Chavez**



Phil Perington and Michael Chavez, with Eldon Strong in the back.
Photos Noel Hasselgren

Chavez got up even a little bit earlier and took their jobs as greeters seriously. Warm welcomes and big smiles greeted the men of Monaco South on Friday, May 31st, 2019. As the picture captures, **Eldon Strong** is not camera shy for this early morning picture of smiles.

First Bell

In the absence of our President and the assigned VP who was to start the meeting, Past Prez **Ed Collins** took to the stage and asked **Phil Perington** to deliver an invocation. Phil's message was reminding us to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own. Though it can be tempting to wish for others to fail, an optimist strives to maintain the proper perspective. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.



Ed Collins

Constitution Scholars



Ed Collins & Bob Meyer plan the agenda.

Delayed by traffic VP **Bob Meyer** took over and started our meeting by going directly to our guest speakers. He introduced **Les Volpe**, who in turn gave us some background on the Constitution Scholars program and the history and features of the competition.

Our guests were six students from the East High School Constitutional Scholars team—**Sophie Goldberg**, **Alden Kahn**, **Madison Moore**, **Ballard Kauffman**, **Maggie Morrison**, and **Walker Young**—who recently returned from Washington DC having won the National

Championship. We were also joined by **Beth Gower**, an alumna of East HS and who has been involved with the Constitution Scholars program at East for 32 years, which is when the program began.

East High won the National Championship, finishing ahead of 55 other teams. The competition begins at the Congressional district level, then a state contest, then the trip to DC. Les is a national judge and has been involved with the Constitutional Scholars program for 26 years. Each school team puts together six panels of five students each. The broad topics for each panel were:



Beth Gower & Les Volpe

1. What are the philosophical and historical foundations of the American Political System?
2. How did the framers create the Constitution?
3. How has the Constitution been changed to further the ideals contained in the Declaration of Independence?
4. How have the values and principles embodied in the Constitution shaped American institutions and practices?
5. What rights does the Bill of Rights protect?
6. What challenges might face American Constitutional Democracy in the twenty-first century?

There are nine questions for each panel. They have the whole school year to do research and prepare. Les gave us a couple of examples of the questions:

"Our system of government is based on both natural rights philosophy and classical republicanism. Which philosophy, if any, has predominated American political thought, and what have been the benefits and costs of this predominance?"

"Originally, the Bill of Rights only limited the powers of the national government. After the passage of the Fourteenth Amendment, the U.S. Supreme Court decided to selectively hear cases related to the Bill of Rights and state power. Through the doctrine of incorporation, the U.S. Supreme Court declared that many of the rights listed in the Bill of Rights also limited the powers of the state governments, as well as the national government. How has the doctrine of in-

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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
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Constitution Scholars Continued

corporation both expanded and limited the liberty of Americans?"

Once the team qualify for the national tournament they get new questions. At the completion itself, they present six minutes of prepared material, and then take questions from a panel of judges for eight minutes.

The rules of the completion required that there is a one year maximum for each student to compete. This is designed so that teams cannot create a dynasty with experienced scholars.

Our club contributes to the costs of travel to Washington DC. The six students who joined us all just finished their junior year.



Sophie Goldberg, Alden Kahn, Madison Moore, Ballard Kauffman, Maggie Morrison, & Walker Young

Photo Noel Hasselgren

The students came to the stage and Les asked them to share what they took away from their experience. They took turns and said they enjoyed learning about their rights as individuals, developing the ability to converse with adults and professionals on complex matters, creating community as a team, and also inspiring an interest in political activism.

Each student took questions from our assembled group on what the framers would think of our government today, their opinion of the electoral college, what political activism looks like to them, the role of the Supreme Court in establishing rights when they cannot enforce them, and who did they think were the most important contributors to the creation of the Constitution. The students had very well thought out responses and were extremely poised public speakers.

This was the School's 5th National Win. Here is some local press coverage of their achievement:

- **Fox31News** @ <https://kdvr.com/2019/05/01/denver-east-high-wins-1st-place-in-national-con-law-competition/>
- **Denver Post** @ <https://www.denverpost.com/2019/05/01/denver-east-high-school-wins-national-we-the-people-civics-competition/>

Monaco South members clearly enjoyed hearing from the talented students, so much so that there was very little time for announcements.

Announcements

Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference: Paul Bernard made a brief announcement regarding the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference (HOBY), which is coming up on Saturday, June 22nd. Paul passed

Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

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

PAST ... Thanks to past Prez **Ed Collins** and VP **Bob Meyer** for running the meeting in my absence due to work in California & N Dakota! A couple of pix of critters in North Dakota. Also, all the coal trains running thru Denver originate up there.



Unfortunately I missed the Constitutionalists which I really wanted to see and hear. **Les Volpe**, can I see their presentation somewhere else soon? Not being at the meeting, I'll have to read this issue also to find out what happened.

However, I will comment on yesterday's weather that went thru the Samuels Elementary (Super Citizen School) Garden. Last week's GUMS showed a pix of the snow covered hops. The first pix below shows them after the melt and "were" doing fine Then yesterday happened. The hail devastated the plants that the gardeners previously planted. Because the glass is Half Full, I expect full plant recovery for the hops. Peas and tomatoes, TBD.



HAPPENING NOW / SOON ... Check the announcements elsewhere in this issue of **GUMS**. I will do likewise.

FUTURE ... We will have a New Member Orientation June 17 @ STEM Academy (**John Scarborough's** place) 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.

It's not too late to register for OI 100th Year National Conference in Louisville, KY.

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.

around a signup sheet and will give more details next week.

Lowry Elementary: Paul Stratton reports that he presented 10 students at Lowry Elementary with the Jimmy Brown Memorial Perfect Attendance Award. In order to be recognized as "perfect", kids have to be perfect! Meaning no absences and no tardies throughout the entire school year. The club provides the students with certificates, and the local Subway restaurant, Timbuk Toys, and Glacier Ice Cream donate gift cards. This was the ninth year for this program at Lowry Elementary.

Announcements Continued

Paul also said the continuation ceremony at Lowry was last night. All of the fifth graders were celebrated for finishing elementary school, and Paul presented the Charlie Korsoski Award to a young lady name Kaidence Henderson. She received a plaque from the club and a card with a crisp \$100 bill.

Charlie Korsoski Award: Speaking of this culminating award to our 2018-2019 Super Citizen program, the following were the recipients at their respective schools:

- ♦ Kaden Pedigo, Bradley International School
- ♦ Elena Bernardi, Hamilton Middle School
- ♦ Lily Helfter, Holm Elementary School
- ♦ Kaidence Henderson, Lowry Elementary School
- ♦ Aidan Blad, McMeen Elementary School
- ♦ Abigail Callahan, Most Precious Blood Catholic
- ♦ Abigail Napitupulu, Samuels Elementary School
- ♦ Caley Byrden, Slavens Elementary School

Slavens Destination Imagination Team: Shared by **Greg Young**, an email, picture, and "Thank you note" of the Slavens Team, to which our club contributed. This is an action shot of their performance.



You can see the radio controlled balloon blimp they made in the background.

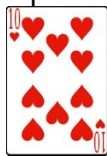
Jenny Knostman, a teacher and team mentor, said, "Thanks again for the donation! The kids had an amazing time, and learned so much!"

Weekly Drawing

We had a drawing! There was \$140 hiding in plain sight in the pot, while the "Ten of Hearts" lurked in the deck.

One of our Constitutional scholars, Madi-son Moore, had her number called and passed on the easy money. She boldly grabbed a card from the deck, but alas, no ten for her. Others in the draw called were **Roy Jarrett**, a two time cup winner, along with: **Steve Kady**, **Pat Bush**, **Terry Shroyer**, and **Bob Meyer**.

For the Nametag drawing **Donlie Smith's** name was called, but no luck for Donlie, and so the "pot thickens" ... next week a cool \$150 dollars.



Weekly Greeters

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

6/7/19	Bryce Slaby & Michael Chavez
6/14/19	Tom Kramis & Bob Avery
6/21/19	Joe Marci & Bob Meyer

Hamilton Middle School: **Bob Meyer** reported on the Accelerated Reader Program celebration at Hamilton Middle School. Our club gave \$100 bills to the top 6th, 7th, and 8th grader reader.

Girls' Optimist Junior Golf Qualifier: While Bob Meyer had the floor, he reported that the Girls' Optimist Junior Golf Qualifier has been moved to Wednesday, June 19 from June 12th.

Email from Ed Leuty: "Hi all: We are in Kansas City. Our daughter is very ill-back in the hospital. We will be here for several weeks."

Ed Leuty

Editor, please keep Ed, his daughter, and family in your thoughts an prayers.

3rd Quarter CO-WY Optimist District Newsletter: Did you see the 3rd Quarter District Newsletter? If not [CLICK HERE](#).

May Birthdays



Vice President **Bob Meyer** recognize the MSOC members that celebrated a birthday in May. They are: **George Buzick**, 6; **Robert Duvall**, 24; **Harry Fegley**, 30; **Keith Gallaway**, 7; **Albert Gapuzan**, 3; **Karl Geil**, 31; **Roy Jarrett**, 30; **Tom Mauro**, 28; **David Peck**, 28; **James Riley**, 1; **Gary Strowbridge**, 20; **Mike White**, 21; and **John Young**, 3. All members joined in to sing *Happy Birthday to You*, as only Monaco South can sing it.

Junior Golf Adult Tournament/Auction

Saddle Rock Golf Course, 21705 E Arapahoe Rd
June 4, 2019 @ 7:30 a.m.

RON CISCO	BOB MEYER	JOE MARCI	GARY MILLER
JOSH MILLER	ARNOLD WEINSTEIN	SAM PEGUES	GARY PETERSEN
TRACEY BARBER	ADAM HARRINGTON	LEROY COLBERT	DICK BLATNIK
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WES PARKER	EV SEGUEIRA	BOB KERBS	PAUL SINGH
STEVE GARRETT	MIKE SHEA	BOB GIVAN	INDER MATHER
TOM MAURO	JIM GOWER	JON WACHTER	JIM EASTON
JOE SANDOVAL	MATT WILKINSON	TOM KRAMIS	EVAN EASTON
RAY VIGIL	BROOKS WHITWORTH	MIKE PERRY	DAVID TELPNER
GEORGE WILSON	RYAN FIGURILLI	ADAM COLE	TRACY SORESENSEN
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JIM DAVIS	DOUG GODIN	TONY BANKS	
FRANK MIDDLETON	STEVE GRIMES	BOB AVERY	
	BILL MILLER	RICK SHEARER	

There will be awards for closest to the pins on all par 3s, long putt on hole 9 and long drive on hole 6. Team prizes will also be given for low net scores. A silent auction will be held to help raise added funds for the Optimist Junior Golf Program. Everyone should drive from the Gold tee box.

Friday, May 31, 2019 Baseball Quote

"The dreams are that you're gonna have a great series and win. The nightmares are that you're gonna let the winning run score on a ground ball through your legs. Those things happen, you know. I think sometimes it's just fate."

— Bill Buckner

William Joseph Buckner was drafted in the 2nd round by the Dodgers in 1968, having just turned 19. Buckner played 22 MLB seasons, mostly with the Dodgers, Cubs, and Red Sox. Career .289 BA, 174 HR, 1,208 RBI, and 49 SB.

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd Year — Chartered in 1976

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

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 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 19	Wed	7:30 am	Junior Golf Tournament, Girls 10-18, Meadow Hills Golf Course, 3609 S Dawson St.
June 20	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room
June 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
June 22	Sat	4:00 pm	HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) Seminar, DU Campus Quad
June 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Julie Bell, Colorado History

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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		
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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.