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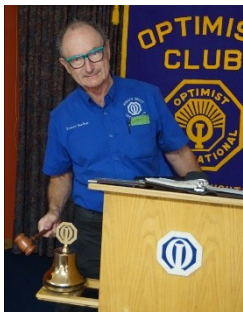
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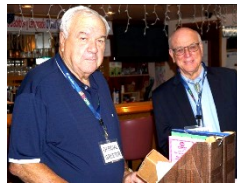


Good Morning Optimist

Welcome to the new Optimist year—October 2018 through September 2019, and with a brand spanking new **President Everett Gardner** calling the meeting to order right on time, 7:00 a.m. His first act as president was thanking **Bryce Slaby** and **Craig Eley** for their job greeting members on this cool fall morning.



Everett Gardner
Photos Noel Hasselgren



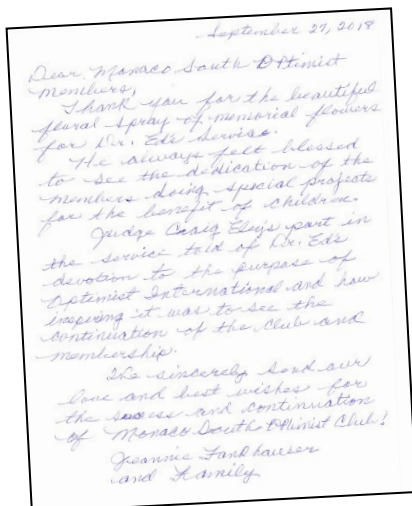
Bryce Slaby & Craig Eley

Invocation & Pledge

Prez **Everett Gardner** enlisted **Joe Marci** for the reading of the invocation based on *"To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true,"* and to lead us the *Pledge Allegiance to our flag.*

From the Prez

President **Everett** read a thank you note from **Jean-**



nie Fankhauser thanking the Monaco South members that attended Dr. Ed's memorial service, giving her much needed moral support. **Dr. Ed Fankhauser** was the founder of the Optimist Club of Monaco South and loyal member for the forty-two years of the existence of the club.



The club has been the beneficiary of many donations made in Dr. Ed's name.

President **Everett** also mentioned that he is setting a goal for Monaco South Optimist Club of achieving Centennial Distinguished Club in this the 100th Year of Optimist International. This means becoming a Distinguished Club, growing membership by "plus ten" members and making a \$100 unrestricted donation to OI Foundation. Everett says all we need to do is get every existing member to sponsor a new member during the year.



Announcements

Rockies Divisional Playoff Series: Tom Mauro first reported that the Rockies scared the "crap" out of the Milwaukee Brewers in the first game of the series losing 3 to 2 in extra innings. However, he also wanted to proclaimed that he is not much of a golfer, but he got his first hole in one this week. He reported that the average golfer making a hole in one is an approximately 12,500 to 1 shot, but even with those odds he has the proof and then he revealed his one-dollar bill with a hole in it. There were lots of "ugh's" heard round the room.



Time-A-Day Program: Perry Allen thanked all the members that contributed to the Dime-A-Day program last year. We went into the last meeting of the 2017-2018 year about \$100.00 short of the \$2,850 we donated in Optimist Year 2016-2017. But with some effective begging by **Tom Glazier**, enough money was raised last week that we not only broke the \$2,850 level; but we exceeded Perry's original goal of \$3,000 for this year. *"Is that not just like Monaco South? Just when you think we are going to fall short, we make that last-minute push and make the magic happen."*

Junior Golf Tournament: Joe Marci that the Fall Junior Golf Tournament is next weekend at the Green Valley Ranch Golf Club. He reports that he needs about a dozen more volunteers to adequately staff all the holes. If you can help, give Joe an email or call.

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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

The Green Valley Ranch Golf Club is located at 4900 Himalaya Road. This tournament will qualify about 20 youth golfers for the OI championship tournament at Doral in Florida next summer. The Colorado-Wyoming District sends more qualifiers than any other district in the world. This fall tournament runs both Saturday and Sunday and we can use help on either or both days. Again, talk with Joe to provide assistance.

The Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner: Michael



Members who participated in the past at the Boys & Girls Club dinner.
Photo Craig Eley

Chavez reports it is time to start thinking about the Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner for the Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc. The dinners will be held on Thursday evening November 15th this year rather than the customary Tuesday before Thanksgiving. While the day is changing, the locations are not. They will be at the Owen Boy and Girl Center located at 3480 W. Kentucky Avenue and at Girls, Inc. of Metro Denver, 1499 Julian Street. The dinners feed about 300 disadvantaged boys and girls and their families for a total of some 700 to 800 people. This is a traditional Thanksgiving meal complete with turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberries, lemonade, and pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Michael will be recruiting volunteers for the two dinners over the next several weeks.

Boy Scout Troop 457 Pumpkin Sale: Bob Avery



Photo Bob Avery

announced that they needed help unloading pumpkins for the Great Boy Scout Pumpkin sale this weekend. The semi-trailer truck will be showing up at the

Greenwood Community Church at E. Belleview and S. Holly on Saturday with a truck load of pumpkins. He also asked members to support the Boy Scouts by purchasing your Halloween pumpkins from them throughout the month of October.

Optimist Club's Fall Kickoff Social: Greg Young

is soliciting auction items for the silent auction to be held during the CO-WY District Soiree to be held at the Pinehurst County Club on Friday, November 9th. If you can donate any items to the auction, bring them to a membership meeting for Greg. All money raised will be split up to all clubs participating in the auction. Tickets for the event are \$40.00 per person. The entrée is a choice between prime rib and salmon. There will also be a cash bar available. See the registration form attached to the GUMS distribution email.

Helping Hands JOOI Club: Jon Wachter

reported that the Helping Hands JOOI Club is organizing at Bradley International School for the coming school year. They will be holding their first meeting this week. These are essentially Optimist Clubs for students. The Helping Hands JOOI club is for 5th grade students. Helping Hands typically will hold fundraisers then donate the proceeds to worthy community causes. They

also sponsor a team in our Know Brainer Contest in April of the school year. Jon has been organizing the JOOI club at Bradley International for the past several years and always has fun with it. If you are interested in learning more about the Helping Hands JOOI Club, be sure to talk with Jon.



Jon Wachter with members of the 2017-18 Bradley International School Helping Hands JOOI Club.

OCMS 42nd Celebration & Installation Friday Evening, September 28, 2018

This years Celebration and Installation was held at Rendezvous Restaurant in Heather Gardens. Immediate past president **Craig Eley** lead the proceedings, thanking the 2017-2018 officers/directors and welcoming the 2018-2019 officers/directors.



Immediate past president Craig Eley thanking 2017-2018 president Jim Easton.

President **Jim Easton** welcomed and recognized guests, dignitaries, and provided highlights of the year. Entertainment was provided by William Rader, Magician and Mentalist, followed by the installation of new officers and board, plus recognizing the Club's Blue Jackets, past presidents.



Photos Noel Hasselgren & Craig Eley

Bryce Slaby The Story of Bryce, 50 Years of Volunteerism

Our speaker today was **Bryce Slaby** who joined our club in June of 1995. Bryce spent the early years of his life growing up in the same house in Kansas where his father had been born. Like most kids in the area, he went to school and worked on the family farm. He was considered a wild child, as he would get into his share of trouble.

By the time, he was fourteen; he was living with his grandfather in Red Cloud, Nebraska. He worked on several farms in the area while attending high school.

In keeping with his earlier habits, Bryce managed to be kicked out of school twice. When Bryce turned 18, and without finishing high school, he joined the Navy. Bryce did not tell us how a boy growing up in Kansas and Nebraska is hooked up with the Navy but that is another story. He finished his commitment to the Navy and was discharged at the age of 21 years old. Having always dreamed of being a carpenter, Bryce went to the local employment center and took an aptitude test. He was told he had an aptitude for visualizing how things could be built, and they suggested he look at becoming an architect. For the first time in his life, he felt good about himself and felt like he could really accomplish something worthwhile. He went back to school and got his GED, but circumstances led him to move to the front range in 1968. **Donlie Smith** helped Bryce get a loan to



Bryce Slaby
Photo Noel Hasselgren

start a business. Bryce bought an old railroad station in Longmont, remodeled it, and opens a sporting goods store.

After selling the sporting goods store, Bryce got involved with a business called "Colorado Specialties" that provided durable surfaces for commercial buildings. Along the way, Bryce met his wife Sue who was a teacher at the time. She is originally from Wausau, Wisconsin. They had two boys, both successful. One has a law degree and became a photojournalist. His work has been published in many well known publications and

he has covered the White House and Capitol Hill. The other son played rugby at CU then professionally with the Chicago Lions. He also played with Team USA and in Australia and Germany. He is now back home playing for a Denver team.

Bryce also started volunteering and giving back to his community 44 years ago. He has worked with Big Brothers, been a volunteer fireman, was a youth soccer and baseball coach, a Boy Scout leader, a member of the Denver Jaycees and, of course, joined the Monaco South Optimist Club. As Bryce looks back on his life, he is proud of his family, his service in the Navy, and to his community. Yes, life is good.

Thank you Bryce for sharing your journey with us!

Winning the Cash

Since this was the first meeting of the new Optimist year, there was a whole deck of 52-cards to draw from and only \$20 in the pot. The sensible choice was to take the cup of cash instead of risking the card draw. Therefore, the winners of the cups of cash were **Don Thomson, Noel Hasselgren, Gary Strowbridge, and Donlie Smith**. Proving he is not the sharpest knife in the drawer, **Phil Perington** opted for the card draw rather than the last cup of cash but ended up with nothing. That left the last cup for **Karl Geil**. **Michael Chavez** was the last drawing winner and the name badge winner but only had two stabs at the cards. He whiffed both times. I am not sure if Michael had a lot of good luck or a lot of bad luck. I guess we could say he had no luck at all.

October Super Citizen Presenters		
Oct 16 @ 2:30	MPB	?
Oct 18 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Eldon Strong
Oct 26 @ 1:00	Samuels	?
Oct 26 @ 3:00	Bradley	?

As you can see we are in need of presenters for each of these initial presentations. If interested, please contact **Robert Wardlaw** or the SC Coordinator for the school.

Denver Water Celebrates 100 Years

See a new documentary celebrating Denver Water's 100



years of service. The 46-minute film, titled **"Written in Water: Reflections on a Century of Service,"** looks at the Mile High City's historic relationship with water, how a reliable

water supply enabled its growth and Denver Water's relationships with people and communities across Colorado.

This documentary will be aired today, Sunday, October 7, 2018 on KTVD at 7:00 p.m. KTVD, is channel 20, or MyNetworkTV affiliated with Channel 9 KUSA. On COMCAST it is CHANNEL 5

Weekly Greeters	
10/12/18	Curt Boell & ?
10/19/18	Paul Stratton & Woody Thibodeau
10/26/18	Terry Shroyer & Ken Duff



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

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

Oct 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: ADA's Camp Colorado, Emily Fay, American Diabetes Association
Oct 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Oct 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Don Thomson, Through My Lens: Aspen Vistas
Nov 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Kendra Black & Frank Rowe, Land Acquisition for New Parks
Nov 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Tina Swonger
Nov 9	Fri	5:00 pm	CO-WY Optimist Club's Fall Kickoff Social, Pinehurst Country Club, 6255 W Quincy Ave.
Nov 15	Thur	3:30 pm	Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner, Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc.
Nov 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Nov 17	Sat	8:00 am	Thanksgiving Basket Delivery, American Legion Hall
Nov 22			Thanksgiving Day
Nov 23	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		
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		
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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.