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Good Morning Optimists

You could not ask for a better day than the one we had on this first (unofficial) fall meeting. The real fall season does not start until September 21st. Although he was not the designated greeter, new member **Steve Avery** greeted us. His dad tried to show him how it was done, but he had to wing it most of the time on his own for his first outing.



Steve Avery and his dad, Bob Avery, stand in for the greeters that didn't show.
Photos Noel Hasselgren

Editor: **Robert Wardlaw** was sitting at my table and all of a sudden realized that he was supposed to be a greeter. Oh well, Steve did a great job even though Robert slept in a little.

First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

Vice Prez **Bob Meyer** was pressed into the Presidents duties again this morning since **Everett Gardner** was still out of town on business. Bob reminded us about the Optimism Year End Banquet and Officer Installation dinner in a couple of weeks when he will be sworn in as president. Someone said he thought Bob was already president with as many times he has had the gavel.

VP Bob called on charter member and past president **John Young** to deliver the invocation this morning. John talked about how we all need to be involved in our government to protect our freedoms which are under constant assault. We also need to encourage our youth to be involved as well to protect our freedom in the future. John also led us in the Pelage of Allegiance to start the morning activities.

Welcome Back Bill Litchfield

Bill Litchfield made it to the meeting this morning. He says he will be in attendance more often if he can manage to get up in time. Bill is a charter member and past president of the club. He is moving back to Denver from North Charleston, North Carolina, since he says he is getting tired of hurricanes and hurricane Dorian



was just too much for him. Welcome back Bill!

Left, Bill Litchfield on the right, get caught up with charter member Oscar Sorensen and Tom Mauro.

Guest

Bob Avery introduced Jesse Heacock as his guest this morning. Jesse is a mechanical engineer by education. He has worked for Siemens in the past but is looking for work at the present time. Jesse said that the Optimist Club reminds him of his Boy Scout days. Jesse, we are like the Boys Scouts except we are a little older and wilder. Please come back again.

Thank You from Councilwomen Black

Vice Prez **Bob Meyer** indicated that the club received a check from Councilwoman Kendra Black to thank us for helping with traffic and parking at her South by Southeast Community Festival a few weeks ago. Kendra is a "Friend of Optimist" with Monaco South and a member of the Tamarac Optimist Club. Be sure to thank her the next time you see her.



Hundred Percent Day

VP **Bob** announces that our next meeting, Friday, September 13th, is our One Hundred Percent Day. He asked the membership to call those members that have not been making meetings to encourage them to make it next week. We will be taking a picture of the entire membership for the club's historical records.



September Birthdays

Finally, VP **Bob** asked if we had any members present that have a September birthday. We should have seen **Neil Alderson, Peter Dimond, Jim Easton, Casey Funk, Frank Middleton, Lupe Salinas, and Dave Thompson**, standing. However, **Jim Easton** was the only member with the courage to admit to it. We treated

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*****

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him to our famous rendition of the Happy Birthday song. Editor: I still am having trouble regaining my hearing. Unfortunately, it was something that I cannot unhear. Ugh!

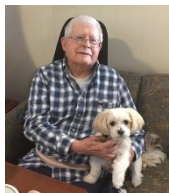
Update on Craig Eley

Michael Chavez reported that **Craig Eley** is feeling under the weather with his cancer treatment. He is collecting members best wishes and signatures for a "Get Well" card. Editor: Craig, we hope you are feeling better soon. We miss you at the meetings.



Update on Don StJohn

Mark Metavia reported that he visited **Don StJohn** and provided a picture of Don with his sidekick Sophie. Give Don a call and let him know we wish him all of the best.



Update Les Larson

Mark Metavia also reported that he visited **Les Larson** last week. Les is doing well and his health is holding up. Mark said Les is making plans to play some golf and even to go skiing.

Announcements

Walk to End Alzheimer's: Cap Hermann reminded us that the Alzheimer's Walk is just a week away. It will be held next Saturday, September 14th at Denver City Park, 2001 Colorado Blvd. Cap would like us to show up by 7:00 a.m. We will be working a food truck and he is pushing for burritos like last year. Cap says we should be done and out of there by about 9:00 a.m.

Super Citizen Schedule: Robert Wardlaw shared that a tentative Super Citizen presentation schedule is out and that a few presentations will get underway this month. The first schools that are up are Holm, date TBD; McMeen, Sept, 25th; Most Precious Blood, Sept. 17th; and Slavens Elementary, Sept. 27th. He says, that we are presenting Super Citizen Awards in eight different schools this year and that the School Representatives should be looking for presenters for their schools. If you would like to present at a Super Citizen awards program see **Jon Wachter** for Bradley; **Tom Mauro** for Hamilton; **Donlie Smith** at Holm; **Paul Stratton** at Lowry; **Don Thomson** for McMeen; **Gary Miller** for Most Precious Blood, **Kent Gloor** at Samuels, and **Tom Hoch** for Slavens.



JDRF Diabetes Walk: Ron Gustas announced that the Walk for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) is on Sunday, September 15th at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Ron says we can help in a couple of ways. We can support any or all of the three walk teams linked to Monaco South Optimist Club with donations. To donate to Ron's granddaughter Ellie's team go to <http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/ElliesDiabetesBusters>; 2) Mike McMahon's son Max's team at <http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/FUT1D>; or 3) the T1DOC team at <http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/T1DOC>. A



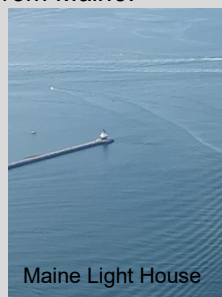
second way you can help is with the walk course setup at Jefferson County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 14th starting at 10:00 a.m. Ron still needs a couple more guys to help with the setup. The setup operations should take about 4-hours.

Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

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

PAST ... I know, I know ... haven't been there to ring the bell for a while ... just giving Prez Elect **Bob Meyer** and VP **Steve Kady**, practice for a Smoooth transition into the next MSOC year.

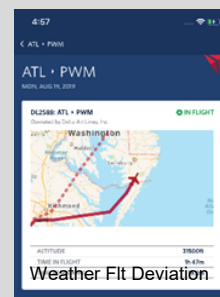
Travels have been extensive and here are a couple pix of from Maine.



Maine Light House



Only \$19.99



... And a new airline experience; On an Airbus 320, with the airplane fully loaded and Flight Attendants about to close the door for an early departure, 5 or 6 "young" women (in their twenty's) came running up the aisle and leaving the aircraft. WTFH! Then the announcement from the Captain that we needed to evacuate the aircraft and leave everything behind which we did ... 15 minutes later a senior gate crew person come out of the jet way waving a white iPhone charging cord that shorted and sparked leaving a scorch mark in the seat. After a safety crew and ground operations conferred that the A/C worthy of flight, we reloaded and continued to MCO. New adventure for me!

HAPPENING NOW / SOON ...

100% DAY NEXT FRIDAY 13 September

Let's make it happen!

FUTURE ... YEAR END BANQUET - 21 September ... See Jim Easton's note elsewhere in GUMS.

Check the Calendar link, <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. September Goal is 8 Guests per meeting.

Celebrate Your Optimism Dinner & Installation: **Jim Easton** announced that the "Celebrate Your Optimism Dinner and Installation on the Club's new officers" is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, Colorado. Jim said that the ticket cost is just \$28.00 per person. That cost includes dinner, entertainment, the keynote speaker, awards program, and officer installation ceremony. You cannot get that much for such a low cost anywhere else. Get your tickets early cause it will be the hottest ticket in the club.

CO-WY Junior Golf: Can you believe it; Junior Golf is upon us again. **Bob Meyer** told us to keep the dates October 18th and 19th open on our calendars. The fall Junior Golf Tournament will be held on those days at

Announcements Continued

Green Valley Ranch Golf Course. Bob said we will not have help from Colorado Golf so more Optimists will be needed on those tournament days. Please keep your calendars open on those dates.

Membership Directory Update: Tom Mauro



he will be going around asking members to update their information for the directory. He also indicated that members can put their business card ad in the directory for only \$25 for six months. Of course, he hinted that you could realize One Million Dollars of gross income from the ad just like the dozens of other members that have realized this from previous ads in the directory—**so don't delay to get yours in!**

Dime-A-Day Donations: Perry Allen

reports that Monaco South members have donated over \$4,000 this Optimist Year. He was busy handing out pins to Dime-A-Day donors but would like to make one final push for donations to end the year. If you have not donated yet this year or would like to donate again. Get a check for \$36.50 to Perry by the end of September.

It's Budget Time Again

From our Treasurer, **Greg Young**: The finance committee will be doing the budget for next fiscal year (October 1, 2019 through September 20, 2020) in a few weeks. All project managers are asked to send Greg Young, gndyoung@comcast.net, the budget requests for their projects. In light of a declining economy, we will be doing a tight and conservative budget, so not all projects may be funded. Thanks for getting

Brent's Place

Our speaker this morning was **John Paterson** the



Volunteer Coordinator for Brent's Place. John gave us some background on how the program started and where they are now. Brent's Place now runs three different housing facilities for families and patients being treated for cancer. The facilities are the Founder's House and

Tanners House both owned by Brent's Place on their Aurora Campus; Marion Street where they operate six apartments and the Forum Fitzsimons.

Brent's Place is currently housing a total of 67 families. They believe that the family environment is important to the recovery of the cancer patient, so they are the only organization that allows patients to live with their families. This presents several unique challenges, the foremost being sanitation practices. Since cancer treatment involves drugs that often suppress a patient's immune systems, sanitation becomes vitally important.

Brent's Place was founded by Donn and Linda Eley in 1987. Their son, Brent, was undergoing cancer treatment requiring them to take Brent to Iowa for an extended stay. This presented them with many problems such as not knowing the area, where do they stay, how can they afford the cost of housing the entire family. When they came back to Colorado, they wanted to start an organization that would provide housing and guidance to families that had to come to the Denver area for extended stays but not permanent

your request in right away.

More Member Updates

Bob Avery reported that Jack Kleinheksel recently fell in spectacular fashion. He broke "hundreds of ribs" when he fell backwards down a flight of stairs. Jack is on the road of recovery and Bob was hoping Jack might make it to the meeting this morning, but he did not show up. Bob encourages us to give Jack a call so he can be in the 100 Percent Day Picture.

A Bit of Humor from Members

ASSISTED LIVING: Don Thomson reported that he was talking with his wife, Joyce, last week when he mentioned that it was about time for them to consider assisted living. Joyce told him he has been getting assisted living throughout their marriage.

BARGAIN HUNTING: Bob Avery told us that he was out shopping with his wife when he saw a case of beer for \$22. His wife vetoed the thought saying that was too expensive. Then she found a bottle of skin cream for \$48. She said she needed the skin cream to help her look beautiful. Bob vetoed her purchase saying the case of beer will also help her look beautiful and it is half the cost.

MORE BARGAIN HUNTING: Not to be out done, **Tom Hoch** said he found a Dodge Ram 3500 Pickup Truck for only \$50,000. He said he needed to go to the bank to get financing, but he was nervous about it. When asked why he said he bought a brand-new ski mask and he did not think it fit properly.

residence. For the past 30 years, Brent's Place works to provide housing to these families cost free. Brent's Place gets their funding from health insurance companies, donations, and fundraising activities. Monaco South, led by Paul Bernard, has supported Brent's Place through donations and support at their annual walk fundraiser. Optimists have become experts at cooking a pancake and sausage breakfast for the walkers. John thanked Monaco South for our continued support throughout the years.

Drawing Winners

Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** announced that there was good news and bad news. The good news is there were only four cards to draw from; but the bad news, there was only \$20 in the pot. The drawing winners were **Bob Meyer, Ed Collins, John Oss, Bob Avery, Oscar Sorensen, and Cesar Camarena** taking the cups of cash. **Frank Middleton** and **Ron Cisco** took their chances with the cards as did **Stephen Avery**, the name badge winner, but none of them had any luck. Next week there is three cards for \$30.

Weekly Greeters

Sign-Up with **Jon Wachter** to be a greeter, it is a good way to meet members.

9/13/19	Roy Jarrett & Ron Cisco
9/20/19	Frank Middleton & Jon Wachter
9/27/19	Michael Chavez & George Buzick

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

Sept 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Brad Appel, Founder/Executive Director, Wish for Wheels One Hundred Percent Day
Sept 14	Sat	7:00 am	Alzheimer's Walk to End, City Park East, 2001 Colorado Blvd.
Sept 15	Sun	7:30 am	JDRF "OneWalk" at Jeffco Fairgrounds, starts at 9:00 am
Sept 19	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Sept 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Sept 21	Sat	5:30 pm	Celebrate Your Optimism Year End Banquet , Heather Gardens Rendezvous Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way
Sept 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Uli Pappus, Post World War II Experience
Oct 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Mary Jo Heins, Medicare Update
Oct 5	Sat		First Quarter Conference

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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		
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Cy Regan	1999-00	Randy Marcove	2011-12		

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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.