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Editor for this Issue—Phil Perington, sitting in for George Buzick



Good Morning Optimist

This morning we were greeted by the happy-go-lucky duo of **Dick Zolman** and **Bob Avery**. On arrival it looked like the Easter Bunny had taken up golf because there were colored golf balls everywhere—free for the taking. **Joe Marci** later confessed that he was responsible for the golf balls, having been acquired in all manners possible on the multitude of courses played last year.



Breakfast was a tasty delight of omelets, bacon, hash browns, fresh fruit, juice, coffee, and bagels with cream cheese and jam. *Sorry Charlie, no lox!* The main table was filled with visiting TJHS Essay Contest winners, their parents, and teacher.

Morning Camaraderie

Spring shirt colors were in full blossom as presented by **Ed “pinkie” Collins**, **Greg “turquoise” Hurd**, **Donlie “purple” Smith**, **Paul “orange” Bernard**, mellow yellow **Gary Strowbridge** and **Howdy Fry** rounded out the colorful mélange.

Returning member **Mike McMahon**, after donating a kidney to his neighbor was proudly showing off his major home remodeling project pictures to **John Walsh**, **Pat Bush** and any other curious folk. The missing drawing tickets mystery was finally resolved by the cordial camaraderie extended by **Frank Middleton**, and Prez **John Oss**.



Karl “Mr. Brain Bowl” Geil donned his past president jacket and informed everyone he was, tanned, rested, and ready for the big showdown against the “Miracle 5” next week at the “2nd Annual Are you smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair.” When asked about the big “showdown,” **Steve Kady** was oddly silent, obviously biding his time. **Ron Cisco** was observed prowling the room in search of sponsors for the CO-WY District Junior Golf tournaments. **John Greene** was lamenting about his lack of time to enjoy the spring golfing season. **Alan Pierce** was heard mum-

bling while going through his list of 120+ guests for his upcoming wedding reception. **Kent Gloor** and his FOO member cousin, **Everett Gardner** were cruising about.

Are You Aware?

The new semi-annual, bright yellow Club Directory is available in a pdf version file format from the MSOC website under the “members only” link. To download a copy you need the security “user name and password,” which can be had by sending an email to either **Bob Finkelmeier** or **Paul Bernard**.



First Bell

President **John Oss** smartly gavelled the assembled to order at 7:00 a.m. sharp and opened with “*Good Morning Gentlemen.*” After a round of groans and laughter he then asked, “*are there any gentlemen in the house?*”

Invocation & Pledge

Ed Collins led the Invocation ... “*teach us to remember the philosophy of the Creed whereby we always strive to live that which we optimistically recite every week.*” He followed by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, and followed by frustrated Rockies fans saying, “*PLAY BALL!*”

Our Guests

Joe Marci acknowledged the main table guests, here for the Essay Awards and the reading of the Winning entry. TJHS Principle Ms. Susan Morris-Sherer; English faculty member Amber Wilson; with students Reilly Torres, Dietrich Kuhlmann and parents Hans and Robyn Kuhlmann, Sabrina Kohrt with her father Richard Kohrt, plus the essay reader Sarah Puckett.

Russ Paul introduced his friend Scott Raymer a liquor salesman. Hope to see you back Scott.

Fred Pasternack once again shared that he had a guest, but neither one, two, or three were there.

Ask A Friend or Business Associate to Join Us!

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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

From the Prez: President **John Oss** expressed the sad news that long time member **John Stoffel** lost his beloved wife Carolyn due to complications from pancreatic cancer on April 29, 2015. A memorial celebration is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, May 7th at The Three Fountains Clubhouse, 3280 S. Oneida Way, Denver.

Additionally, **Michael Chavez's** 11-year-old nephew recently passed as well. Michael is accepting contributions for the young man's funeral. For details, contact at mikeart9@me.com or 303-960-5304.

Know Brainer: **Don Thomson** reported that the Know Brainer is Saturday May 2nd, at Hamilton Middle School beginning at 7:30 a.m. Volunteers are to check-in at 8 a.m. for team protocol and room assignments.

Super Citizen Programs: Don also shared that there are two Super Citizen Award Ceremonies on Friday May 2nd. **Pat Bush** and **Prez John** are scheduled for McMeen while **Randy Marcove** and **Aaron Beery** are hosting Bradley International.

Optimist at the Rockies: **Joe Marci** broadcast that he has 90 tickets for the Junior Golf Fundraiser on Sunday, June 7th. Tickets cost \$15 or \$38 for field level Section 141 on the Third Base Side. He has ordered an additional 50 tickets for anyone who missed the original offering. These are \$38 tickets at a cost of \$15 of which \$5 goes directly into the CO/WY Junior Golf Fund.

3rd Quarter CO-WY District Game: **Paul Simon** started with "Go Dodgers," which was met with polite but itchy silence. Having recovered from his faux pau he announced the itinerary for the upcoming 3rd Quarter Conference/Game on May 9th at Bethany Lutheran Church located at East Hampden and Happy Canyon Rd (SW Corner) and encouraged all to attend. This is the CO-WY Annual Oratorical Championship Tournament. Please make every effort to attend. Information is posted on the CO-WY Webpage—[CLICK HERE](#).

Childhood Cancer Campaign: Additionally, Paul shared that the Annual CCC (Childhood Cancer Campaign) Fundraiser, *Touch of Vegas Night*, is next Friday May 8th at the American Legion Hall. Please look at this [LINK](#) and the one on the GUMS distribution email. BBQ Buffet, Live Entertainment, Silent Auction, Gambling & Poker plus an Illegal Wedding Chapel. Do not miss the action. Tickets are \$30 and comes with \$1,000 in Vegas bucks.

Colorado Correctional Industry Tour: **Bob Avery** said a new date for touring the Colorado Correctional Industry site is Monday, May 18th. Please sign up and be prepared for background checks plus baseball team affiliation. If you have not had the opportunity to tour this amazing facility, it will be well worth a tour. CCI produces over \$50 million in products every year by the efforts of onsite correctional inmates.

Sullivan Scholarship Awards: **Randy Marcove** announced there will be a meeting of the Sullivan Scholarship Awards committee immediately following the meeting. They will award five scholarships for \$1,000 each. There are eleven applications submitted. As a TJHS Alumni, he shouted out a big *Ooh Rah* to our visiting guests. He also noted was that **Jim Easton** and his son "*Lucky*" were in attendance. Guess the word got out to the Easton family that the pot was over \$100.

9 Health Fair: **Howdy Fry** thanked all the guys who helped with the Schlessman YMCA, Health Fair from 8 a.m. to noon, that included **John Swick**, **Cap Hermann**, **Casey**

Funk, **Mark Metevia**, **Joe Marci**, **Donlie Smith**, **Harry Fegley** and **Greg Young**. It should be noted **Fred Paster-nack** called and wanted to know if the event was still from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. \$32,000 was handled without incident and 450 participants were tested for heart and blood pressure, sugar, and cholesterol levels, breathing and respiration quality, prostate condition, and other related health concerns.

Photos Howard Fry



Smarter Than the Brain Bowl Chair: **Craig "Here come da Judge" Eley** brought everyone up to date on next week's annual showdown between sitting Champion **Karl Geil** and the "Gang of 5" trying to prove who is smarter than a 5th Grader. **Frank Ross** will provide buzzers and quality control. The laugh meter should be busy as a bee.

DTC Optimist Club Wine Tasting: Past Governor **Tom Overton** reported that the DTC Optimist are holding their annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser on Saturday, May 30th, from 2-4 p.m., at Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite St., Denver, CO. There flyer is posted on their [Facebook Page](#).

Western Hoedown Picture: **Frank Middleton**, just returned from Arizona, mentioned there are pictures from the Hoedown Party at [CLICK HERE](#) by **Craig Eley** the Official Photographer. Also thanks to **Howdy Fry**, **Jon Wachter**, and **Randy Marcove** for their generous donations to the silent auction. Fun was had by all!



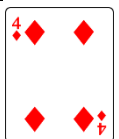
Returning Members

The following members were recognized and welcomed back to our good fellowship:

- **Curt "Mr. Secretary" Boell**
- **Dick "T1-DOC" Cohen**
- **Mike "burr that water is cold" McMahon**
- **Frank "Hoedown daddy" Middleton**
- **Everett "I'm almost all in" Gardner**

Drawing

The card to be after was the *Four of Diamonds* for that pot of \$110 big ones. A drawing was attempted **Tom Hoch** and essay winner **Reilly Torres**, thanks to **Phil Perington**, but "No winners!"



Cups takers were:

- Scott Walker
- Tom Hoch
- Pat Bush
- Lynn Jones
- Keith Gallaway

For the "Are you wearing your Badge, **Mike Prete** had a chance but came up as "Not a winner!"

Creed

John Greene lead us, "... to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future."

Essay Contest Winners

Joe Marci sitting in for co-chairs **Wyatt McCallie** and **Jack Kleinheksel**, introduced the three winners of the OCMS Essay Contest. They are:

- ♦ 1st Place Reilly Torres
- ♦ 2nd Place Deitrich Kuhlmann
- ♦ 3rd Place Sabrina Kohrt

This year's theme is "*Optimism Should be a Priority.*" Sarah Puckett, a close friend of the ever-shy Winner, read the winning essay. Thanks go out to Wyatt McCallie and Jack Kleinheksel for their fine efforts in making this year's Contest a success.

Presiding Thomas Jefferson High School faculty member and guide, Amber Wilson reflected on the past four years as one of the most fulfilling moments in her career at TJ.

The winners shared their future college plans with us. Reilly will be attending Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA; Dietrich has been accepted to The University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL; and Sabrina will be going to the University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. Guest reader Sarah Puckett is attending Hofstra University, Long Island, NY.



From left: Joe Marci, Amber Wilson (TJHS Faculty), Sabrina Marie Kohrt (3rd Place), Deitrich Henry Kuhlmann (2nd Place), Reilly Jessica Torres (1st Place), along with Sarah Puckett (Reilly's reader).

Photos Don StJohn



The proud parents Hans and Robyn Kuhlmann, and Richard Kohrt.

Notes from the Prez

It all came together again. The youngsters, the leadership, the performance, the venue were all there for our essayists, and knowing brainiest. TJHS principal, faculty, coaches, kids, and Optimists. We were multilayers deep in Optimistic leadership. Preparations, scheduling, and accommodation of trying events were all evident. Many names and details are presented elsewhere. We were even represented at the National History Day. We could not do it without dozens of

dedicated optimists. I will mention only one name Joyce Thomson who was there at the low and at the high. She represented the compassion shown by so many. She, like many, pressed on. Yes, governors were there, club presidents were there, multiple clubs were there. Without the Tamarac and Monaco clubs joint effort, the Know Brainer would not have happened. Without multiple leaders, the Essay Contest would not have happened. Again, read on for details.

John Oss, MSOC President

Weekly Greeters

5/8/15	Rob Gardner & Al Gapuzan
5/15/15	Frank Middleton & Paul Stratton
5/22/15	Craig Eley & Joe Marci
5/29/15	Michael Chavez & Fred Pasternack
Need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or jon_wachter@msn.com	

Super Citizen Presenters May

May 6 @ 8:00	Highline	?
May 15 @ 1:00	Lowry	Paul Stratton
May 20 @ 2:30	MPB	Harry Arkin
May 21 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Bob Avery
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 gardnerrb@gmail.com		

May 2 Sat Know Brainer at Hamilton Middle School — See Pat Bush
 May 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - 2nd Annual "Are you smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair"
 May 9 Sat 8:00 am CO-WY 3rd Quarter Game/Conference, Bethany Lutheran Church
 May 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 May 21 Thu 6:30 pm Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

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Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Randy Marcove	2011-12
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Mark Metevia	1994-95	Jon Wachter	2013-14

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T H E O P T I M I S T C R E E D — 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.