



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

(GUMS)

May 8, 2020 – Vol. 44, Issue 32



Optimist Club of Monaco South



OPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL

Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado
Serving Youth and the Community for 43 Years
National Philanthropy Day Colorado, Outstanding Service Organization, 2012
<https://www.monacosouth.org>



OPTIMIST
INTERNATIONAL

Editor for this Issue—George Buzick

Good Morning Optimists Zoom Virtual Meeting

Happy Mother's Day!

Happy
Mother's
Day



On this Friday before Mothers' Day, President **Bob Meyer** paid a tribute to all mothers and led us in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag, after which he re-

minded us that today, May 8th was World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, a time to celebrate the bravery and achievements of our volunteers and staff around the world, whose life-saving and life-changing services ensure that we keep our commitment to humanity every day. He then shared information about this day in history, May 8, 2020.

This Day in History

Birthdays on this date include, President Harry Truman, born in 1884; U.S. amateur golfer Francis Ouimet, 1893; Bishop Fulton Sheen, 1895; comedian Don Rickles, 1926; Sonny Liston, 1932; Ricky Nelson, 1940; former football players Bill Cowher, 1957 and Ronnie Lott, 1959; and New York City Mayor Bill DeBlasio, 1961.

Significant events included, 1521, the Protestant Revolu-

tion; 1541, Hernando DeSoto lands in Florida; 1792, U.S. establishes military draft; 1835, first installment of Han Christian Andersen's "Fairy Tales" is published; 1858, John Brown holds anti-slavery convention; 1861, Richmond VA named capital of the Confederacy; 1919, end of WW I; 1933, Mohandas Gandhi begins 21-day fast in protest of British oppression in India; 1945, V-E Day as Nazi Germany surrenders; 1951, Dacron men's suits are introduced; 1970, thousands of students protest against Viet Nam war following the Kent State shootings; 1973, Native Americans holding South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 10 weeks surrender; 1980, World Health Organization announces smallpox has been eradicated; 1984, Soviet Union announces boycott of L.A. Summer Olympics in retaliation for U.S. boycott of 1980 Moscow Olympics; 1987, Gary Hart quits U.S. Democratic Presidential race after affair with Donna Rice; and 1994, Colorado Silver Bullets, all-female pro baseball team, play their first game.

Safer at Home

Prez Bob asked all members to be "Safer at Home," since this is the weekend designated by Colorado State Governor Jared Polis for the opening of many retail establishments that

Presidential Rants & Raves



Bob Meyer

We had another successful MSOC membership meeting on Friday with over 50 members participating in the Zoom meeting which started at 8 am and lasted for an hour. **George Buzick** took notes for the meeting, and they're posted elsewhere in this week's GUMS.

Even though we are not meeting face-to-face, the MSOC membership drive continues. Please find new members and forward their membership applications and check to **Greg Young** for the Board to vote on.

My timeshare in Frisco will be unavailable for the foreseeable future, as Summit County has ordered the closure of all hotels and timeshare, Airbnb, and VRBO rentals, so, although the MSOC membership drive will continue, I was unable to offer my late-April week to the "winner" of the membership drive. I received an email two weeks ago from my timeshare management company saying they are work with me and try to find a week for me later in the year. If they find one, I will give it to the "winner" of the membership drive.

At Friday's meeting, **Joe Marci** announced that the review of the 13 applicants from TJ High School for the Sullivan Scholar-

ships is underway. There are at least eight very qualified students, and the Board of Directors may be asked to increase the Sullivan Scholarship budget above the \$ 6,000 previously budgeted.

Joe also mentioned that the Junior Golf Scramble scheduled for June 2 has been cancelled. However, if anyone wants to get some players together to play at Saddle Rock, Joe can line up tee times.

Before the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships and the Colorado-Wyoming District Optimist Junior Golf Qualifiers were cancelled, I had secured the donation of vouchers for foursomes at Green Valley Ranch and Common Ground. I will be conducting a live auction at an upcoming meeting.

We will be voting on new Club Bylaws at the May 22 meeting. Please be sure to read the proposed Bylaws published elsewhere in this week's GUMS.

I mentioned that I had participated in a Zoom meeting with OI President **Adrian Elcock** and over 160 local Club Presidents. President Adrian provided a lot of information on a variety of subjects including the new Learning Management System, which he called "OI University." He also announced that a virtual OI Convention will be held June 27 – 28. More details will soon be available on the OI website.



Adrian Elcock

Continued next page

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******

Frank Middleton introduced Eddie B, who is the Cubmaster with Pack 713 at Samuels Elementary. Eddie provided a lot of information about Pack 713 activities. Frank, thanks for inviting Eddie B. Frank has also invited other Scout leaders to talk to us the next couple of weeks.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held over Zoom on Thursday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. All newly elected officers and Directors will be invited as we conduct Club business.

I continue working with Vitalant, the company that Denver's Belle Bonfils Blood Center merged into, to see when we can conduct a blood drive. The Vitalant representative I talked to indicated that their bloodmobile is booked for blood drives through the middle of June. I will continue to explore this possibility and will keep everyone informed. **Steve Hick** has hooked me up with the University Park Community Council about running a combined blood drive, and I have been in contact with the Tamarac and University Hills Optimist Clubs to see if they would like to join us to get a significant turnout at a blood drive.

Although we have been successful in reaching more than 50 members with our weekly Zoom meetings, there are another 70 or so members we need to reach out to. I suggest that you reach out to members who we have not seen on the Zoom meetings and invite them to join us for future meetings or at least check in with them to see how they are doing. All it takes is a few minutes to possibly brighten someone's day as we all endure the "new normal" of "stay-in-place." If you find Club members who need assistance, please let me or **Michael Chavez** know so that we can set up "phone trees" to help those who may be unable to get out for grocery store trips or medical appointments.

To get to know new members better, I would ask them to complete the "About Me" questionnaire that is attached to the email

that distributes the weekly **GUMS**. I also would like the new members, if they are comfortable doing so, to speak up at an upcoming Zoom membership meeting. If we cannot get them "live" on Zoom, we will attach their completed "About Me" questionnaire in an upcoming **GUMS**, but I would much prefer to see them talk about themselves during a weekly meeting. Thanks to **Greg Hurd** for putting the "About Me" questionnaire.

Another Greg Hurd developed questionnaire is the "Staying Busy When I Can't Go Out" questionnaire also attached to the email that distributes the weekly **GUMS**. As with the "About Me" questionnaire, I would like members to complete the questionnaire and be ready to present it at an upcoming Zoom membership meeting. It will be fun to hear what members are doing to keep busy and active during the "Stay-in-Place" period.

If you would like to make a presentation from either questionnaire, please let me know by separate email so that I can make sure to include you in an upcoming meeting.

FYI, Zoom offers a free membership package that permits 40-minute "meetings." That is a great deal if you want to get your families together for some "family face time" or friends together for a "virtual happy hour." Check out that "free offer" at <https://zoom.us/pricing>.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and your loved ones; practice safe health procedures, and we will see you at some point in the future.

If you need to contact me, please call 303-919-4532 or email me at meyerrob@comcast.net.

Yours in Optimism,
Prez Bob

Safer at Home Continued

have been shuttered for the past 2 months. There are still restrictions on social distancing and sit-down restaurants, but this is the beginning of the restoration of the economy. Those of us—and you know who you are—who are in the at risk groups are being asked to avoid public places as much as possible. Stay home and stay safe!

Optimist International

Optimist International has requested the suspension of all regular meetings through the month of May, at which time further guidance will be given. Bob said that OI President **Adrian Elcock** held a virtual meeting, with over 100 people in attendance. Elcock announced the cancellation of the International Oratorical Contest in St. Louis but said that every attempt would be made to establish an online hookup to hold a virtual contest. Elcock also announced the cancellation of the Internal Junior Golf tournament in Florida, originally scheduled for July and the OI Convention, which was scheduled for July in Chicago. There will be a virtual convention on June 27 and 28. All members are invited to participate. See the Optimist International website for details @ <https://www.optimist.org/convention>.

New OI Learning Modules System

OI also announced a new Learning Management System. This system is in its infancy and currently offers courses for "Bringing out the best in our clubs" and Club Officer and Foundation Rep courses. There is also a good course for using Zoom. To access the LMS do to <https://optimist.tovuti.io>, the **User Name** is Club Specific: optimist-clubomonacosouth@gmail.com, yes, it is an email address, and the **Password** is MonSou25164.

Again, This OI system is just getting started so more will be added over time.

Announcements

District News: CO-WY District Governor **Tony Carpenter** mentioned the newly developed Optimist Learning Management System, which will include online modules for the various facets of managing and leadership of districts and clubs. Information was provided to club presidents regarding the use of this system, which just went online on May 4.

The District has decided to combine the CO-WY 2020-2021 District Convention with the 2020-2021, 1st Quarter Conference and reclassify it as a "Special Convention." The "Special Convention" will be held October 16-18, 2020 at the Little America Hotel in Cheyenne Wyoming. More information will be sent as it becomes available.

Recruit New Members: President Bob asked members to focus on retention by contacting those members who may not have the resources to attend the Zoom meeting held on Friday mornings. We need to maintain our enthusiasm and our commitment to foster both the physical and mental well-being of our members and our community. He mentioned two special membership programs as possible recruitment tools: 1) "\$30 under 30" New members who are under 30 years old pay only \$30 fee to join, and 2) "**Recruit a Teacher**"- Any certified teacher pays only \$30 to join. See the **Recruit a Teacher flyer** attached to GUMS distribution email.



First Responder Recognition: VP **Steve Kady** suggested that the club should consider doing something for our first responders. Especially medical staff who are putting their safety and health on the line to take care of others. Prez Bob said he would include this item on the agenda for the monthly Board Meeting which will be held (online) Thursday, May 21. If one would like to attend that meeting, let Prez Bob know and he will send you the Logon information.

Announcements Continued

Sullivan Scholarships: Joe Marci said that the Sullivan Scholarship Committee had evaluated 13 applications and that there was a possibility that we could have more than the six scholarships originally budgeted, he will present this to the board for approval.

Golf Outing: Joe Marc reported that the golf tourney scheduled for Saddle Rock on June 2 has been canceled, but that he could arrange for a couple of foursomes if there is any interest. Please let Joe know.

MS Bike Ride: According to Bob Avery, the MS Bike Ride has been canceled.

New Zoom Participants: Bob Avery also welcomed newcomers and few we have not seen for awhile like Club Secretary Tracy Sorensen, Jim VanderKamp, Frank Ross, Cap Hermann, and new member Chandler Milliken.



Todd Olson

A surprise guest, whom we have not seen for a while was Todd Olson, house painter extraordinaire, who recently had a shoulder replacement and is now living in Delaware.

Christmas Tree Lot: Tom Kramis thanked Mike White and Gary Miller for their help in repairing the LED lights used for the Christmas Tree lot and mentioned there were still some tree stands that needed repairs. A final decision

on the ordering of Christmas trees has not yet been made.

Updated OCMS Bylaws: Last week it was announced that the Club's Bylaws had been revised and updated. If you have any questions regarding them, please contact Greg Young, Bob Meyer, or Wyatt McCallie.



In response to several questions this week, two main changes were made: 1) an addition of section 2 in article 3 and Section 6 in Article 8, was made, as required by OI. 2) Article 6 and Article 7 were renumbered (6 for 7) because they were accidentally reversed in the last revision. Other than that, a couple of minor word typos were corrected.

Member voting for implementation of this version at the meeting of May 22nd Zoom meeting.

This Year's Peach Crop: It was learned on Saturday, that this years peach crop was a total loss in the April 13th and 14th freeze. A waste of about 17,000 tons of fruit worth an estimated \$40 million. Our grower reported that they always hoped they would find a few around but have yet to find any alive. They extended their appreciation to us as loyal customers, and said we always are optimistic that next year will be better and sweeter. *The Denver Post* reported this, [Click Here](#), and *The Colorado Sun* reported this [Click Here](#).



Our Speaker

Our speaker for today was introduced by Frank



Ed Buonaiuto

Middleton. Ed Buonaiuto (otherwise known as "Eddie B,") is one of the outstanding organizers and leaders of the Boy Scouts in the Denver Metro area. Originally from New York, Eddie attained the rank of Life Scout and has been working for the past 30 years in Denver.

When he is not performing magic tricks for various kid's organizations or playing in the Scrap Iron Softball League,

(for players at least 70 years old and up) he helps organize Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Venturing Crews.

Eddie has a vast knowledge of scouting and has been awarded the "Silver Beaver" award for his dedication to the advancement of scouting. Eddie says that the coronavirus pandemic has caused some problems in regard to meetings, scouting activities, etc., but that he is optimistic that Scouting will survive these troubled times and continue the valuable services it offers to both boys and girls of all ages.

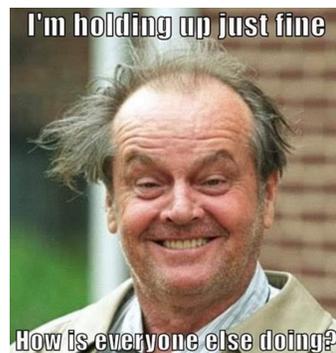
A Bit of Humor

The National Day of Mourning occurs each year on May 5 and is known, of course, as Sinko de Mayo.

Mark Metevia, shared "A little known fact is that 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 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, and the cargo was forever lost. 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, which they still observe to this day.



On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt



Thank you to Bob Avery and Dick Nickoloff for participating and getting the right answer to last week's trivia Question.

The question was: Who was President of the United States During World War I? The answer, Woodrow Wilson.

This week's trivia question is: **Who was President of the Monaco South Optimist Club AFTER Jon Wachter?**

Remember, those who participate and do not get the cor-

rect answer will not have their names published, so you have no need to worry about embarrassment. Please give it a try. We have only been having two or three members submit answers.

Email your answer to Warren.Allentown@gmail.com.

Weekly Greeters

5/15/2020

In Person Meeting Suspended Due to Virus
Attend a Zoom Meeting starting at 8:00 a.m.

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

Due to the need to be cautious during the CONVID-19 outbreak, meetings are virtual until at least the end of May. Please check back for updates.

May 10 Sun		Mothers Day
May 15 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: To Be Determined
May 21 Thu	6:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting: To Be Determined
May 22 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: To Be Determined
May 25 Mon		Memorial Day
May 29 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: To Be Determined
June 5 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: To Be Determined
June 12 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: To Be Determined

2019 - 2020 Officers

President	Bob Meyer	303-919-4532
Vice President	Steve Kady	303-931-1470
Vice President	Dan Rodriguez	303-521-5120
Secretary	Tracy Sorensen	303-886-1743
Treasurer	Greg Young	303-759-3921

2019 - 2020 Board of Directors

Perry Allen	303-521-3453
Noel Hasselgren	303-475-7125
Jack Kleinheksel	303-751-3602
Tom Kramis	303-917-5299
Allen Malask	303-726-3700
Bill Morgan	303-868-4384
Mark Smith	303-691-9766
John Stoffel	720-837-3013
Everett Gardner (Past Pres.)	949-246-0984

Past Presidents

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Stan Cohen	2000-01	Paul Simon	2012-13
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Avery	1989-90	Don St. John	2001-02	Jon Wachter	2013-14
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	Everett Gardner	2018-19
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		
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Cy Regan	1999-00	Randy Marcove	2011-12		

Newsletter Committee

Robert Finkelmeier	303-756-5829	Paul Stratton	303-366-6375
George Buzick	303-803-2268	Pat Bush	720-254-3741
Robert Wardlaw	303-525-2532	Craig Eley	303-758-9499
Phil Perington	303-832-4578	Greg Young	303-759-3921

NEWSLETTER EDITORS: May **George Buzick**, June **Robert Wardlaw**, July **Pat Bush**

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.