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Good Morning Optimists

While the weather was cloudy and dreary outside this morning on this Friday, the beginning of "Tax Free Weekend," the atmosphere inside the American Legion Hall was cheery and enthusiastic. We were greeted with a big smile by **John Scarborough**. **Don Roth** was our other greeter and, while he showed up eventually, this editor arrived too early to get greeted by Don. However, he eventually caught up to me during the meeting.

Invocation & Pledge

Bob Avery delivered the invocation this morning by asking that we reach out across borders of our countries and improving international accord. In other words, "Can't we just get along!" Editor: My words, not his.

Guests

This morning we had two special and unexpected guests. The first is a past member of the club **Joe DeRose** who brought **Henry Schonewise** to the meeting this morning. The reason these two gentlemen are special is they represent the **Denver Teachers' Awards**. Denver Teachers' Awards is a program started in 1957 to recognize excellence in the Denver Public School system. For nearly 60 years they have presented awards to teachers who have shown vision and bring excellence to the DPS. About 25 years ago they also started recognizing volunteers, both individuals and organizations that have been involved with the school system with the **Helen Phelps Award**. They announced that this May the Helen Phelps Award for an organization's volunteer work in the DPS will be presented to the **Optimist Club of Monaco South**.

The club was nominated by Hamilton Middle School. While we do not do this for recognition, it is nice when those we serve do value our efforts. Thanks to Hamilton Middle School and the Denver Teachers' Awards. Our own **Don Thomson** said he was especial-



Denver Teacher's Award representatives, left, Henry Schonewise and Joe DeRose, right, with Michael Chavez, center.

www.denverteachersawards.org/.

From the Prez

Rockies Handouts: Monaco South worked the Rockies game last Saturday night. Several members helped to handed out 10,000 t-Shirts to the fans prior to the game and earned \$250 dollars for the club. The members that participated were **Randy Marcove**, **Curt Merrill** and his lovely wife **Trish**, **Dick Nickoloff**, **Don Roth** and his wife **Kathy**, **Bill** and **Kathy Anderson** and **Michael Chavez**. We were also helped by members of the Gateway Optimist Club. See pictures on page 2.

New Optimist Club: A new Optimist Club will charter on April 18th in Aurora. It will be named the Difference Makers Optimist Club of Aurora. The charter meeting will be held at Mimi's Café at 205 S. Abilene Street (near Alameda and I-225) starting at 6 p.m. Give Curt and/or Trish Merrill a call if you would like to attend.

Oratorical Contest: The Zone 8 Oratorical Contest will be held this coming Thursday, April 21st. Our club winner Renat Mohamed and runner-up Dominica Lopez will deliver their speeches in an effort to advance to the District finals. The Zone 8 contest will be held at Windsor Gardens Club Houser located at 595 S. Clinton Street in Denver starting at 6:30 p.m.

Officer Election: President Michael reminded us that the 2016-17 Officer elections will be held next week at the regular membership meeting. This year's candidates are **Craig Eley** for President; **Chris Dunphy**, **Mike McMahon** and **Jim Vanderkamp** for Vice-Presidents; **Rob Gardner**, **Wyatt McCallie**, **Matt Spampinato**, **Paul Stratton** and **John Swick** for Directors. Any additional nominations were due by the end of this past meeting so nominations are now closed. Be sure to attend our meeting on April 22nd so that you can cast your ballot for the members to lead our

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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******

From the Prez continued



Left: Prez Michael and Kathy Anderson displaying one of the t-shirts handed out at the Rockies game.
Photo Bill Anderson

Right: Prez Michael stands with a number of the volunteers who helped out with the t-shirt distribution.

Photo Michael Chavez



our club next year.

Gateway Pancake Breakfast: President Michael is selling tickets to the Gateway Optimist Club's Pancake Breakfast. It will be held at the Village Inn at Mississippi and I-225 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (normal breakfast hours naturally) on Saturday, May 14th. Tickets are only \$8.00 dollars and it is all you can eat off of one plate.

3rd Quarter Conference: The Third Quarter District Conference is also coming up on Saturday, May 14th. It will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy located at 7401 S. Clinton near Dry Creek Road and I-25. The registration fee is \$35.00 if you register before May 1st. Key note speaker will be Amelia Earhart, 9 News reporter. Other people at the conference will be the District Oratorical and Essay Contest winners, the Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing winner, and the OI Southwest Region VP, Al Clark. Your registration fee includes breakfast and lunch and \$25.00 will be reimbursed by the club. Editor: You cannot beat a deal like this!

East High Congressional Scholars: Prez Michael shared that he and **Greg Young** were on hand to congratulate the East High Congressional Scholars on being this year's State Champions and to wish them well at this year's tournament in Washington, DC. The event took place at the Governor's Mansion.



Governor John Hickenlooper stands in back with this year's Congressional Scholars.

Photo Michael Chavez

Announcements

District Casino Night: Paul Simon announced the Optimist Casino Night is to be held on Friday evening, May 13th. Proceeds will benefit the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Tickets are \$35 apiece and include \$1,000 dollars of playing chips. There will be food, prizes, entertainment and various kinds of fun. Where else can you get all this for only 35 dollars? The event will start at 5:30 p.m. at The South Metro Denver Realtor Association, 4899 S. Lincoln Court (near Broadway and Mineral). See flyer attached to GUMS email

JDRF Gala: Ron Gustas and Dick Cohen made announcements regarding the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) Gala to be held this weekend at the Downtown Sheraton. Ron is looking for help with moving auction items from the JDRF offices to the Gala site this afternoon and Dick is working on the wine donations. Ron has submitted an update this weekend thanking **Gary Miller**,

Don Roth, John Oss, Eldon Strong, Ron Gustas and Dick Cohen for helping move the auction items. He reports early today, even with snow, that the Gala is expected to raise more than half a million dollars for the JDRF. Robert Garelick, Executive Director of JDRF Rocky Mountain Chapter also sends his thanks as this event could not run without the help of all the volunteers.



JUNIOR GOLF

Joe Marci reports that there are two upcoming fundraisers for the Optimist Junior Golf program. The first is a Senior Golf Tournament to be held at Park Hill Golf Course on Tuesday, May 24th. Tee time is 7:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$110 which includes golf, cart and lunch plus a \$55.00 donation to the Junior Golf program. The second fundraiser is a Rockies baseball game on Sunday, June 12th. First pitch will be 2:10 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.00 and includes a \$5.00 donate to Junior Golf. For those unfamiliar with Junior Golf, this is a District wide project that includes two youth golf tournaments that qualifies a couple of dozen players to play in the International Tournament in Florida later this summer. Joe Marci, Bob Meyer and Ron Cisco (all members of MSOC) are the chairman for this event. They work tirelessly to raise over \$20,000 each year to support this project not to mention all the organizational work they have to do. Please support them by attending the two fund raisers and maybe even making an additional donation. Call Joe at (303) 771-3748 if you have any questions.

Know Brainer: *"The Know Brainer is coming!"* Pat Bush reports that organizational work is in its final stages. The event is a Brain Bowl for 5th grade students in the schools that MSOC services. The contest is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 30th at Hamilton Middle School. We have the minimum volunteers needed but others are always welcome. There will be plenty to do during the competition. Volunteers need to report for duty by 7:30 a.m. and if you can come a little earlier to help set up, that would be great.

Colorado's National History Day: Karl Geil reports, if you are not helping out at the Know Brainer on April 30, the National History Day in Colorado state competition still needs judges. The competition is held in various buildings on the Aurora campus in downtown Denver. Most judges will be done by lunch time. Students either write a research paper, develop a website, prepare an exhibit, produce a documentary or write and perform an original stage production on a historical topic related to the annual theme. This year's theme is *"Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History."* To sign up as a judge, [go to Sign-Up to Judge/College of Liberal Arts & Sciences/University of Colorado Denver](#) and click the link to sign up for the state contest. For more information, contact Susan Gustin at her [email](#).

Thank You Note: Bill Morgan read a very nice thank you note from his daughter Kaitlyn. She spoke to us a couple of weeks ago about her involvement in the MS Run and the MS US Relay Team. If you do not remember she will be running 182 miles from Steamboat Springs to Denver in the relay. You can support Kaitlyn by making a donation in her name by going on line at www.msruntheus.com or send a check to MS Run the US, Inc., P.O. Box 2273, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53008.

A copy of her Thank You note in on the next page.

Britanny Saunier

Special Events Manager, Special Olympics of Colorado

Introduced by **Mike McMahon**, our guest speaker this morning was **Britanny Saunier** with Special Olympics. Britanny has been involved with Special Olympics for about a year and enjoys her job with the organization. While Special Olympics started as an effort to provide opportunities for people with developmental challenges to participate in various sports, it continues to evolve into providing lifelong opportunities and support for these special people.

Special Olympics are now engaged in five different areas including building inclusive schools, developing leaders, strengthening communities, promoting self-sufficiency and improving health and quality of life. Efforts by Special Olympics in first three areas have resulted in introducing 78% more children with intellectual disabilities into the main stream schools. It has also resulted in 75% of typically developing youth reporting that their attitudes about bullying have changed and 84% of all students have reported that these programs have been life changing.

Special Olympics is now providing training for intellectually disabled people to develop work skills that help them become self-sufficient and improve their quality of life. The average athlete visits over 50 different physicians with little



Britanny Saunier
Photo Steve Kady

or no results in identifying and treating their health issues. Without proper treatment, these issues can develop to become life threatening. Special Olympics provides training for health professionals in seven different disciplines to better serve intellectually disabled people. They also provide over 1.2 million health screenings on a global basis.

The sports activities are conducted on a local, regional and state championship levels. They host six different state championships and send athletes on to compete in the World Games. Special Olympics have many opportunities for volunteers to get involved. They range from coaching to helping conduct events to working in their offices and even with fundraising. Their fundraising events include 6 polar plunges, a golf tournament, a plane pull and their "Hall of Fame" event. Law enforcement has traditionally provided much support to Special Olympics. They will be conducting "Tip A Cop" events with Chilies and Red Robin restaurants. This event has law enforcement officers as servers in these restaurants for a day when all tips go the Special Olympics programs. To learn more about Special Olympics, you can go on line to www.specialolympicsco.org to visit their website.

This Weeks Drawing Winners

Today's cup winners included **Allen Yockey, Tom Glazier, Jack Kleinhessel, Steve Kady, Allen Malask and Bill Morgan**. Winners that opted for the big pot were Robert **Duvall** and **Chris Dunphy** but they were unsuccessful at pulling the right card. Editor: *I couldn't*

believe it but my name was pulled from the jar for the bonus shot at the cards. To my delight, I pulled the right card. To my disappointment, I was disqualified when I put the cards back having forgotten to show the card to anyone else. Oh well, live and learn.

New OCMS Membership Roster Available

From the overall work of Craig Eley and Tom Mauro the new April 2016 directory is available. See Craig for your copy. An updated .pdf file of the directory will be available on the website shortly.



Kaitlyn Morgan's Thank You!

See Bill Morgan's comments on the bottom of page 2.



Men of Monaco South Optimist Club:
I would like to thank you for letting me come speak about the MS Run The US Relay last week. It was an honor & privilege to spend my morning with all of you and to share my story. Thank you for the support of my efforts to help find a cure for MS. I will be sure to take the memory of Pat with me and continue to run for those who cannot. Thank you all so very much!
With my deepest gratitude,
Kaitlyn Morgan

April Super Citizen Presenters

April 20 @ 2:00	MPB	Paul Gibson
April 22 @ 8:15	Holm	Donlie Smith
April 28 @ 1:00	McMeen	Dave Peck
April 29 @ 8:30	Slavens	Bob Avery
April 29 @ 3:00	Bradley	Aaron Beery

Weekly Greeters

4/22/16	Michael White & Don Thomson
4/29/16	Frank Middleton & Chris Dunphy

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40th Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Apr 21 Thur 6:30 pm Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Apr 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day & Club Election
Apr 29 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Lisa Weiss, Colorado/Wyoming CCDHH
Apr 30 Sat 1:00 pm CO-WY District Oratorical Contest, All Saints Lutheran Church, 15625 E. Illif Avenue
May 6 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Colorado State Patrol Trooper



**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
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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.