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Good Morning Optimists

Here is the last **GUMS** for fiscal year 2018-19 highlighting the activities for Friday, September 27, 2019. Today's greeter was **George Buzick** who did a fantastic job as our sole greeter. *Editor: I asked George who was supposed to be helping him greet. He said he did not know but that he felt he was man enough to handle the job alone. George ran out of handshakes just before the start of the meeting, so I gave him a few of mine to get him through. BTW, enjoy reading "Tips to master the handshake."*



George Buzick



First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

At this, the last meeting of **President Everett Gardner's** term, he called on **Kent Gloor** to deliver the invocation. Kent challenged us to walk the walk and not to just talk the talk when it comes to adopting Optimism as a way of life. It means living every tenant of the Optimist Creed every day of the year rather than just reciting the creed on Friday and forgetting it once we leave the membership meeting. Ask yourself, do you live the creed every day. If we are honest with ourselves, we would probably say we all can do a better job of living a lifestyle of optimism. Kent then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

From the Prez

President Everett read a nice thank you note from the [Anchor Center for Blind Children](#) for our financial support. As you may remember, we had a presentation from the staff of the Anchor Center earlier this year. They provide early intervention and education to blind children between birth and the age of 5 years old to teach them how to cope with blindness and better prepare them for entry into the regular school system.



President Everett Gardner
Photos Steve Kady

The new Optimist year gets off to a fast start with the first quarter [CO-WY District Conference](#) on Saturday,

October 5th at St. Anthony Conference Center, 11600 W. 2nd Place in Lakewood. If you have not already registered, the cost is \$45.00. Remember, Monaco South will reimburse you \$25.00, making your "out-of-pocket" cost only \$20.00. For the registration form, [Click Here](#).

Celebrate Optimism & Installation Dinner

The Celebrate your Optimism and Officer Installation Dinner was held last Saturday evening. **Prez Everett** thanked those who participated and acknowledged those who were recognized for their contributions.

Phil Perington reported that no arrests were made, and **Jim Easton** finished his dinner without passing out. Phil leaked that **Mike White** was presented with the "Optimist of the Year" award; the "Presidents Award" was given to **Greg Young**; and the "Rookie of the Year" went to **Tracy Sorensen**. The "Marlin Kent



Prez Everett Gardner recognized for his service to the Club, with Immediate Past President Jim Easton and all the other past presidents in attendance.
Photos Steve Kady

Eternal Optimist" award went to **Don Thomson**. All of the new officers were duly sworn in so now **Bob Meyer** is officially qualified, bona

fide, and certified as our new President. Congratulations to all of the winners and we have now completed all requirements for the 2018-19 Optimist Year. Are you ready for the new year 2019-2020?



Incoming Prez
Bob Meyer



Craig Eley's photos of the MSOC Installation Dinner can be found at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/FACxXXxC3SwFyabG6>



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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

Joe Liberatore Donation: Greg Young reported that Joe Liberatore made his annual donation of \$150 for the Boys & Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by the Tamarac and Monaco South Optimist Clubs. Gary Miller reminded us that he made a plaque for Joe several years ago and Joe wanted to pay Gary for his work. Gary refused the payment but said that Joe could donate to the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver Thanksgiving Dinner that Monaco South sponsors each year. Joe was so impressed with the Thanksgiving Dinner and the work of Monaco South that he has continued to make the donation each year since even though he now lives in Texas. Thank you, Joe, for your continued support of the dinner!

2019-2020 Dues are Due: Greg Young, the new Treasurer for Monaco South—as of some years ago, announced that it is a new Optimist year and that Dues are Due. He said we will be getting dues statements shortly and he would appreciate prompt payment of dues so that the club can continue to operate. There will be the customary options of paying the full year in one low payment or on a quarterly basis in which you will pay a slightly high dues amount.

McMeen Super Citizen Presentation: The Super Citizen awards presentation for McMeen Elementary School was held last Wednesday. Don Thomson thanked Bill Morgan for joining him, Mike White, and John Oss to present the certificates, tee shirts, and various letters to the award winners. Don also urges all members to make a presentation to any of the schools that recognize Super Citizens.

Dime-A-Day Donations: Perry Allen thanked all of the Monaco South members that donated to the Optimist International Foundation's Dime-A-Day program. He says that the club will have donated just short of \$4,300 for this year unless he receives checks during this meeting. Perry reminds us that it starts all over again in October.

Veterans Day Celebration: Robert Wardlaw announced that Andy McKean, a past member of Monaco South and now an Optimist in Lakewood, is organizing an effort to get Denver Public Schools to formally celebrate Veterans Day on November 11th. He is looking for volunteers from Monaco South to help him make a presentation to the DPS School Board members on October 17th at 5:30 p.m. The DPS Board meets at 1860 Lincoln Street. If members are interested in helping with the DPS Veterans Day Celebration presentation, let Robert know so that he can pass your contact information on to Andy.

King Soopers Fundraiser: Frank Middleton is continuing to push the signup drive for the King Soopers Loyalty Card—a donation program. King Soopers will donate to the Optimist Club of Monaco South each time a loyalty member swipes their loyalty card at the checkout counter of any King Soopers store. But members must designate Monaco South as their chosen community group for their King Soopers account. Frank says it is now so easy to designate Monaco South that even Ron Cisco can do it. All you have to do is call King Soopers at 800-576-4377 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. then press 3 for the community rewards program and tell the representative that you would like to designate the Optimist Club of Monaco South, NPO number WA161, as your community organi-



Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

Hey Gang, Here's this week's "RANT & RAVES vs. ... Tweets" for your readership.

PAST ... And for the handoff to President **Bob Meyer**. The installation was a Great Party with 2019-2020 Governor **Tony Carpenter** in attendance along with Prez elect **Bob Meyer's** presentation for next year's plans.

Our guest speaker **Uli Pappus** had great stories regarding his growing up in Germany during WWII. And a bit unnerving given political ambitions. From the engineering viewpoint his book of the Luftwaffe aircraft and designs from prewar era are actually designs we have today and of his father inventing jet thrust reversers which are still used during landing. I experience those a few times a week during my travels.

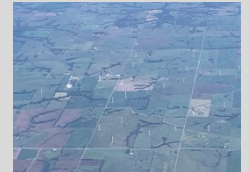
And for this week's travelogue ... not bad for Joplin, MO



Lamb Chops, more like rack of Lamb



Blistered Shishito Peppers with curds



Kansas wind farm from flight level 30,000 ft

HAPPENING NOW / SOON ... 1st Quarterly CO-WY District Conference, Saturday October 5, Remember Governor Tony Carpenter said it is FREE to attend!

GABF (Great American Beer Fest) Thursday, Oct. 3 - Saturday, Oct. 5. I have to work Wednesday thru Friday from 6 AM to 6 PM to Steward (carry beer to the Judges) so they can judge 10,000 entries to narrow to 120 categories for 3 metals (Gold, Silver and Bronze). Cuz **Kent Gloor** sorted a few weeks ago for the competition team to find the best in each of those categories.

FUTURE ... Check the Calendar link at <https://www.monacosouth.org/events/calendar>

Prez Everett

PS ... Never too late to bring a GUEST ... Follow-up on new and old contacts! Have a non-member help with upcoming Projects. October Goal is 4 Guests per meeting. Helping to get New MSOC Year going!

zation for donations when you use your loyalty card. No more getting on line and hassle with the King Soopers website. Even a caveman can do it.

Free Lunch: Joe Marci says that any member can get a free lunch on October 19th and 20th by volunteering to help at the Green Valley Ranch Junior Golf Tournament. The tournament has joined with the rest of our CO-WY District Qualifiers for next summer's Optimist International Junior Golf Tournament in Florida. Joe needs help on October 19th and 20th to run this qualifying tournament. He says we need extra help because the Colorado Golf Association will not supply as much help as they have in the past. Let Joe know if you can help him and he will even provide lunch.

Directory Photos: If you need to update your photo for the membership directory, **Craig Eley** is still taking pictures of members after the breakfast meetings. If fellow members can no longer recognize you from your membership directory photo, because you now have a mustache or lost all of your hair, it is time to get a new picture taken and you need to see Craig. For changing your email address or contact info, see **Tom Mauro**.



Announcements Continued

Boys & Girls Clubs Thanksgiving Dinner: Michael Chavez got so excited with the announcement of the Liberator donation that he wanted to let us know that this year's Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Thursday, November 21st at the Owen Boys and Girls Club, 3480 W Kentucky Avenue, and at Girls, Inc., 1499 Julian Street. We will need all members on deck that night when we serve over 800 turkey dinners to underserved boys and girls. More details forthcoming.

Great Pumpkin Patch Assistance: Boy Scout Troup 457 will be selling pumpkins this month at the Greenwood Community Church on the corner of Belleview and Holly. **Bob Avery** needs our help to unload a semi-trailer truck full of pumpkins. We will be unloading the truck on Saturday, October 5th at 9:00 a.m. Bob says many hands make light work so please show up next Saturday.

Union Pacific Big Boy Schedule: Via an email, **Greg Hurd** reported, *I said I would get back to everyone with the Union Pacific Big Boy Schedule. It left Cheyenne today, Friday the 27th, for the beginning of the Western U.S. Tour -*

Salt Lake, UT; Las Vegas, NV; Tucson, AZ; Houston, TX; Little Rock, AR; Kansas City, KS; and Denver, CO. You can get the full schedule on the [UP Steam website](#). Below is the



schedule segment for Colorado. As you can see, there are no real opportunities to get up close and personal with the locomotive and crew other than at Greeley. There is no trackage left in Denver that can handle the Big Boy where there is safe and ample space for public viewing. Thus you will have to go the Greeley.

- Nov 23 Ar Limon, CO 2 PM No Public Access
- Nov 24 at Limon, CO All Day No Public Access
- Nov 25 Ar Denver, CO 2 PM No Public Access
- Nov 26 at Denver, CO All Day No Public Access
- Nov 27 Lv Denver, CO 8 AM No Public Access
- Nov 27 Ar Greeley, CO 11:15 AM
- Nov 27 Lv Greeley, CO Noon
- Nov 27 Ar Cheyenne, CO 3:15 PM No Public Access

Again, check the [UP Steam website](#) and possibly you can drive to one of the outlying Colorado towns.

Uli Pappus Post World War II Experience

Our speaker this morning was **Uli Pappus**. Uli has been an Optimist for about 30 years and president of the U-Hill Optimist Club for the past eleven years.

To say that Uli had an interesting childhood would be an understatement. Uli was born in Germany in 1940. He talked this morning about growing up in Germany during World War II. He shared, when people think about Europe during World War II, they typically think about the military operations. They do not think about how the civilians were affected by the war.

Uli of course pointed out how the primary problem faced by civilians was lack of food. What food that was available went to the military first and with the disruption of the farming that did not leave a lot for the civilians. Their diets were reduced to less than 1,000 calories per day when a normal diet is 2,000 calories per day. On the rare days that they actually had some meat and potatoes would be cause for a celebration.

Uli told a story when his family had some food and they decided to go for a picnic. They climbed a hill about 2,000 feet high and were enjoying their picnic when allied planes flew by on a run and he said he waived to one of the pilots. They would drink beer for the calories. Uli remembers how



Uli Pappus
Photo Steve Kady

they would loot crashed bombers and catch tadpoles in bomb craters when he was a kid. Three million German civilians died during World War II from either the war itself or the disease and famine caused by the war. Uli's father was a scientist in the aviation industry and worked on the development of jet airplanes during the war. The allies were astonished at their discoveries of German technologies developed during the war. They were on the verge of developing jet aircraft and rockets. They were also about to develop an atomic bomb. After the war, Russia and America were in a race to recruit German scientists for their technological expertise. His father and family were wrapped up in Operation Paperclip and brought to the United States.

His family lived in the US undocumented, except for his father, and under the oversight of the US Army for many years. In 1954, his family crossed into Canada then were officially admitted into the United States with Canada listed as their Port of Entry. Uli eventually became a naturalized citizen of the United States.

Editor: You are right, Uli. Compared to your experiences, my childhood seems rather mundane. Thanks for the insight into growing up during the war!

Last Drawing for this Fiscal Year

Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** announced there was only \$20 in the pot, after a lot of recent winners, and only one card left to draw. **Steve Kady's** number was drawn first and he wanted the sure money, so he debated between the cup of cash and the card drawing and elected to drawing the last remaining card for the \$20 jackpot. *(Damn, someone took his winning picture, but it was not received for GUMS. To make it even worse, Steve walked off at the end of the meeting*

Weekly Greeters	
10/4/19	Steve Hick & Mark Metevia
10/11/19	Joe Marci & Steve Kady

and never retrieved his winnings.) The rest of the drawing was kind of anticlimactic as only the cups of cash were available. But the winners of about seven bucks, plus a few coins, were **Craig Eley, Terry Shroyer, Tom Glazier, Phil Perington, Dan Rodriguez, and Phil Perington**. *Editor: No there is not an echo in here; Phil won twice.*



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

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
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

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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.