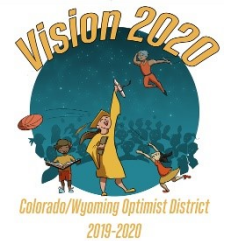




# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 43 Years  
National Philanthropy Day Colorado, Outstanding Service Organization, 2012  
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Editor for this Issue—Paul Stratton



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### Good Morning Optimists

Steve Kady, Joe Marci, and 16° temperatures greeted the men of the Optimist Club of Monaco South on this Friday morning, October 11, 2019. It was probably only 13° when Steve and Joe arrived—thank you gentlemen for your dedication, smiles, and handshakes! *Note: According to*



Steve Kady & Joe Marci  
Photos Noel Hasselgren

*CBS Channel 4, we went "from 83° to 13°: The second largest temperature change on record!"*

### First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

Promptly at 7:00 a.m. Prez Bob Meyer rang the bell. He called on Pat Bush for today's invocation who reminded us to be too noble for anger. Take a moment to breathe before responding to a difficult situation with unproductive anger. Pat then led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag*.

### From the Prez

Prez Bob shared some fun facts, including these October 11<sup>th</sup> birthdays: Henry John Heinz, 1844; Eleanor Roosevelt, 1933; Earl "Dutch" Clark, 1906; Jon Steven Young, 1961; and then Prez Bob remembered that today was Cap Hermann's birthday and called on members for a special Monaco South rendition of *Happy Birthday*. *You are welcome Cap!*

Other October 11<sup>th</sup> items of note: In 1923 Babe Ruth hit 2 home runs in a World Series game. In the 1967 World Series, the Red Sox tied the game with a back-to-back home run in the seventh against the Cardinals. In 1975, Saturday Night Live premiered with the words, "Live from New York." And in 2018, Singapore Airlines reclaimed the world's longest airline route from Singapore to Newark. The passengers disembarked, took one look at Newark, and were overheard saying, "19-hours sitting in coach for this?"

**Tamarac Optimist Club:** Prez Bob announced that the Tamarac Club wants us to know about their **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Supper and Silent Auction** on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. See the flyer attached to GUMS distribution email. Plus their Rhinestones and Cowboys holiday soiree coming up at Calvary Baptist Church on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. More details forthcoming.



### Rookie of the Year

Past President Everett Gardner and new president Bob Meyer recognized Tracy Sorensen as the MSOC Rookie of the Year. This presentation was to take place at the recent Celebrate Your Optimism Dinner and 2019-2020 Installation, but the plaque was not available in time. So, Prez Bob called both Tracy and Everette to the stage to present it today. *Congratulations Tracy— well earned!*



Everett Gardner, Tracy Sorensen & Bob Meyer

### Announcements

#### Help for Junior Golf Tournament: Joe Marci reminded



us that next week there is a Junior Golf Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club, 4900 Himalaya Rd. and HELP is NEEDED. There will be 85 golfers, boys and girls, and 20 will go to Florida next summer for the Optimist International Tournament. Joe and Bob Meyer are looking for volunteers between 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., lunch will be included. He has 14 people for Saturday, which is great, but is looking for some help on Sunday. Please contact Joe at 303-847-7844.

**New Cub Scout Pack:** Frank Middleton said that Samuels Elementary is launching a Cub Scout pack. There will be a couple of organizing meetings and he would like some help. Please contact Frank, 303-9031716, and he will follow up with you with times and details.

**Dime-A-Day Update:** Perry Allen provided a Dime-A-Day update. Here are some highlights from the Optimist International Foundation's efforts over the past Optimist year:

1. Supported the OI World Oratorical Championship Contest by funding the US and International winners totaling \$65,000.
2. Paid out \$297,731 to Clubs utilizing the Club Campaign program and an additional \$46,063 in interest to Club Campaign funds.
3. Launched the Disaster Relief program to assist Clubs in rebuilding their communities.
4. Assisted Clubs in receiving \$373,633 in charitable contributions for their own local programs through the Pass Through program.

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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\*\*\*\***

## Announcements Continued

- Sent 126 students off to college with OI oratorical, essay and CCDHH scholarships total \$358,500.
- Contributed \$53,420 toward the OI Research Fellowship at Johns Hopkins, plus an additional \$77,000 toward a new research effort around pediatric bone marrow transplants.



For the past year's Dime-A-Day Program, our district was #1 in the United States in terms of member participation. And, our club was #1 in the district! Our district was #3 in the overall amount of money contributed. And now it is a brand New Year for Dime-A-Day, and Perry has new yellow pins for those of us who participate and give \$36.50 to the OI Foundation.

**Super Citizen Presentations:** **Robert Wardlaw** announced that Super Citizens programs are beginning for the month of October, as the 2019-2020 school year is well under way. Assemblies are coming up at Most Precious Blood, 10-15-19 @ 2:30; Hamilton, 10-17-19 @ 5:30; and Samuels, 10-25-19 @ 1:00. You are welcome to attend to see how it is done and then you will be ready to present in the future.



**Next MSOC Board Meeting:** The next club board meeting is coming up next week, Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. Come a bit earlier to share in pizza. The meeting will be at the Schlessman YMCA—ALL are welcome!

**King Soopers Fundraiser:** **Mark Metevia** via email reported that he is assisting **Frank Middleton** to help promote the King Soopers Rewards fundraiser program by reaching out to members we do not see often enough. They want to recognize and thank the following who said YES in the calling campaign. They said they just called 800-576-4377, pressed 3, to get their card linked using the Club NPO code WA161. Those contacted were, Aaron Berry, Bud Black, Joe Campana, Peter Dimond, Ken Duffy, Chris Dunphy, Paul Gibson, Bill McGroarty, Mike Miller, James Riley, Woody Thibodeau, Mark Westlund, and Brian Williams.

After the card is linked at the bottom of your receipt it will say King has just donated to the Optimist Club of Monaco South, Denver. Additionally, messages were left for those who could not be reached: Mark Goodbody, John Greene, Joe Howard, Ed Leuty, David Moore, John Scarborough, Mike Prete, Tim Settle, John Swick, Jim Tapp, and Les Volpe. Questions: Call Mark at 303-880-5000.

## Child Luring's Reported Near SC School

This past week, after two reports of attempted luring near Hamilton Middle School in Denver. A man who identifying himself as a Denver Public School (DPS) district employee tried to pick up two children while they were walking to the bus stop. He told the children that he was sent by the school district. A letter from Dr. Sawyer, Principle, sent home to parents says that in one instance "... man in a white car with red letters DPS drove up to the child as the child was walking to the bus stop. The man told the student that he was sent by the school district to take the student to the bus stop." If you spot this car notify police.

See Dr. Christian Sawyer, Hamilton Middle School Principal's letters sent out last week.

⇒ [Attempted-abduction-near-school-hamilton-10-09-19](#)

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Note: Dr. Sawyer's October 9, 2019 letter includes Denver Public Schools released of safety tips for students and their families. It is very worthwhile to read and to share with parents who have children.

See Denver 7's Report [CLICK HERE](#)

## Presidential Rants & Raves



**Optimist Dues are due!** See Greg Young! We rebounded from Friday's record cold to a beautiful weekend. Thanks to everybody who braved Friday's cold to attend the weekly Monaco South meeting. Also, thanks for the loud outburst when I almost missed the weekly drawing. Fortunately for this newbie President, everyone at the meeting shouted me down when I tried to go directly to The Creed after our speaker's presentation.

Emily Orbanek's presentation on Great Outdoors Colorado was well-received and produced a lot of thought—provoking questions about GOCO's projects and plans.

I didn't look at the Broncos' schedule when I scheduled the Board of Directors' meeting for the third Thursday of the month. Nevertheless, I hope most of the Board will show up next Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, for the first Board meeting of 2019-2020. **Steve Kady** will be bringing pizza and, maybe, we'll have leftovers from the Great American Beerfest. See you shortly after 6 pm next Thursday at the Schlessman YMCA, 3019 E Yale Ave, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor community Room.

We will need to reschedule November's Board meeting because it conflicts with the annual Boys' and Girls' Clubs Thanksgiving dinner.

In case you missed it in yesterday's Denver Post, Bradley International School was honored as one of five Denver-area schools to be recognized by the U. S. Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School. Blue Ribbon Schools either have the highest levels of student achievement in their state or have made the most progress in closing achievement gaps between subgroups, such as students of different races. This year, the Education Department recognized 312 public schools and 50 private schools. Congratulations to Bradley International, one of Monaco South's "Super Citizen" schools!

As of Saturday evening, 86 junior golfers had registered for the upcoming Optimist Junior Golf event at Green Valley Ranch to be held Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20. We're in good shape with about 15 volunteers for Saturday. We're pretty thin with only seven volunteers for Sunday. Please consider volunteering for Sunday. We want to make it a great event for our junior golfers. Let **Joe Marci**, **Ron Cisco**, or me know if you can help out as we identify the first 23 qualifiers for THE 2020 OPTIMIST to be held at Trump National Doral Resort in Miami FL. Another 60+ junior golfers will be determined at next June's District Junior Golf Qualifiers. Let's continue to show who has the best Junior Golf Program in OI.

Please continue to check the MSOC calendar at <https://www.monacosouth.org/events/calendar>. You wouldn't want to miss any of our great service projects and activities.

I challenge all Monaco South members to bring a guest to upcoming meetings. Let's continue to grow the Club so that we can maintain, and build upon, our service projects and activities.

I also ask for your continued support as I find my way as Monaco South's newest president.

Yours in Optimism, Prez Bob

## See Updated New Membership Application

As you may know, Membership is the life blood of our Club. Therefore, bring in a new member—**Just Ask!**

Cost in Month of Joining	
◇ Oct, Nov, Dec - \$158	◇ Jul, Aug - \$ 70
◇ Jan, Feb, Mar - \$129	◇ Sep - \$35
◇ Apr, May, Jun - \$100	



## Emily Orbanek

### Parks and Wildlife Program Manager from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)

**Frank Middleton** introduced our speaker for the day—the Parks and Wildlife Program Manager from [Great Outdoors Colorado \(GOCO\)](#), **Emily Orbanek**. Parks and Wildlife is GOCO's largest partner of the Colorado Lottery, and Emily works with the agency on joint strategic priorities, funding, and annual programs and projects all over the state. She is a Colorado native, and received her Executive MBA from University of Colorado. She also reports that she and her husband are happy Christmas Tree lot customers!



Emily Orbanek  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Space. The funding is done through a competitive grant program, and the funding is given on a reimbursement basis. GOCO has made \$28.5M investment in Denver projects over the last 27 years.

Their staff of 17 has an administration budget that is 5% of the overall budget. During the 2018 Legislative session, the Colorado Lottery was renewed for another 25 years.

Please see the [attachment of Emily's slide show presentation](#) with more details.



The mission of GOCO is to help the people of Colorado preserve, protect, enhance and manage the state's wildlife, park, river, trails, and open space heritage. A 1992 constitutional amendment created the GOCO trust fund, and since then 50% of lottery proceeds go to GOCO. Their 50% is capped at \$70.3 million in 2020. The remaining lottery proceeds go to the Conservation Trust Fund (40%) and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (10%).

GOCO is required to allocate funds in a manner that is substantially equal to achieve outcomes across four areas: Outdoor Recreation, Local Governments, Wildlife, and Open



Emily is also an accomplished fly-fisher as can be seen here.

Additionally, see GOCO's [Wilder video, a tale of love for the outdoors](#). [Click Here.](#)

## Everett Gardner, Newly Appointed Membership Guru

*Now that Prez Bob has the reigns, I'll be enlighten ya'll with MEMBERSHIP TIDBITS ... and the usual travelogue.*

*While I was not able to attend Prez Bob's last weeks inaugural meeting but from his first "RANT AND RAVES" in GUMS, I'd say we're off to a GRAND start for the year and with 1 new member (sponsored by the PREZ). Thanks for setting the Membership pace, Prez Bob!*

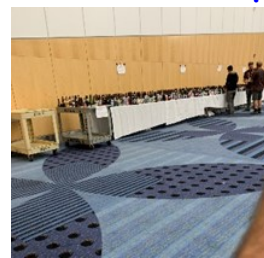
*And the reason I was not able to attend, I worked the Competition Team for the GREAT AMERICAN BEER FESTIVAL. There were almost 10,000 beers entered in the competition which was narrowed to 120 Categories, and only 3 medals awarded for each (Gold, Silver, & Bronze). Also, **Kent Gloor** and **Eldon Strong** sorted the beers before they came to the floor for samples to be carried to the Judges (maybe you can get in on this Judge **Craig Eley**) for evaluation and moving to the next round. Because of working the event comp tickets were awarded and a few more MSOC members were able to attend; **Ed Collins** and **Tom Kramis**. Below are a couple pix from the event.*

*Then I was off to the San Jose area for business with great weather (as show by the rental car) then came back to the typical Mother Nature scenario of Denver. Pix say it all.*



GABF Opening Ceremony

**Never too late to bring a GUEST .... Follow-up on new and old contacts! Have a non-member help with upcoming Projects like the Thanksgiving Dinner and the Tree Lot.**



Tasting Table



Tasting Table close-up



BJ's Original Brewer



Nice weather Rental in California



... then this upon my return

## Drawing

**Prez Bob** tried to skip the weekly drawing, which "drew" loud outcries from the assembled members. Rather than face a full-on riot, Bob called on **Dr. Bob**, and we had a drawing—with \$30 in the pot and a 1 in 51 chance at the 7 of Clubs awaited. **Greg Young** and **Perry Allen** confidently plucked a card from the deck, but came up empty. Cups O'Cash went to **Robert Wardlaw**, **Mark Metevia**, **Phil**

**Perington**, **Mike White**, **Steve Kady**, and **Bob Avery**.

Nametag winner **Steve Kady** had his nametag and asked **Craig Eley** to draw for him, but no luck.

Weekly Greeters	
10/18/19	Dave Peck & Eldon Strong
10/25/19	Russ Paul & Gary Strowbridge

**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>**

Oct 15	Tues	2:30 pm	Super Citizen: Most Precious Blood
Oct 17	Thur	5:30 pm	Super Citizen: Hamilton Middle School
Oct 17	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Oct 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Oct 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Kathleen Chandler, Vote: Prop CC
Oct 25	Fri	1:00 pm	Super Citizen: Samuels Elementary
Oct 25	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen: Bradley International
Nov 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Mitch Jelniker, Corporate Relations Mgr., Food Bank of the Rockies
Nov 6	Wed	1:00 pm	Super Citizen: Lowry Elementary
Nov 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

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**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		

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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.