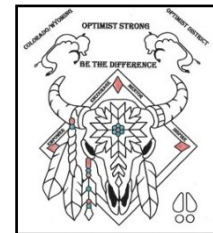




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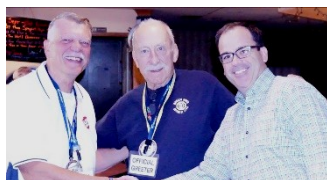


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Editor for this Issue—George Buzick

Good Morning Optimist

On this crisp fall morning, all is right with the world. Rockies have won seven games in a row and are (hopefully) headed for a Division title. Additionally, this is the fourth Friday of September, which is Native American Day in many states and the United States.



Jim VanderKamp & Dick Nickoloff welcome Paul Stratton to our morning gathering.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Our greeters today are **Dick Nickoloff** and **Jim VanderKamp**.

First Bell

President **Jim Easton** gavels the meeting to order at 7:03 a.m., the last time he will do so as president, since the Optimist administrative year ends on September 30th.

Invocation & Pledge

President **Jim** calls on **Michael Chavez** to read the invocation and in honor of those recently deceased Michael chooses the passage referring to "... *giving yourself in service to others.*" Michael then leads us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. In closing he mentions that we should remember all of those who have left us—see the *In Remembrance* page in the membership directory—but most recently, **Harry Arkin**, (Sept. 18, 2018); **Dick Zolman**, (Sept. 5, 2018); former member "**Mac**" **McGovern**, (June 16, 2018); and, most recently, **Dr. Edward Fankhauser**, (Sept. 18, 2018) the founder of the Optimist Club of Monaco South in 1976. And then added, **Harry Arkin**, ever the lawyer and meticulous in his attention to detail, resigned from the MSOC Board, the day before his death.

In Remembrance

Dick Nickoloff commended those Monaco South members who attended the recent funerals of those active members **Harry Arkin**, **Dick Zolman**, and **Dr. Ed Fankhauser**. All were very well attended, as members of the club honored those who have contributed in

so many ways to the success of our club. The last of these memorial services was on Wednesday, September 26th for **Dr. Ed Fankhauser**. At this service past president, **Craig Eley** provided a eulogy which celebrated the life of "Dr. Ed," and honors his legacy of love of family; commitment to service to the community, both professionally and civically; and in facilitating the sharing of Optimism through starting optimist clubs, like the Optimist Club of Monaco South. Read Craig's remarks by [clicking here](#) or download from the **GUMS** distribution email.



Dr. Ed & Jeannie Fankhauser
Photo Mark Metevia



Dr. Edward Fankhauser
June 18, 1924 -
September 18, 2018

Announcements

Contributions for Dr. Ed: **Ed Collins** reminded us that Dr. Ed had requested that in lieu of flower, contributions can be made to the Optimist International Foundation, for the Optimist Club of Monaco South. Contributions and should be given to Club Treasurer, Greg Young. You can then get a charitable contribution tax write off if you itemize deductions.

McMeen Elementary Super Citizen Program: **Don Thomson** thanked **Mike White** and **John Oss** for their help in conducting the Super Citizen Awards ceremony at McMeen Elementary School.

Super Citizen Assistance: The Super Citizen Coordinator, **Robert Wardlaw** followed with his continued solicitations for members to participate in the Super Citizen Program, one of the flagship programs of the club. He is looking presenters for each of the presentations. Upcoming in October are **MPB**, Oct. 16 @ 2:30; **Hamilton Middle**, Oct. 18 @ 5:30; **Samuels**, Oct. 26 @ 1:00; and **Bradley International**, Oct. 26 @ 3:00.

Rookie of the Year Award: **Jim Easton** said, that because of participation in so many activities in his first

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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

year with the club, he was giving **Mark Smith** the "Rookie of the Year" award. Congratulations to Mark and thanks for all you do for the kids!

Optimist Club's Fall Kickoff Social: **Greg Young** reminded us of the "Fall Soiree" to be held at Pinehurst Country Club on Friday evening, November 9th. The success of the auction to be held depends on the generosity of those who contribute items to be auctioned. This is a multi-club affair and proceeds from the auction will go to the club that contributed the item. The event is open to all CO-WY Optimists and will be the highlight of the 1st Quarter of the Optimist year.

CO-WY 1st Quarter Conference: There is still time to Register—the meeting is Saturday, October 6th at the St. Anthony Conference Center, 11600 W. 2nd Place, Lakewood, Colorado. Register online from the [CO-WY District website](#).

Time-A-Day Program: **Tom Glazier** recognized **Perry Allen** for all of his efforts in support of the Dime-A-Day program and said that as of today we were about \$100 short of last years total at the end of this fiscal year. Editor: By the end of the meeting, through a generous contribution from **Phil Perington** of \$70 and some other members kicking in, last year's total was exceeded. Tom reminded us we start a new as of Monday, October 1st for the 2018-2019 year.

Banquet Celebration and Installation: We were reminded that this evening, September 28th, we will "Celebrate Your Optimism" and install the Club's 2018-2019 officers. The dinner and program will be at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Heather Gardens, starting at 5:00 p.m. Highlights of this event will be presented in next weeks **GUMS** as we welcome President **Everett Gardner** and start into the Clubs 43rd year. For those unaware Optimist International has a "Club Presidents-Elect Handbook," which you can review at Ol's webpage, [Click Here](#).

Dr. Ed's Memorial Service

Some of the Remembrance items shown at Dr. Ed's memorial service, Wednesday, September 26th.



Above, Monaco South Club presidents recognized from 1976 to 2011, a total of 35 club leaders.

Left, a family remembrance of Grandpa, Dad, & Husband, with the Optimist Creed.

Photos Kent Gloor



Commander, Rick Kyle & Community Resource Officer, Michael Borquez District 3, Denver Police Department

Steve Kady introduced **Rick Kyle**, the new Commander of District 3 of the Denver Police Department and **Mike Borquez**, the Community Resource Officer for the District. District 3 is one of the biggest districts in the department and includes Southeast Denver. See the District 3 map by [clicking here](#), from E. 6th Avenue in the North to E.



District 3 Commander, Rick Kyle
Photos Steve Kady

Belleview Avenue in the South (DTC), and from S. Havana in the East to S. Platte River Dr. in the West. District 3 is divided into two sectors.

Commander Rick Kyle joined the Denver Police Department in 1996. During his 22-year career, Commander Kyle has served in numerous assignments, including Commander of the Community Relations Division and the Training Division, Assistant Director of Training, Lieutenant in District Two and the Conduct Review Office, Sergeant in District Six, and Field Training Officer in District Four.

A strong believer in community engagement, Commander Kyle is committed to meaningful partnerships between the police and the community we serve. During his free time, Commander Kyle enjoys spending time with his wife and children and watching his daughter and son at their sporting events.

As Community Resource Officer, Michael Borquez provides community assistance on issues such as neighbor disputes, public nuisances, zoning issues, fraud and crime prevention and other neighborhood concerns. Community Resource Officers attend regular meetings with neighborhood organizations to provide training on issues pertaining, but not limited to: The Neighborhood



Commander Rick Kyle, President Jim Easton, & Officer Mike Borquez.

Watch Program, commercial and home security, gang awareness, crime prevention, and more. You can reach Mike via email at mike.borquez@denvergov.org or phone 720-913-1183.

Commander Kyle said the recently appointed Chief, **Paul Pazen** is a proud Denver native and graduate of Denver's North High School, after which he served with the United States Marine Corps and is a Gulf War Veteran. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Colorado State University-Global and graduated with magna cum laude honors.

Commander Kyle pointed out that there is a "new" way of thinking about training for future officers and that it included a lot of critical thinking, as opposed to simply reacting to situations. This includes a lot of simulations in which prospective officers are required to react according to their training, including some physical altercations, to which many recruits have never been exposed.

Commander Kyle said that in spite of many new techniques, many of the principles of policing are in lockstep

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with *“Principles of Law Enforcement”* written by the founder of the London Police Department, Sir Robert Peel, in 1829. (Editor note: September 29th is the 189th anniversary of the publication of “Principles of Law enforcement. Also, early London police officers were called “Peelers” or the more well known “Bobby” in honor of Sir Robert.

The treatise included many concepts of techniques used in modern policing, such as community engagement, external and internal legitimacy, the people are the police, the police are the people.

Commander Kyle said that there is now a recognition that there is a cumulative stress on officers, since most of the contacts with constituents are perceived as being negative. The Department has instituted a “Wellness and Resiliency” program, which treats the symptoms of stress in a confidential manner and recognizes that both mental and physical maladies should be treated by competent professionals.

When asked a question regarding whether officers are attempting to enforce traffic laws, Commander Kyle said there were officers who were dedicated to traffic enforcement, but if there was a particular area of concern, citizens should contact their Community Resource Officers.

Commander Kyle also talked about the importance of the School Resource Officers, who act not only as “enforcers,” but especially as a communicator and a role model, especially in the high schools.

Our thanks to **Steve Kady** for “discovering” Commander Kyle and Officer Borquez. Hopefully they can return at some point in the future and give us an update on the progress being made to Serve and Protect.



Commander Kyle addressing questions after the meeting.

Weekly Drawing

Last pot of the year! With only twenty bucks for this weeks pot, since Tom Glazier cleaned out the \$130 by finding the 10 of Hearts. So to find that \$20 the challenge was to find the Three of Spades. Of course that should not be too hard to do, since there was only one card left for this year.

However, on the first number drawn belonged to **Woody Thibodeau** who was brainwashed by the crowd shouting “Take the Cup,” that he actually took the cup. The next number belonged to **Curt Boell** who actually followed Woody and took a cup. But, when **Ron Cisco’s** ticket was called he took advantage of the situation, since he has been shuffling and watching those cards all year long, and collected the \$20.

Other winners included Pat Bush, Commander Kyle and a few others.



Pot winner Ron Cisco walks off with the last of this year's pot, \$20. Photo Noel Hasselgren

Rookie of the Year

The *Rookie of the Year* recipient for 2017-2018 was **Mark Smith**, who was sponsored by **Dick Nickoloff**.



Mark joined the Club in September of 2017 and has participated in many activities in his first year. Thank you Mark, keep up the good work—it’s all for the kids.

Slavens Super Citizen Program, Sept. 28, 2018



At left, 18 Slavens Super Citizens, first of this academic year, with Principal and MSOC Member **Kurt Siebold**, far left, **Tom Hoch**, Slavens SC Coordinator, and **Michael Chavez**. The photographer for Slavens SC Programs is **Noel Hasselgren**.



| September Super Citizen Presenters | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|---|
| Oct 16 @ 2:30 | MPB | ? |
| Oct 18 @ 5:30 | Hamilton | ? |
| Oct 26 @ 1:00 | Samuels | ? |

The new Super Citizen schedule is almost finalized and should be available in the next few weeks; however, here is the schedule for September. 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.

| Weekly Greeters | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 10/5/18 | Craig Eley & George Buzick |
| 10/12/18 | Curt Boell & ? |
| 10/19/18 | Paul Stratton & Woody Thibodeau |



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

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

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| Oct 5 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: 50 Years of Volunteerism, Bryce Slaby |
| Oct 6 | Sat | 8:00 am | CO-WY District Quarterly Conference, St. Anthony Conference Ctr, 11600 W. 2nd Place |
| 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: TBA |
| Nov 9 | Fri | 5:00 pm | CO-WY Optimist Club's Fall Kickoff Social, Pinehurst Country Club, 6255 W Quincy Ave. |
| Nov 16 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Joe Marci, Tree Lot Operation |
| Nov 15 | Thurs | 3:30 pm | Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner, Boys & Girls Clubs & Girls Inc., 3480 W. Kentucky Ave. |
| Nov 17 | Sat | 8:00am | Thanksgiving Basket Delivery, American Legion Hall |

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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.