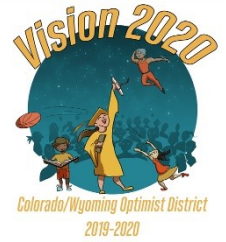




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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimists



On the beginning of the Labor Day Weekend the meeting commenced with 32 Monaco South members signing on for our weekly Zoom meeting. President **Bob Meyer** greeted the gathered with an energetic “Howdy Folks” and asked President elect **Dan Rodriguez** to present the invocation. “*This is not an ordinary time; we give honor to the rewards of work. Lift our hearts in gratitude for all we do and share one with another, to bring just cause in the actions we perform.*” This was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and the ever-optimistic cry of “Play Ball!”

### On the Screen

It was good to see **Peter Dimond** back on the screen, having recovered from a bout of lost voice and **Cesar Camarena** taking time off his construction business to join his pals. **Chris Dunphy** and Past president **Everett Gardner** were also on board, sharing news of the upcoming Installation Luncheon. **John Young** was a late arrival but looked hale and hearty waving to the crowd. **Alan McCall** also joined in and it was refreshing to see him again. **Don Thomson** posed an interesting golf trivia question, “when was the last PGA Tournament held in Denver?” No, it was not the 1993 Seniors US Open at Cherry Hills in Englewood. In 1963 Denver Country Club hosted the Denver Open Invitational, a tourney won by the swashbuckling putter, **Chi Chi Rodriguez**. That was Chi Chi’s first of eight PGA victories.



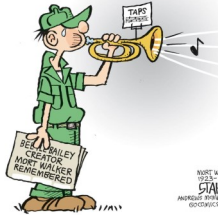
### This Day in History

Today is September 4<sup>th</sup>, the 248<sup>th</sup> day of the year and the first Friday in September 2020. It is the day to celebrate, National Chianti Day, National Wildlife Day, National Newspaper Carrier Day, National Macadamia Nut Day, National Lazy Mom’s Day, National Food Bank Day, and National College Colors Day.

**Birthdays on this Date:** Paul Harvey, 1918; Mitzi Gaynor, 1931; Raymond Floyd, 1942; Tom Watson, 1949; Mike Piazza, 1968; and Beyoncé Giselle Knowles-Carter, 1981.

**Major Events on this Date:** 476, End of the Western Ro-

man Empire; 1609, Henry Hudson is the first European to discover the island of Manhattan; 1807, Robert Fulton begins operating his steamboat; 1881, In its first large-scale test, Thomas Edison’s lightbulb is used to light New York City’s Pearl Street Station; 1886, Geronimo surrenders, ending the last major US-Indian war; 1888, George Eastman patents the first roll-film camera and registers “Kodak”; 1893, Beatrix Potter first writes the story “Peter Rabbit”; 1920, Man o’ War wins the 1 5/8 mile Lawrence Realization Stakes at Belmont Park by 100 lengths; 1927, Charles Lindbergh visits Boise ID



on his cross-country flight; 1950, Mort Walker publishes “Beetle Bailey” comic strip debuts; 1951, First inter-continental TV broadcast by US President Harry Truman; 1957, Ford Motor Company introduces the Edsel; 1957, The Governor of Arkansas, Orval Faubus, calls out

the National Guard to prevent 9 Black students from entering Little Rock’s Central High School; 1972, “The Price Is Right” debuts on CBS; 1988, Google is formally incorporated; 2017, US President Donald Trump announces DACA will be stopped; and 2018, Amazon becomes America’s second \$ 1 trillion company.

### Announcements

**Super Citizen Program:** Responding to a question, Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier**, said Super Citizen program overseer, **Robert Wardlaw**, would like each SC School Representative to connect with their schools to learn how we might carry out this program during the coronavirus online school situation. The results will be posted at a later meeting.

**Face-to-Face Member Meeting:** **Tom Glazier** announced the Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> breakfast gathering at Cafe de France Express, 4155 E Jewell Ave. starting at 9 a.m. Tom urged members to attend, but please let him know and albeit the weather might be a little of a wintery mix. The address is 4155 E Jewell Avenue. There has been a good turnout for previous meetings and all are invited to attend, Breakfast is \$10.

**First Friday Morning Meeting:** A good portion of the meeting was spent discussing the September 11<sup>th</sup> in-person meeting at Backstreet Tavern and Grill, 1150 S Galena St. at 7:00 a.m. There are currently 34 RSVP’s and no walk-ins will be allowed. Our guest speaker will be Retired USAF Major General Jay Lindell of the Aerospace and Defense Industry

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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

Champion at Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. Strict mask and distancing protocol will be in place. We offer our special thanks to Owner Tara and Norm Boline and their crew for allowing us to meet and enjoy the gift of camaraderie. **Tom Mauro** will bring rubber gloves. Also, on the agenda per organizer **Steve Kady**, is Happy Bucks and there will be a drawing. The remaining carry-over pot will be included as well. Greeters and setup crew will be on hand as well.

**Annual Installation Luncheon:** **Chris Dunphy** and **Everett Gardner** announced the our Annual Installation Luncheon will be held at Maggiano's, 7401 S Clinton St., in the DTC on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> (Mexican Independence Day) starting at 11:30. Chris and Everett said that Maggiano's Management will allow 50 participants to in attendance. It was unanimously approved by voice vote to limit attendees to members only. Regrettably, spouses, and companions will not be allowed, due to the limit of occupants dictated by COVID-19 State Rules and Regulations. Please stay tuned for information and sign up procedures. Zoom participation is in the process of being developed. Lt. Governor **Jon Wächter** will lead the Invocation and Pledge. The cost of lunch is \$30 per person to be served family-style, in the Maggiano's tradition.

**King Soopers Cards:** **Frank Middleton** reminded everyone to keep using their King Soopers cards and please get one if you have not already done so. Just call 303-576-4377 anytime and get involved in their new rewards program. All it takes is getting your card linked to OCMS-Denver, #WA161. The Club benefits handsomely from the rewards program and we all thank Frank for his diligence and effort keeping this program successful.

**New GUMS Top Editor:** President elect **Dan Rodriguez** announce that **George Buzick** has stepped forward

to take over as Editor in Chief of GUMS! Wow, what a great surprise and decision by George. We are so thankful our beloved GUMS will be in such capable hands. It was also announced all current Editors **Paul Stratton**, **Pat Bush**, **Robert Wardlaw**, and **Phil Perington** will remain on board for the 2020-2021 administration. There is an opening for one or two more editors if anyone is interested.

**Palisade Peaches:** Responding to a question about the availability of peaches for this year, Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** reminded everyone Palisade Peaches will not be available due to the severe April 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> spring freeze. It was reported that as much as 80% of normal production at a loss with nearly \$40 million in revenue. See the new article, "[An Update on This Summer's Palisade Peach Crop After Devastating Spring Freeze.](#)" Editor, Rocky Ford cantaloupes are plentiful and available, but you will have to visit King Soopers or elsewhere to score these delicious and juicy melons.



**Query to Brain Bowl Volunteers:** The Optimist Brain Bowl is exploring the possibility of holding virtual Brain Bowl events during the coronavirus pandemic. As part of that process, we need to determine how many Optimists would be willing to be Readers for a simplified virtual competition format.

Whether or not you have been a Reader before, if you would be interested in being a Reader for a virtual Brain Bowl, please let us know by clicking on the link below. If your answer is yes, please let us know whether you have access to a computer with internet service, a camera, and a microphone. Thank you for your service to youth in your community. [Click here to reply.](#)

Sincerely, Brain Bowl Committee, Gunar Neumann

## Presidential Rants & Raves



Bob Meyer

We had another successful MSOC weekly membership meeting on Friday with about 45 members participating in the Zoom meeting which started at 8 a.m. and lasted for an hour.

The link for the recurring meetings is the same for all of our Friday morning meetings and is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82299870918?pwd=ZkdTQjJhbmwzcW9KV2k3RjJwZW55QT09>.

I am still asking for suggestions on what you would like to discuss at future Club meetings.

Plans are well underway for our first in-person Club meeting since March. The meeting will be held next Friday, September 11, at the Backstreet Tavern & Grill, 1150 S Galena St., Denver ... just west of Havana on Mississippi. Breakfast will be served starting at about 6:30 a.m. The meeting (and concurrent Zoom meeting) will begin at 7:00 a.m. I will be on the road to my niece's wedding in Minnesota, so President-elect **Dan Rodriguez** will preside.

The breakfast is sold out with 34 Club members and our guest speaker Jay Lindell, a retired US Air Force two-star general; a graduate of the Air Force Academy; a fighter pilot; and a good guy. Following his retirement in 2012, Jay joined the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade as the lead guy on everything Space, here in Colorado. Strict adherence to COVID-19 guidelines will be followed:

1. Everyone will have their temperature checked upon entry. Anyone with a temperature of over 99.6 degrees will not be admitted.
2. Masks must be worn upon entering, standing, and walking in the restaurant. Restaurant rules apply so masks can be removed while at your table eating or drinking.
3. Six-foot social distance should be respected throughout the meeting. No handshaking.

Those who have signed up included Avery, Bob; Avery, Steve; Bush, Pat; Buzick, George; Camarena, Cesar; Dimond, Peter; Fegley, Harry; Finkelmeier, Bob; Gapuzan, Al; Gardner, Ev; Gloor, Kent; Hoch, Tom; Kady, Steve; Koski, Mikko; Kramis, Tom; Litchfield, Bill; Malask, Allen; Marci, Joe; Mauro, Tom; McMahon, Mike; Miller, Gary; Nickoloff, Dick; Overton, Tom; Perington, Phil; Pierce, Allen; Pulaski, Larry; Rodriguez, Dan; Roth, Don; Sorensen, Oscar; Stratton, Paul; Strowbridge, Gary; Towt, Andy; and Young, John.

Immediate Past president **Ev Gardner** and Vice-president elect **Chris Dunphy** talked about the 2020-2021 Installation Banquet, which will be held Saturday, September 26, at Maggiano's DTC, from 11:30 – 3:00 p.m. Attendance will be limited to 50 Club members (no spouses or friends). More information about the Installation Banquet is available elsewhere in this week's GUMS.

A Zoom meeting was held last Sunday night with the "Dr. Bob Replacement Newsletter" Committee. **George Buzick** has volunteered to be the new editor-in-chief and publisher.

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Thanks, George, for stepping up to the plate!

Registration for the Optimist Junior Tour event at Green Valley Ranch in October continues and, as of this morning, we had 82 junior golfers registered. Typically, we will have 85-100 competitors for the event, so it looks like we are well on our way to reach those numbers again with over a month until the tournament dates, October 17-18.

**Tom Glazier** reported another breakfast meet-up will be held Wednesday, September 9, at 9 am at Café du France Express. Please contact Tom if you wish to attend. This meeting will likely be held inside the restaurant since the weather forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday calls for highs in the 30's and up to six inches of snow.

Even though we are not yet meeting face-to-face, the MSOC membership drive continues. Please find new members and forward their membership applications and checks to **Greg Young** for the Board to vote on. My "replacement" timeshare week is available as the prize for the member who brings in the newest members before September 30. Come on guys, we need new members! Currently, we sit at 121 Club members. This is -3 members from the beginning of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Hopefully, some of the new recruitment incentives like the First Responder incentive, the 30-under-30 incentive, and the Teacher Recruitment incentive will generate additional members who will help us with our youth activities and projects and fundraising activities like the Christmas Tree Lot.

Although we have been successful in reaching more than 50 members with our weekly Zoom meetings, there are another 70 or so members we need to reach out to. I suggest

that you reach out to members who we have not seen on the Zoom meetings and invite them to join us for future meetings or at least check in with them to see how they are doing. All it takes is a few minutes to possibly brighten someone's day as we all endure the "new normal" of "stay-in-place." If you find Club members who need assistance, please let me or **Michael Chavez** know so that we can set up "phone trees" to help those who may be unable to get out for grocery store trips or medical appointments.

To get to know new members better, I would like them to complete the "About Me" questionnaire that is attached to GUMS distribution email. Another form that is attached is the "Staying Busy When I Can't Go Out" questionnaire also attached to the GUMS distribution email. As with the "About Me" questionnaire, I would like members to complete the questionnaire and be ready to present it at an upcoming Zoom membership meeting. It will be fun to hear what members are doing to keep busy and active during the "Safer-in-Place" period.

If you would like to make a presentation from either questionnaire, please let me know by separate email so that I can make sure to include you in an upcoming meeting.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and your loved ones; practice safe health procedures; and we will see you at some point in the future.

If you need to contact me, please call 303-919-4532 or email me at [meyerrob@comcast.net](mailto:meyerrob@comcast.net).

**Yours in Optimism,  
Prez Bob**

## On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt

**TRIVIA CHALLENGE** Thank you to the four who submitted answers to last week's question, which was: **Up until the Pine Gulch Fire of 2020, what had been the largest forest fire in Colorado's history?** The answer: The Hayman Fire of 2002. Getting the correct answer was **Bob Avery, Curt Boell, and Dick Nickloff**.

In light of the passing of Tom Seaver, nicknamed "Tom Terrific" this week's question is: **Who was the first manager of the New York Mets?** He was a famous baseball personality. Pick from one of the three listed: a) Billy Martin, b) Joe Torre, or c) Casey Stengel

Email your answer to [Warren.Allentown@gmail.com](mailto:Warren.Allentown@gmail.com)

## Xcel Energy Day of Service 2020

**Steve Kady** let us know that Xcel Energy has a volunteer program that goes out into the community and helps people that need it. They are looking for volunteers to assist so folks in Commerce City on September 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 a.m. until noon. Bonnie Gross is in charge of this program and would appreciate some help from our club. As you might have heard, **Mike White** of our club says this is a very worthwhile program to volunteer with. Here is the link to that explains what they do, see <https://youtu.be/r93I5CHKDqY>

The project will assist Commerce City in maintenance of a recently started pollinator garden, laying mulch around trees to reduce weed growth, and removing weeds and placing a fresh layer or crusher fine along the edges of the trail. These projects will take place at the Wetland Park, 5000 Sandcreek Drive South, Commerce City.

## OI Program Recruiting First Responders

Police officers, firemen, EMTs, and other first responders serve their communities in stressful and potentially traumatic situations every day. As they move from crisis to safety, they

demonstrate resilience hour by hour, day by day, and week by week. In honor of their service, Optimist International invites these special citizens to become members of a local Optimist Club. For only \$30 for their first year of membership, first responders may join an Optimist Club and share their experience with other civic-minded individuals. REMINDER: the program expires 12/31/2020. Also, this same \$30 offer applies to educators or anyone under age 30, so if you know of one who would like to join, get them signed up now, using the regular application form attached to the GUMS distribution email.

## Rules They Don't Teach in Driver's Ed

**Mike Self** is an American professional stock car racing



driver. He currently competes full-time in the ARCA Menards Series, driving the No. 25 Toyota Camry for Venturini Motorsports. He was a former development driver for Richard Childress Racing, and has made seven NASCAR Xfinity Series starts for JD Motorsports. He has eight wins in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series West, and seven wins in ARCA competition.

Mike, says "Several thousand recent Interstate highway miles convinced me that today's Driver's Ed does not teach much more than I received over half a century ago."

In his attached article, from [Roundel Magazine](#) you will find some key reminders about your driving habits. You may want to share this with other drivers you know.

## Weekly Greeters

9/11/2020

In Person Meeting at Backstreet Tavern  
Zoom Meeting starting at 7:00 a.m. Will be made available @ [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82299870918?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82299870918?pwd=ZkdTQlJhbmwzcW9KbWZk3RjJwZlZ5Q0T09)  
[pwd=ZkdTQlJhbmwzcW9KbWZk3RjJwZlZ5Q0T09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82299870918?pwd=ZkdTQlJhbmwzcW9KbWZk3RjJwZlZ5Q0T09)  
9 Meeting ID: 822 9987 0918

**Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 44<sup>th</sup> Year — Chartered in 1976**  
**See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>**

Due to the need to be cautious during the CONVID-19 outbreak, meetings are virtual until at least the end of August or maybe September. Please check back for updates.

Sept 4	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Sept 9	Wed	9:00 am	Face- to-Face Gathering, Cafe de France Express, Contact Tom Glazier
Sept 11	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Backstreet Tavern & Grill, 1150 S Galena Street & Zoom Virtual Meeting
Sept 17	Thu	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting: TBD
Sept 18	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: 100 Percent Day via Zoom Virtual Meeting
Sept 25	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting — <i>Last Issue of GUMS in this format!</i>
Sept 25	Fri		2020-2021 Installation Banquet at Maggiano's, Details to follow
Oct 2	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bill Walters	1991-92	Karl Geil	2003-04	Michael Chavez	2015-16
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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		
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Tom Mauro	1985-86	Peter Dimond	1997-98	Ron Cisco	2009-10		
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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.