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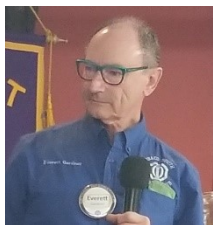


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Good Morning Optimists

Jon Wachter and Frank Middleton greeted us this morning with those familiar and friendly smiles and grins. **President Everett Gardner** presiding over one of his last few meetings.

Right, Prez Everett Gardner welcomes the morning gathering.
Photos Steve Kady



Invocation & Pledge

Prez Everett calls on **Perry Allen** for the invocation and to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Perry delivered by asking what are we doing to make our friends feel there is something in them? *We need to show them their genius and point out the good things they are doing. Help them overcome their self-doubt and encourage them on to achieve greater things.*

100 Percent Day

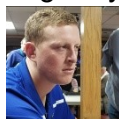
Last week was One-Hundred Percent Day. Those in attendance were captured in this photo.



Photo Noel Hasselgren

Guests

VP Steve Kady introduced **Jared Hauer**. Jared is originally from Andalusia, Illinois. He is a 2016 graduate of Eastern Illinois University. He now serves as a sales representative for the YMCA at the Littleton Branch, and also serves as Sports Coordinator. Steve met Jared at Thursday's MSOC Board meeting held at the Schlessman Branch. *Editor: A fun fact, this is the same YMCA branch that your humble editor grew up in and learn to swim at in the 1950's. Welcome, Jerrod and please come back again!*



Chris Dunphy joined us for breakfast. Chris is a past

member of the Monaco South Optimist Club. He made several valuable contributions to the club including serving as a Vice President, a Director, and organizing an officer induction dinner; or was it lunch? Chris is a great "ideas guy" always figuring out new projects or how to improve existing projects. Welcome back, Chris!



From The Prez

Prez Everett announced that he will be working the Great American Beer Fest held in Denver, October 3rd through 5th. He says that any of you beer guzzlers that would like to work the beer fest, let him know as he may be able to get you a volunteer position.

Prez Everett said that the first quarter District Conference is quickly approaching and that the club will pay \$25 toward your registration unless you are a first-time attendee in which case your registration fee is waived by the District. No, you do not get the \$25 subsidy from the club if your registration fee is waived. The conference will be held at the St. Anthony Conference Center, at 11600 W. 2nd Place in Lakewood, on Saturday, October 5th. See the GUMS distribution email for the Registration Form.

Announcements

Thank You! **Craig Eley** thanked all of the members for the get-well cards and best wishes during the last several weeks. He announced that he is cancer free.

New Super Citizen Program: **John Oss** announced that he and **Bill Morgan** have accepted the challenge of organizing a Super Citizen program for developmentally challenged children. More detail will be reported as they become available.

OC Larson: **Bryce Slaby** informed us that OC Larson is not doing well as his health is failing. He also asked that we DO NOT contact OC as the family would like their privacy at this time.



Alzheimer's Walk: **Cap Hermann** reported that all went well at The 2019 Walk to End Alzheimer's, held last Saturday morning at Denver City Center Park. The Monaco South Optimists handed out breakfast burritos to the walkers and watchers. Cap recognized fellow

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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

members **Allen Pierce, Joe Marci, Don Roth, George Buzick, Jim Easton, and Dan Rodriguez** for helping. Cap also said that this was the maiden voyage for the Monaco South "Ask About" table stand and apron and that the club got some good publicity.



Great Pumpkin Patch: Do not forget that Boy Scout Troup 457 will be selling pumpkins in October. However, before selling the pumpkins, they must get unloaded from the truck. It is this unloading operation that **Bob Avery** is asking for our help. On Saturday, October 5th at 9:00 a.m. a semi-trailer truck full of pumpkins will be stationed at the Greenwood Community Church on the corner of Bellevue and Holly and Bob does not want to be the only one there to unload them. For Bob's sake, please come out to help him unload the truck.

JDRF Diabetes Walk: **John Oss** said he fell in love with **Ron Gustas'** granddaughter several years ago when she came to the Optimist meeting to tell us what it is like to live with Type 1 diabetes. He has been going and walking along with Ellie and her family ever since then. That included at last Sunday's JDRF Walk.

Ron Gustas reported that he thought all three teams will meet the fundraising goals and wanted to thank all of the members of Monaco South that donated to the cause. He also thanked the members that came out on Saturday morning to help with the walk setup. Besides himself, **Mike McMahon, George Buzick, Mark Metevia, Pat Bush, and Don Roth** assisted with the setup. Ron and John both had so much fun that they said they will do it again next year.

Dime-A-Day Donations: **Perry Allen** is continuing the end of year push for Dime-A-Day donations. He says that Monaco South now stands at \$4,450 in total donations for the year with just a couple of weeks left. Six members have taken up Perry's \$365 donation challenge so far. This is where Perry will donate \$36.50 for every member that donates \$365 to Dime-A-Day. If the full limit of 10 members make a \$365 donation then Perry, himself, will have donated \$365. Let's get a few more of those big donors and we can break the \$5,000 dollar level.



Celebrate Your Optimism Dinner & Installation: **Jim Easton** says all is set for the annual "Celebrate Your Optimism and Installation" dinner that will be held tomorrow night at the Rendezvous at Heather Gardens in Aurora. He reminds us that there will be a great buffet dinner, entertainment with magician and motivational speaker, **Brad Montgomery**, and Jim's favorite—a cash bar. Additionally, the Optimist Club officer induction ceremony will take place, complete with the blue jacket presentation, and the customary speeches. **Greg Young** said he will be collecting the \$30 per person attendance fee all the way up to the opening of the doors. Jim will give us a highlight recap next week.

Northwest Denver Optimist Club: **Randy Marcove** still has a couple of raffle tickets left for the

Optimist Club of Northwest Denver annual reverse raffle fundraiser on November 2nd at the Son's of Italy Hall located at 5925 W. 32nd Avenue in Wheat Ridge. This will be a fun evening with a spaghetti dinner, wine and beer included, entertainment, and dancing. The 300 raffle ticket drawing will take place throughout the evening with the last being the \$10,000 grand prize. There are 6 additional \$200 prizes for the 1st, 50th, 100th, 150th, 200th, 250th tickets pulled.

The raffle provides the Northwest Optimist Club with funds for projects over the course of the year. You can purchase the \$100 tickets from Randy over the next couple of weeks. If the ticket cost exceeds your gambling limit, Randy suggests splitting the cost with a friend or two.

New Member Orientation: A new member orientation was held last Monday at the Silicon STEM Academy. Some of the Past-Presidents discussed the club's projects with the new members. **Tom Glazier** said he particularly enjoys these smaller gatherings of members because these are the opportunities to get to know the members better. He also likes the beer and pizza that is provided. That is why he also enjoys the monthly Board Meetings. Tom says they discussed doing something to help combat cyber-bullying and a public relations committee to bring the club more publicity and members. *Thank you, Tom for all you do with the new member orientation. How about an old member re-orientation?*

Friday Morning Optimist Breakfast: **Greg Young** reminds all members that the club must guarantee a minimum of 25 breakfasts be sold at each membership meeting to keep the catering service. When less than 25 members buy breakfast, the club must cover the rest. They have made a concerted effort to improve the quality of the breakfast offering and, in my opinion, have exceeded in the effort. Greg also reminds us that breakfast is low cost but not free. Please pay **Gary Miller**—this week it was **Mark Metevia**—just \$8 before grabbing a plate.

Membership Directory Update: **Tom Mauro** is still asking for members contact information updates. He tells us that the membership directory will be published again in October and he would like it to be accurate. Tom says this includes the member photos. If your photo has not been updated recently, you should see **Craig Eley** to have a newer photo taken. Of course, Craig reminds us that if you want a better photo, bring a better face.



Tree Lot Trailer Refurbish: **Tom Kramis** announced that he has found another volunteer for the Christmas Tree Lot committee. Their first task is to refurbish the trailer. A suggestion was made to get a new trailer donated but when they realized it would have to come complete with a powerful furnace, a big flat screen TV, an oversized refrigerator for sodas and beer, a food preparation kitchen, a state of the art cash register, a popcorn popper, and a complete sound system, the idea was quickly shelved. So, we are currently back to refurbishing the existing trailer.

Announcements Continued

Former Christmas Tree Lot:



Passersby might have thought it was Paul Shaffer from the Letterman show, but it was really **Fred Pasternack** haranguing motorists to pull into the Monaco South tree lot this past Saturday.

Photo by Paul Simon

Speaking of the Christmas tree lot, Councilwomen **Kendra Black**, and Friend of Optimist member, shared this week that the Forum Real Estate Group acquired the Former K-Mart Site, 12.93-acre, in Southeast Denver, at approximately Monaco Parkway and Evans Avenue. The Forum company is exploring different redevelopment opportunities to add this area's appeal. Details will be coming in the coming months.

King Soopers Fundraiser: Frank Middleton

asked what corporate grocery chain supports the Optimist cause? The answer is **King Soopers**. Every time a loyalty customer swipes his loyalty card, King Soopers will donate to the Optimist Club of Monaco South. But, you have to register Monaco South as your designated community group. This must be done on the King Soopers website. Frank



says he will published detailed instructions on how to do that once he figures it out himself. In the mean time, go to <https://www.kingsoopers.com/topic/king-soopers-community-rewards>, signup, and find your organization, "Optimist Club of Monaco South" or WA161.

Annual Palisade Peach Sale: Bob Finkelmeier

announce that this years sale amounted to 263 boxes, of which 99 boxes where sold by the Tamarac Optimist generating \$750 from sales and a donation from the grower. While Monaco South Optimist received \$1,100 from the sale and the growers donation, for the remaining 173 boxes.

Chief GUMS Editor Resigning: Bob Finkelmeier

announced that it is with a heavy heart that this next year will be his last as **GUMS** chief editor. He will be happy to train the next chief editor during the year. He would like to thank the many staff members that helped him publish this award-winning newsletter. Dr Bob has served as Chief Editor for the past twelve years. **Paul Stratton** thanked Dr. Bob for his leadership and work on the **GUMS**. Editor: I thought Paul was going to volunteer as the next Chief Editor. *It's not too late, Paul. Other are also welcome to step up!*

Friday Morning Camaraderie



John Oss shows off his JDRF Diabetes Walk t-shirt.



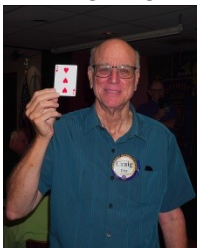
Cap Hermann gets some support from Bryce Slaby as he awaits to make his announcement.



An attentive group listening to the various announcements. Photos Steve Kady

Drawing

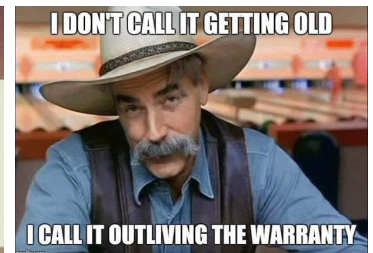
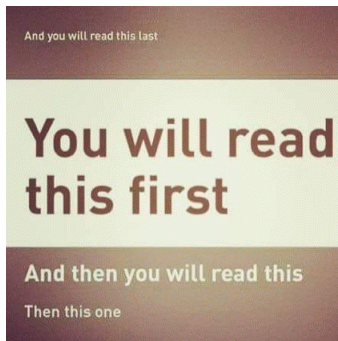
With call of, "How much is in the pot?" this weeks drawing begins. Bob Finkelmeier shares that there is \$20 in the pot and only two cards left for this Optimist year. **Mark Metevia** gets his ticket number called and tried his luck at the cards and guess what, he drew the wrong card. **Craig Eley** was the next to try the cards and he drew the right card. Congratulations, Craig! *Don't spend that Jackson all in one place.* **Cesar Camarera, Karl Geil, Kent Gloor, Bryce Slaby, Ron Gustas, and Tom Glazier** each took home a cup of the cash.



Craig Eley, cancer free and \$20 richer!

| Weekly Greeters | |
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| 9/27/19 | Michael Chavez & George Buzick |
| 10/4/19 | Steve Hick & Mark Metevia |

A Bit of Humor



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

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| Sept 25 | Wed | 1:00 pm | Super Citizen: McMeen Elementary School |
| Sept 27 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Uli Pappus, Post World War II Experience |
| Sept 27 | Fri | 8:30 am | Super Citizen: Slavens Elementary |
| Oct 4 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Mary Jo Heins, Medicare Update |
| Oct 4 | Fri | 8:15 am | Super Citizen: Holm Elementary |
| Oct 5 | Sat | | CO-WY District First Quarter Conference |
| Oct 11 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Chris Castilian, Executive Director, GOCO, Great Outdoors Colorado |
| Oct 15 | Tues | 2:30 pm | Super Citizen: Most Precious Blood |
| Oct 17 | Thur | 5:30 pm | Super Citizen: Hamilton Middle School |
| Oct 18 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day |
| Oct 25 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA |

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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.