



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 44 Years  
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### Good Morning Optimist

This past week OCMS celebrated its past Optimist year and initiated its future year, 2020-2021. On Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> we held the **44<sup>th</sup> Celebrate Your Optimism and Installation Luncheon** at Maggiano's Restaurant. Approximately 30 members attended. President **Bob Meyer**, also added a Zoom meeting for those who preferred to participate at home. Here is the shared link. First [Click Here](#), then when prompted type-in this passcode <=7SxX+CY>. Do not copy & paste it.

With **Phil Perington** serving as Master of Ceremonies the program consisted of the following:



Phil Perington & Bob Meyer

Celebrate Your Optimism! Optimist Club of Monaco South Installation Banquet September 26, 2020	
11:30	Social
12:00	Seating Call
12:05	Call to Order Bob Meyer, President, 2019-2020
12:10	Inspiration & Pledge Tom Overton, Past District Governor, 2002-2003; Past President, 1996-1997
12:15	Introduction of Guests & Dignitaries Phil Perington, Past Dist. Governor, 2012-2013; Past President, 2008-2009
12:25	Luncheon Served
1:15	Highlights of the Year Bob Meyer, President, 2019-2020
1:45	Presentation of Awards Bob Meyer and Dan Rodriguez
1:50	Installation of Officers & Board Jon Wachter, Lt. Governor, 2020-2021, Past President 2013-2014;
2:10	Looking Forward Dan Rodriguez, President, 2020-2021
2:40	Blue Jacket Ceremony George Buzick, Past District Governor, 2007-2008
2:50	Closing & Creed Phil Perington, Past Dist. Governor, 2012-2013; Past President, 2008-2009

After monumental and delicious three course luncheon those in attendances and participation on Zoom here Prez

Bob provided the highlights of this very unusual Optimist year. A copy of his Highlights can be [found here](#).

At the end of sharing his highlights Prez Bob presented the following awards:

- Marlin Kent Eternal Optimist - **Greg Young**
- Optimist of the Year - **Bob Finkelmeier**



- Project of the Year - Christmas Tree Lot, led by **Tom Kramis**



This was followed by the Installation of the 2020-2021 Officers and Board by our own **Jon Wachter**, who is now serving as CO-WY District, Lt Governor, 2020-21.



With that our new **OCMS President Dan Rodriguez** took



Dan Rodriguez

to the podium to present his plans for the new Monaco South Year, followed by the recognition of all our past presidents in the "Blue Jacket Ceremony." Twelve of our past presidents were in attendance: **Tom Overton, Jon Wachter, Donlie Smith, Phil Perington, Greg Young, Bob Meyer, Pat Bush, Frank Middleton, Mark Metevia, Peter Dimond, John Young, and Jack Rife**.



**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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**Mark Metevia** summed up the Celebration in this way ...

*"Gents, I just have to say, hats off to a really fine program! If ever there was a better program I could not recall it. Perhaps you think I may be single, but I don't think so. Perhaps because it was a most unusual year... all of you presenters were more impactful."*

*From Tom's opening reflections before the invocation, to Bob really went deep and thoughtfully on the years Highlights, Jon was more heartfelt than ever, to Dan's well crafted forward looking remarks, including of course the overall Master of it all Phil.*

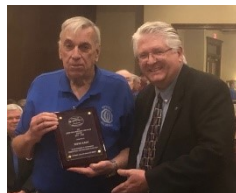
*You can all be proud. I thought it worked on such a high level it was almost 'professional'. Only regret, many members weren't there.*

*Best always, Mark Metevia"*

Now past-president **Bob Meyer** was presented with a commemorative collection of pictures of when Arnold Palmer



drove the green in the final round of the 1960 U.S. Open to come from seven shots behind to win his only U.S.



Steve Kady was recognized by new President Dan Rodriguez for his services to the Club over the past year.

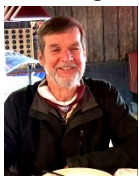


## Good Morning Optimists

October 2, 2020

### New President Administration Comes to Order

Our greeter and temperature



monitor this bright and sunny Friday morning was the ever vigilant and talented **Pat Bush**, with backup from **Gary Miller**, our

smiling pay station manager. The breakfast buffet was a delicious "cowboy style" scrambled eggs-potatoes-ham and cheese casserole. Served with fresh cantaloupe and mini-bagels with cream cheese.



The First Day of new President **Dan Rodriguez's** administration kicked off with the announcement that **Tom Kramis** and **Phil Perington** have signed up a new member, 34 year old **Jeff Wilson**. He is 6' 3" tall and can bench press three 8-foot Christmas trees, among other talents. Jeff is energized by the Optimist message and the youth programs Monaco South shares with the community and local schools. Jeff will be at our next breakfast meeting on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. While the very



capable **Steve Avery**, was managing the Zoom connection and monitoring the sound system. Steve introduced our only guest this morning, his girl friend Lindsey.



She is fascinated and excited about the Optimists mission and will be looking at possibly joining the Tamarac Club.

## Invocation & Pledge

Our invocation was presented by **Kent Gloor**, "May we always press on with the greater achievements of the future and not dwell upon the negativity of any day." He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, followed by the normal shout of "Play Ball!" Editors Note: "Catch the Ball!" may be in order now that the Broncos are on the field.



## In Attendance

In the house for his first visit was past president (2005-06) ) and two-time Optimist of the Year recipient **Donlie Smith**. President **Dan** acknowledged **Chris Dunphy** for his excellent management and preparation of the Annual Invocation Luncheon at Maggiano's this past Saturday.

New raffle and games manager **Phil Perington** performed his first official duty by providing a new sealed deck of cards for our weekly drawing. **Steve Kady** declared the Queen of Diamonds as the lucky card for our weekly drawing. It was also noted that **Al Gapuzan** who was in custody of **Kent Gloor's** winnings of \$100 ticket last week, was rewarded with a wonderful dinner that ate up half the winnings.

**Oscar Sorensen** and **Bill Litchfield**, two of our charter members, were astutely observing the morning activities and commented how encouraging it was to see the morning crowd growing.

## Announcements

**New 2020-2021 Officers & Board:** President **Dan Rodriguez** announced the Officer and Board members that were installed on Saturday at the 44<sup>th</sup> Club's Installation. They are:

**Officers:** **Dan Rodriguez**, President  
**Tom Kramis**, Vice President  
**Chris Dunphy**, Vice President  
**Bill Morgan**, Secretary  
& Asst: **Phil Perington**  
**Pat Bush**, Treasurer & **Greg Young**, Asst. Treasurer/Director  
**Bob Meyer**, Immediate Past President  
**Directors:** **Mark Smith**, **Allen Malask**, **Perry Allen**, **Steve Avery**, **George Buzick**, **Dave Peck**, and **Larry Pulaski**

**Face-to-Face Member Meeting:** **Tom Glazier** reminded everyone that on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. there will be the usual gathering at at Cafe de France Express, 4155 E Jewell Ave. Please try to attend. **Prez Dan** pointed out that with both interactive live meetings being held on a regular basis our Club is truly coming back to life.

**CO-WY Junior Golf:** **Joe Marci** updated the activity on the Annual Junior Golf Tournament on October 17-18. If interested in assisting, contact Joe. The Club will buy your lunch and provide liquid refreshments.

**Christmas Tree Lot Preparation:** **Tom Kramis** announced a group of members will meet at the storage unit on Saturday morning to begin repairs and maintenance on equipment for the tree lot. He later added the Colorado National Guard will be helping us with the tree lot as well! Day



## Announcements Continued

**Managers** are needed. Please consider volunteering. Lights and poles are in good order and a staircase to a pay window at the Trailer is planned. Opening day is sooner than we think. It is going to take a well oiled and efficient team effort this year. However, we are the Optimists-No problem!

**Club Budgeting is Taking Place:** Greg Young reminded us that all project leaders should submit their budget requests for this coming fiscal year, October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. Greg will be putting together a proposed budget for review by the Officers and Board. If you have not responded, you may not be funded this coming year. All budget items will be subject to revision pending results from the Tree Lot. The budget will be finalized by the board in two weeks.

**Membership Dues:** Greg Young also advised that your dues invoice is out. Please watch for your dues invoice and be prepared to pay it promptly. Feel free to send him your dues now and save the club some time and postage. If you have questions talk contact Greg at 303-886-1110, or our new treasurer **Pat Bush** at 720-747-5482.

## Spotlight on a Club Member

This morning **Prez Dan** recognized a member we have not seen for several months, **Jed Ziegenhagen**. Jed has been a member since November 2014. He was sponsored by **Harry Arkin**. Jed is the Deputy Medicaid Director for Long-Term Services and Supports at State of Colorado. He claims his school age kids have been keeping him away, but on this day they had a day off from school so he could make the meeting. Thanks for sharing your story with all of us. We hope to see you back over in the near future.



## October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month



When It Comes to Security, an Ounce of Prevention Is Worth a Pound of Cure. Securing your personal information in an age of virtual connectivity is critical to avoid hacking and theft. To help you stay safe online, here are some best practices to stop fraud before it happens. See <https://www.cisa.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month>

### Strengthen Your Digital Defenses:

- ◆ Add Multi-Factor Authentication (<https://www.nist.gov/itl/applied-cybersecurity/tig/back-basics-multi-factor-authentication>) to any website that contains your sensitive, personal data.
- ◆ Do not reuse the same username and password across multiple websites and applications. Do not make passwords easy to guess.
- ◆ Keep your software, operating system and browser updated.

## On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt



"I guess no one wanted to hurt my feelings because there were no responses to the question of whether I stayed within my five minute time allowance for my presentation at the meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>. I did not.

Well, moving on. This week's question is: **Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on the same day. It is a significant US holiday. What day was it?**

Email your answer to [Warren.Allentown@gmail.com](mailto:Warren.Allentown@gmail.com)

- ◆ Be cautious about sharing Personally Identifiable Information (PII) —especially if you did not initiate the contact. It only takes one time.
- ◆ Use caution when clicking on links embedded in emails or text messages.

## Our Speaker

### Lt. Colonel Will DiProffio

**Steve Kade** introduced our speaker, Lt Colonel Will DiProffio who is the Director of Plans, Operations and Military Support (J3) for the Colorado National Guard. He serves as the principal advisor for National Guard Domestic Operations to The Adjutant General and Director of the Joint Staff.



In this capacity, Lieutenant Colonel DiProffio oversees domestic operations planning, training and both current and future military support operations along with interagency partnerships and force protection. Will has received his Reserve Army commission through the Reserve Officer's Training Corps from the University of New Hampshire in 1996 and joined the New Hampshire Army National Guard as a Field Artillery Officer where he served as a traditional guardsman from 1996 to 2000. In 2000 he moved to Colorado and joined the Colorado Army National Guard.

Will earned a BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of New Hampshire graduating in 1998. He worked in the Network Management industry first as a Software Developer and then as a Sales Engineer before he transitioned to the Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) program in 2006 and has been a full time guardsman ever since. He was mobilized in support of Operation Noble Eagle, Hurricane Katrina and was deployed to Afghanistan from 2012 to 2013.

Major Awards and Decorations include Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Award), Army Commendation Medal (6th Award), Army Achievement Medal Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal(4th Award), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Combat Action Badge.

## Weekly Drawing

Starting with a new deck of cards and \$20 in the pot we had 4-cups and two double winners, winners Larry Pulaski and **Phil Perington**, both taking two cups. No opportunists took the big pot of \$20, so the pot grows. Draw Master **Dr. Bob** announced he is working on a way to get Zoom attendees involved in the drawing. Could be interesting. Advance purchases may be a solution. Where are you **Jack Kleinhessel**?



Now is the time to bring in new members—  
"Just ASK"

## Weekly Greeters

10/9/2020

Face-to-face meeting along with a Zoom meeting starting at 7:00 a.m.

**Optimist Club of Monaco South 2020-2021 45<sup>th</sup> 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 August or maybe September. Please check back for updates.

Oct 2    Fri    8:00 am    Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting

**2020 - 2021 Officers**

President	Dan Rodriguez	303-521-5120
Vice President	Tom Kramis	303-917-5299
Vice President	Chris Dunphy	720-297-3111
Secretary	Bill Morgan	303-868-4384
Asst Secretary	Phil Perington	303-832-4578
Treasurer	Pat Bush	720-747-5482
Asst. Treasurer	Greg Young	303-759-3921

**2020 - 2021 Board of Directors**

Perry Allen	303-521-3453
Stephen Avery	720-775-7700
George Buzick	303-803-2268
Allen Malask	303-726-3700
David Peck	925-890-2531
Larry Pulaski	303-956-1202
Mark Smith	303-691-9766
Bob Meyer (Past President)	303-919-4532

**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 Meyer	2019-20
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**

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
Paul Stratton	303-366-6375		

**NEWSLETTER EDITORS: Sept Phil Perington, Oct ?**

**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.