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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimists

Gary Strowbridge and Russ Paul rose to the challenge of meeting and greeting a good size and good humored bunch of Optimists on this Friday morning, the 25<sup>th</sup> of October.



At left, Russ Paul & Gray Strowbridge show their Optimist smiles.  
Photos Noel Hasselgren

### Invocation & Pledge

President **Bob Meyer** calls on **Don Thomson** to deliver today's invocation. Don asked us to "*make your optimism come true*" through our words and actions every day with all the people we encounter. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guests

Nick Piccuci joined us today. Nick is a Denver native who discovered our club through the Christmas Tree Lot. He also shared that his wife received scholarship money for college via the Optimist Oratorical Contest. He indicated he is interested in giving back to the community and thought he would come see us! Welcome Nick - you are in the right place! Hopefully he will be back next week with his application in hand.

### Fun Facts

**Prez Bob** shares some fun facts about today's date, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Historical Birthdays: 1838 - Georges Bizet; 1864 - George Francis Dodge (co-founder of Dodge Brothers Motor Company); 1881 - Pablo Picasso; 1888 - Admiral George Byrd; 1912 - Minnie Pearl; 1940 - Bobby Knight; 1948 - Dave Cowens and Dan Issel; and 1984 - Katy Perry.

In 1760, George III became King of England; 1780 - John Hancock became the first Governor of Massachusetts; 1854 - Charge of the Light Brigade during the Crimean War; 1923 - Senate committee published the first report on the Teapot Dome Scandal; 1955 - Tappan sell the first microwave oven; 1962 - John Steinbeck is awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature; 1964 - Jim Marshall of the Vikings ran 66 yards in the wrong direction for a safety; 1964 - The Rolling Stones appear on the Ed Sullivan Show for the first time; 1975 - Denver Nuggets have their first game at McNichols Sports Arena, defeating the St. Louis Spirits; and last, 1983 - The U.S. invades Grenada.

Editor, an appropriate Baseball quote, on this date in 1986, the improbable happened at Shea Stadium. Check it out @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ujwjqlldwU>. Scully calls Mookie Wilson's epic at-bat—the quote is right at the end. You are urged you to watch it.



Mookie Wilson

### From the Prez

**Prez Bob Meyer** reported on last weekend's Junior Golf Tournament at Green Valley Ranch. The golfers and volunteers were greeted with a 24 degree windchill and 25 mph winds on Sunday morning. 74 kids braved the elements, and so did a long list of Monaco South Optimists. Bob gave a big thank you to volunteers **Pat Bush, Mike McMahon, Phil Perington, Noel Hasselgren, Don Roth, Ron Cisco, Joe Marci, Michael Chavez, Sewell Black, Gary Strowbridge, Jim Easton, Tom Hoch, Ed Collins, Mike White**, Mike's son **Brian White, Bob Avery, Tom Kramis**, and of course himself (**Bob Meyer**).

**Prez Bob** reminded us that the revised Club Bylaws were distributed with **GUMS** last week. Please take a look to see if you have questions about the proposed edits—a link is provided below. There will be a vote of the membership to approve the bylaws at our Friday breakfast meeting, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The November Board Meeting has been moved to Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, due to the Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys and Girls Club/Girls Inc being on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Announcements

**Boys & Girls Clubs Thanksgiving Dinner:** **Michael Chavez** reminded us that this year's Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Owen Boys and Girls Club, 3480 W Kentucky Avenue, and at Girls, Inc., 1499 Julian Street. We will need all hands on deck that night when we serve over 800 meals! Please plan on arriving between 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. If you have not signed up yet, please do so or contact Michael.



**New Cub Scout Pack:** **Frank Middleton** said that 15 kids signed up for the Cub Scout pack at Samuels Elementary this week. He thanked **Pat Bush** and **Mike White** for their work at the school helping to encourage kids to pursue scouting.

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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

**OC (Ocie) Larson:** The club received the following sad news from Jeff Larson,

*We are sorry to inform you that Ocie Larson passed away on Sunday Oct 20. Six weeks ago Ocie had a bad bout of pneumonia and was just not able to recover. Pat is doing well at Cherry Hills assisted living and her phone number is 720-542-8004.*



OC Larson

*We are holding a celebration of Ocie's life on Saturday November 16 at our home at 21248 Snowshoe Lane, Parker 80138. We invite all Optimist members and their families and it is an open house format between 2-5pm. Please RSVP to Jeff Larson at 720-851-5802 if you are able to attend.*

*Please pass this along to the membership.*

*Ocie lived by the Optimist creed and thoroughly enjoyed helping with all the great causes that your club supports!*

*Best regards, Jeff Larson*

There will be no services, but his son Jeff will be holding a reception at his home on November 16 from 2 to 5 p.m. All of OC's friends and all Optimists are invited. **Joe Marci** passed around a sign-up sheet for those interested in riding together to Parker on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Joe if interested. Or, RSVP directly to Jeff Larson at 720-851-5802.

**Christmas Tree Lot Update:** Tom Kramis, Czar of the Tree Lot, announced that the first tree delivery will arrive either the 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, as much as a week before Thanksgiving. Stay tuned since many hands will be needed to offload and stack trees. Tom is also doing some trailer remodel work, most notably adding metal treads on the steps leading up into the trailer. It will be coming out of hibernation and arriving at the storage lot on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**Christmas Tree Lot Santa:** Speaking of the Tree Lot, **Craig Eley** said it is that time of year again—What's the best job at the Tree Lot? Santa! The schedule for this year can be accessed at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ea4a6283-santa2>. Go there to sign up for any of the last seven two-hour shifts available. If you cannot figure out how to sign up, contact Santa Wrangler Craig Eley at [craigceley@gmail.com](mailto:craigceley@gmail.com) and let him know the shift you want.



**Thanksgiving Basket Delivery:** Allen Pierce announced that the date for Thanksgiving basket delivery this year will be Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Meet early that am at the American Legion to assemble and deliver baskets to needy families, identified by the social workers at our Super Citizen schools. Signup or reach out to Allen.

**OCMS Bylaws Update:** As mentioned by Prez Bob the Monaco South Bylaws were updated. [Attached here](#) and to GUMS distribution email, are the changes (with changes highlighted in yellow) and a copy of the [updated Bylaws in full](#). The two main changes are to incorporate wording required by OI, and to revise the election procedures as we are currently doing per our policies.

Please review these changes and if you have any questions or concerns, please notify **Bob Meyer**, **Tracy Sorensen**, or **Greg Young** immediately. We will publish these changes in **GUMS** for 3 weeks and then vote on them at the Meeting November 15<sup>th</sup>.

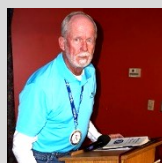
**Channel 4 Toy Drive:** Vice Prez Steve Kady reminded us via an email, that the Channel 4 Toy Drive is underway

and anyone wanting to help collect toys or gifts for this drive are welcome to do so. Our Santa will deliver these gifts on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 a.m., at the U-Hills King Soopers. [See the wish list here](#). Steve is working with the Retired Fire Fighters Association to help with the delivery. More details will be forthcoming.

**Optimist club of Littleton, 60th Anniversary:** Darrell Schulte, President, Optimist club of Littleton, Stephen Patterson, their newsletter editor, and board member, Ron Shuster, contacted us to share their October, **OCL Clarion**, newsletter commemorating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with lots of pictures—[CLICK HERE](#). Stephen says, our newsletter is longer than usual and goes out monthly. In return, OCMS wishes OLC more Optimism and many more years of success.



## Presidential Rants & Raves



There was no "Rants and Raves" last week, because I was busy working on the 2019 Optimist Junior Golf Tour event at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club. If you weren't at Friday's Monaco South meeting, you missed out on the kudos I gave out for the volunteers who risked frostbite on Sunday, when we began play with a 24-degree wind chill and steady winds of 25 mph. The Monaco South volunteers last Saturday and Sunday were not only those reported on page one, but also included, Bernie Nichter of the Wheatridge OC, and Jeff Shelton, Sue Barton, and Sharad Buddhaev of the Green Valley Ranch's Men's and Women's Clubs were additional volunteers at the tournament. See the trophy winners' photos below.

At Friday's Monaco South meeting, we had a presentation from Kathleen Chandler from Vote No on Prop CC. In fairness to both sides on page three, and also review Prop DD. If the links don't work Google them to access the websites.

If you Google "Colorado Blue Book for 2019 Election", you will find additional websites that provide information on voting issues for the 2019 General Election.

As Optimists, you owe it to yourself to be fully informed all on ballot issues.

Speaking of issues you need to be informed about, please check out the [OCMS Bylaws Update](#) elsewhere in GUMS. We'll be voting on the Bylaws changes at the November 15<sup>th</sup> Monaco South meeting.

Note, Optimist Dues are due! See **Greg Young**.

Also, don't forget Dime-A-Day and the other OIF donor opportunities. See **Perry Allen**.

**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 continue to 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, Bob Meyer





## Kathleen Chandler Proposition CC

**Frank Middleton** introduced today's speaker, a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Coloradan and a graduate of the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Kathleen Chandler. Kathleen is the Project Coordinator for Independence Institute; a law and policy think tank. She came to share details of her organization's opposition to *Proposition CC: Retain State Government Revenue*. Prop CC is one of two propositions on the ballot this election season. The talking points she shared can be found on [votenoontcc.com](http://votenoontcc.com)



Kathleen Chandler

guments for and against, and estimate of fiscal impact can be found [here](#).

For an impartial look at Prop CC, go to [coloradopolitics.com](http://coloradopolitics.com) and [9news.com](http://9news.com). At those sites, you will need to do some additional navigation to drill down to the topic of Prop CC.

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## A Bit of Humor & Good Thoughts From Mark Metevia & Jim Tapp

I JUST discovered my age group! I am a Seenager (Senior teenager).

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 65-70 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store.

I like the wine store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared?

And I don't have acne.

Life is Good!

Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains.

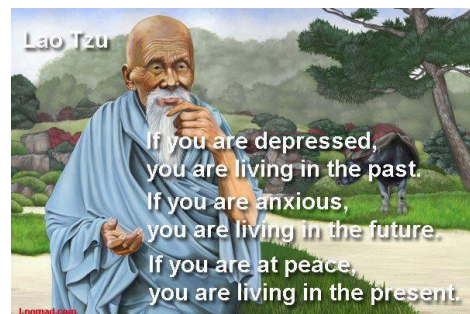
Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem;

it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

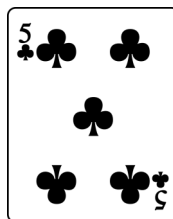
SO THERE!!

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.



## Drawing

We had a Drawing! \$50 lurked in the pot for he who could bring forth the 5 of Clubs from the dauntingly large pile of playing cards. **Paul Stratton** and **Dan Rodriguez** had their ticket numbers called and tried their luck but alak! They came up empty.



Cold cups of currency went to: our **President, Bob Meyer, Allan Malask, Phil Perington, Ed Collins, John Oss, and Tom Hoch,**

Nametag: **Dave Telpner** was in the house and properly identified at just the right moment, so he took his shot at glory and a U.S. Grant, but 'twas not to be.

## Creed

**Frank Middleton** stood and asked the assembled members to join him in the recitation of the Optimist Creed...**PROMISE YOURSELF....**



Weekly Greeters	
11/1/10	Tom Mauro & John Oss
11/8/19	?

**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>**

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  
Nov 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day  
Nov 18 Mon 6:15 pm Note Change OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale  
Nov 19 Tue 2:30 pm Super Citizen: Most Precious Blood  
Nov 21 Thu 3:00 pm Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner, Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc.  
Nov 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: David Schunk, Volunteers of America  
Nov 22 Fri 3:00 pm Super Citizen, Bradley International  
Nov 23 Sat 9:30 am Thanksgiving Basket Delivery  
Nov 26 Tue 9:00 am TREE LOT SET UP Need Help for lot opening on Friday the 29th

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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.