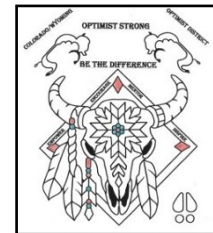




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Editor for this Issue—Robert Wardlaw

Good Moring Optimist

May 4 is the 124th day of the year in the Gregorian calendar. There are 241 days remaining until the end of the year. And. This day it is truly is a beautiful spring morning and we are glad for the rain just received over the previous days. Our Greeters this morning and doing a fine job are **Paul Stratton** and **Dave Peck**.



Photo Noel Hasselgren

First Bell

President **Jim Easton** rings the rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m.

Invocation & Pledge

Jon Wachter reads the invocation this morning, pertinent to our guests this morning. *“God our helper, through our daily words and deeds help us to embody the message of Optimism and embody its spirit, especially to our youth.”* Jon then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Robert Sullivan Scholarship Guest

Randy Marcove introduces Kathy Sullivan, Kathy’s late husband **Robert Sullivan**, a past member of MSOC, is whom the Scholarship Award is named. The Optimist Club of Monaco South began the Robert Sullivan Scholarships in 1999. Over the past 19 years, over 190 scholarships have been awarded. Bob Sullivan was not only a member of the Optimist Club on Monaco South. But he also served as President of the Thomas Jefferson High School Booster Club. Bob was



At left, Kathy Sullivan enjoys breakfast with past president Michael Chavez.
Photos Noel Hasselgren

a true *Friend of Youth* and was seen regularly at all TJ events. Bob knew the names of almost every student and always greeted them with a smile. He will always be remembered for his support of this great school.

Randy said, *“In honor of Bob Sullivan the Optimist Club of Monaco South is please to award five \$1,000 scholarships this year,”* and asked each of the recipients to stand after their name was called and join him on stage.

Randy then told this short story about contact some of the recipients, “Not all of you know, but due to DPS’s teacher walk-out last Friday, I was asked to individually contact each of the Robert Sullivan Scholarship recipients last Friday to let them know they were selected. It took some time, but it was well worth it. Two of the recipients answered their phones, and I could hear them choke-up with joy and appreciation that we awarded them for their hard work and dedication.”



Randy Marcove shares his message with some of the Sullivan Scholarship recipients and their parents.

He then shared a voicemail message left on his phone from a parent of one of the recipients. Please take a moment to listen, [CLICK HERE](#). (Once the folder is open play with either Windows Media Player or Mac iTunes.)

I became very emotional in learning how much we appreciated everything we, Monaco South, have done for their family! Had I not had to call because of the DPS teacher walk out, I would not have received this kind of feedback. THANK YOU to all for what you do for the kids! The scholarship recipients are:

- ◆ Loera Busse
- ◆ Ariel Shunneson
- ◆ Ariadne Katsaris
- ◆ Dainelys Barrerio
- ◆ Cecilia Allen

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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******

Scholarship Continued

Randy asked the recipients if they were familiar with our Super Citizen program and we learn that several were recognized as Monaco South Super Citizens.



On left, Randy Marcove, four of the scholarship recipients, Kathy Sullivan, President Jim Easton, and TJHS Principal Mike Christoff.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

Last, Randy thanked the judges for selecting this year's Sullivan recipients, **Greg Young, Joe Marci, George Buzick, Jim Easton, Al Gapuzan, and Keith Galloway** for taking the time to review the applications.

President **Jim Easton** commended them for participating in the community and congratulated them by saying, "Good luck and keep doing what your doing," and presented each of them with a MSOC mug.

Guest & New Member

Robert Ruhl was again with us this morning and submitted his membership application. His application will be voted on at the next MSOC board meeting on May 23rd. Note: "Your editor had the opportunity to share a table with Robert and our club is better with his membership. Welcome aboard Robert!"

Announcements

Junior Optimist Club: **Jon Wachter** shared that the **Bradley Helping Hands Joi Club** is our Junior Optimist club at Bradley International School. The club was founded in 2013 with the direction of **Randy Marcove** and **Sue Williams**, with the assistance of **Donna Priester, George Mills, Phil Perington, Steve Wera, and Jon Wachter**.



In this picture of amazing kids there are more than a dozen Super Citizen winners over the past 4 years. The kids raised funds through the [Spark Change](#) program. This school year as shown, they are displaying there checks for donations of nearly \$1,200 to: [Colorado Red Cross](#), [Denver Dumb Friends League](#), and [Colorado Coalition for the Homeless](#). The three boys holding the checks are the 3rd place winners, "The Sum Buddies," of the [Know Brainer 2018](#). The junior Optimist clubs are directed to help kids see the value

of choosing to be optimistic and positive over a 'victim' mentality and helping the community through charitable work and socializing.

Know Brainer: **Don Thomson** gave the results for the Know Brainer held last weekend at Hamilton Middle School. Eighteen teams competed on Saturday April 26th with the teams from Slavens finishing in 1st and 2nd place, while Bradley International School finished within two-points for a strong 3rd place. **Jon Wachter** and Meg Cypress coached the team from Bradley. Volunteers who helped include **Jon Wachter; Pat Bush**, Co-Chair for this event; **Keith Galloway, Allen Pierce, Don Roth, and Don Thomson**. Thank you to all who worked as greeter's, timers, score keepers, readers, etc. Other schools that showed well in this competition include Lowry, Holm, and McMeen Elementary.



Slavens Elementary first & second place winners.



Bradley International third place winner.

Photos Don Thomson

Remembrance of Bob Sullivan: **Dick Nickoloff** provided a few words about Bob Sullivan. Dick said he had interviewed Bob Sullivan many years ago and learned about his life story. He was a very interesting man and had a great story. Dick also says how proud he is of Thomas Jefferson High School, having put five kids through the school and is aware of the good the school does for the community. What great examples these young people are, the Sullivan Scholarship recipients, who join us today!

Constitutional Scholars Competition: **Les Volpe**, who just returned from the Washington D.C. area where he served as a national judge for the Constitution Scholars Contest reported, "I witnessed 1,500 students give their presentation at this competition. Listening to 17-year-old students talk about the constitution was very enlightening. They discussed present day cases that are pertinent to today's topics."

Fifty-two different teams from across the country competed. Competing on both Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, and the top ten scoring teams from the first two days competed on Monday, April 30th in the hearing rooms of both Congressional Senate and House buildings. Colorado was represented by the

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Announcements Continued

the Denver team from East High School, performed quite well.

On Sunday evening, the organization held the Awards Ceremony in which the winning teams were announced. East High Team placed sixth in the nation for this year. As a part of the ceremony, a guest speaker congratulated the students for their performances, and described how instrumental this program had been in her life. She was a student who participated in 2011-12, and had gone on to obtain her college degree and was accepted by four prestigious law schools for admission. The interesting thing about this young lady, is that she, Cara Mund from North Dakota, was selected as 2018 Miss America.

This is quite a program and has been maintained since 1987—the bicentennial of the year of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787. Les said, *“I am pleased to serve as a judge for this program and have been so involved for many years.”*

National History Day: Karl Geil reminded us and anyone else, that he will act as a judge for National History Day tomorrow on the Auraria Campus along with **Joe Marci**. This year’s theme is “Conflict & Compromise in History.”

USS Constitution: Speaking about the Constitution, **Everett Gardner** shared that he was on USS Constitution this past week and it is the oldest commissioned ship in the United States Navy. Naval officers and crew still serve aboard her. The Navy operates the ship as a historic site in cooperation with the National Park Service.

Colfax Marathon: Everett also talks about the Colfax Marathon coming up on Friday, May 18th. He said TJ Students and Scouts alike to consider volunteering for the t-shirt and packet picket event. Currently he is about 100 volunteers short right now. The club will earn \$1,200 if we can supply the agreed upon numbers. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Junior Golf Fundraiser: **Joe Marci** mentioned that a Jr. Golf Fundraiser events is coming, when the Rockies play the Dodgers on Sunday, June 3rd. Most of the tickets for the June 3 game have been sold but if you are interested, see

Joe. He has two more games later this season. He will also need volunteers for the Junior Golf tournaments coming up this summer. Look for the announcements.

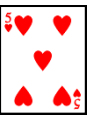
Broncos Season Tickets: **Harry Arkin** reported that the gentleman who has shared his Broncos season tickets in the past, is no longer available to purchase his game tickets. Harry has four tickets for home games available. He is willing to sell at cost. Contact Harry if you are interested.

Anchor Center for Blind Children: **Phil Perington** said he was lucky when he won \$180 bucks from the Club’s Drawing some time ago. He passed on his winnings to **Greg Young** with intent to donate to OI Foundation. Greg processed it through the OI Foundation for the Benefit of ACBC. The result was Phil got the tax deduction and the Optimist Club of Monaco South got the credit. Anchor Center for Blind Children is a nationally recognized, private non-profit agency. Their intervention and education services foster the full potential of children who are visually impaired or blind. **Steve Kady** added that in the near future, a person from the center will be featured as the speaker during our meeting. Well done Phil and we look forward to learning more about this incredible organization.

T1DOC Auction: **Ron Gustas** said the T1DOC Online Auction is coming up on May 20th. He also said if you have items to donate for auction, please see him. Details forth coming.

Do we have a drawing?

Yes, we do and there are \$70 in the pot and the lucky card was the Five of Hearts. Members holding tickets this morning did not take the big pot, cups went quickly with two of our guests taking a cup, and **Carl Brown** getting two cups.



If your name is **Robert Wardlaw** your name has been drawn by our President, but no success was realized.

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**Go out and spread the word of Optimism by words
and by your deeds!**

May Super Citizen Presenters

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| May 10 @ 1:00 | Lowry | ? |
| May 15 @ 2:30 | MPB | Dave Peck |
| May 18 @ 1:00 | Samuels | Everett Gardner |
| May 24 @ 5:30 | Hamilton | Harry Fegley |
| May 25 @ 8:20 | Holm | ? |
| May 29 @ 6:00 | Bradley | ? |
| May 30 @ 1:00 | McMeen | ? |

Weekly Greeters

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| 5/11/18 | Jack Kleinheksel & Phil Perington |
| 5/18/18 | Jed Ziegenhagen & Greg Young |
| 5/25/18 | Pat Bush & Allen Malask |

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

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

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| May 11 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Partners in Education Award for Excellence |
| May 18 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Respect for Law, First Responders Recognition |
| May 18 | Fri | 3:00 pm | Colfax Marathon Registration Support, Mile High Stadium, 1701 Bryant St. |
| May 23 | Wed | 6:15 pm | OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way |
| May 25 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA |
| 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 Gold Fundraiser, Broken Tee Golf Course, 2101 W. Oxford Ave. |

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| Pat Bush | 1983-84 | Bryce Slaby | 2004-05 |
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| 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.