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Good Morning Optimist

On this Friday, January 20th, Monaco South Optimist **Steve Kady** was pressing the flesh with both hands after pulling solo duty as a greeter. Our other greeter, **Allen Malask** came in late.



Steve Kady & Frank Middleton greet new member Bill Blunden and explain the methodology of messing up the attendance taker for camaraderie day.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

and everyone had some different companions for breakfast this day.

After Steve, club members were met by **Frank Middleton**, holding a deck of cards. And you know what that means—Camaraderie Day!

The number on the card told you the table where you were to sit,

Invocation & Pledge

Frank Middleton then began the meeting with an invocation that reminded us that we live in the United States, one nation, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. He then led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

From the Prez

Over the past two weeks, **Barry Barker** missed out on being a part of the recognition for the Top 10 Worker's at the Tree Lot. So Prez Craig called him up. Barry was in the Top 10 of hours worked at the tree lot this past season and received his King Soopers gift card in recognition. *Well done Barry!*

President Craig also called upon and distributed some new Monaco South Optimist Club pins in recognition of those men who took the lead on recent projects. Pins went to:

- ♦ **Joe Marci**, for the Christmas tree lot
- ♦ **Oscar Sorensen**, for his work on our White Elephant event
- ♦ **Michael Chavez** was busy - the Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner for the Boys and Girls Clubs, Christmas Baskets, and also for cleaning up the storage unit.

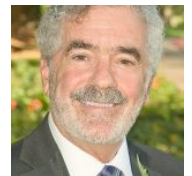
- ♦ **Phil Perington**, for building the Englewood Club and his work on GUMS
- ♦ **Jim Easton**, for handling the Thanksgiving Baskets

Congrats for all the hard work on successful projects!

Letter from CO-WY Governor

Paul Simon

As this year's, Colorado-Wyoming Optimist District Governor, I'd like to speak directly to the new Monaco South members. This is anyone who has been in this club one year or less. The rest of you can listen, too, but I want the new members to know I am looking out for you.



The best way to appreciate your own Optimism and what Optimism means is to jump into projects as soon as you join the club. You probably know that. The second-best way is to involve yourself in district activities, from such programs as Oratorical, Brain Bowl and Junior Golf, to the quarterly conferences we hold around the area.

We have the 2nd quarter conference coming up on February 11 and I encourage you to come and have fun and learn with us. Monaco South will reimburse you \$25 of the registration fee, which means for \$10 you get a continental breakfast, lunch, and the opportunity to share with some of the finest people, from other clubs, that you ever will meet.

I have an agenda and registration form for you right here. (See GUMS distribution email.) I'll even submit the form for you along with your check. How easy is that?

Great conference. Talk to your lieutenant governor Jon Wachter, me, or Mike McMahon and **Mike Chavez** who also are lieutenant governor in this district and members of Monaco South.

The Top 10 Reasons to attend the Colorado-Wyoming Optimist District's 2nd Quarter Conference

10. It's a great way to get in the mood for Valentine's Day
9. You get to share with a bunch of fellow Optimists who are just like family
8. You are guaranteed to have a ton of fun coupled with a lot of learning,
7. You will meet former Denver Broncos Tyrone Braxton

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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******

Letter from CO-WY Governor Continued

and hear him talk about his "Past, Present and Future"

6. You will bring back to your club a fascinating array of tips about growing the club from OI membership guru extraordinaire Jim Boyd
5. Be part of the movement to 100,000 members for our 100th year of Optimism
4. You will hobnob with representatives of choice nonprofits that serve the youth of our community; seek out speakers, volunteer projects and club new projects.
3. Clubs that participate in district conferences live longer (seriously)
2. You will help role model for enthusiastic Junior Optimists who will be there
1. **And the Number One reason to attend the district conference: INVEST IN YOURSELF AND GET INSPIRED!**

Announcements

Update on OC Larson: Don Thomson reports that after moving to Orchard Park January 11th, **OC Larson** was not improving and admitted to Littleton hospital into intensive care. He was treated and showed improvement over suspected pneumonia. He returned to Orchard Park Thursday the 19th. No visitors yet, but please send cards.



Denver Golf Expo: Joe Marci has 17 volunteers signed up to promote the Optimist Junior Golf program at the Golf Expo, February 10 - 12th at the Merchandise Mart. Joe needs two slots filled on the 10th and 12th, from 1 - 4 p.m. need one more person each time. Please sign up or give Joe a call.



Sweetheart Breakfast: Keith Gallaway reminded us that the Sweetheart Breakfast will be held at Yak and Yeti Restaurant at 9755 E. Hampden Avenue, on Friday, February 17th at 7:00 am. The cost is \$17.00 per person. Wear your finest Hawaiian attire and prepare to be whisked away to the Hawaiian Islands by Keoni Coelho. Keon opened for Don Ho in his previous days in Hawaii. Your sweetheart will love the romantic Hawaiian love songs and his warm and friendly style.

The sign up sheet will be circulating for the next month or you can contact Keith. Payment should be made to OCMS and given to Keith by check or to Greg by check or credit card. You can also register and pay by credit card online at: Monaco South Market @ <https://squareup.com/market/OptimistClubofMonacoSouth>. Please sign up and pay for your breakfast by February 10th.

Special Olympics Colorado Polar Plunge: Mike McMahon reported the Polar Plunge is Saturday February 11th at the Aurora reservoir. As always, Mike is looking for fellow jumpers! But if the idea of jumping into freezing water makes you shiver, Mike is taking donations as well. The Polar Plunge supports the athletes of Special Olympics Colorado. Mike passed around a sign up sheet for donations. You can also go online to <http://www.specialolympicsco.org/Give/Polar-Plunge/>. Scroll down and click on Aurora Polar Plunge,



GUMS Email Distribution List

Please be aware that the Constant Contact email distribution list for GUMS was recently updated. Therefore, if you want to receive GUMS at a different email address you may change or add to it by clicking on "UPDATE PROFILE" shown at the bottom of this distribution email — in the footer.

Once done a new webpage will open like the one below to make changes.

This page will also ask for some additional information that needs to be supplied for you to update your email address. available though January 2017.

Click on "Sponsor a Plunger," and search for "Mike McMahon."

Tri Star Basketball: Michael Chavez made a Tri Star Basketball announcement on behalf of the project chairman, **John Bamford**. The event will be Tuesday, February 21st, starting at 3:30 pm at the Cope Boys and Girls Club. It is a skills competition for 8-13 year old's, judged on dribbling, shooting and passing abilities. Please sign up to be scorekeepers or monitors.

MSOC Shirts: Greg Young will be taking orders once again for the long or short sleeved shirts. He will have samples for you to try on if you need to check your size. Bring a check to pre-pay: \$25 for shirts with no name, \$30 for shirts with name embroidered. If you order all the colors that the Prez has, you will be able to color coordinate with him.



Welcome Back

President Craig welcomed back a few faces we haven't seen recently: **Jim Easton, Casey Funk, Leo Hagele, Barry Barker, Jack Kleinheksel, Ralph Pedersen, Dick Zolman and Carl Brown**. We are glad you are here!

In the Mail

After seeing the Holiday Party Announcement, **Todd Olson** emailed his regrets, with the message, "...sounds like fun. Happy Holidays to all of our Optimist Friends, missing all of you. Todd Olson."

With all the January birthdays noted in last weeks GUMS, notification that former member **Bill Litchfield**, now living in Charleston, South Carolina was also celebrating a significant birthday. *Congratulations Bill!*



Bill Litchfield shown at right.

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George, by George

This being camaraderie day, **Prez Craig Eley** had an idea to have a member share a bit about themselves so we could get to know him better. So, he asked **George Buzick** to share with us for a few minutes.

George was born in Denver at St. Joe's hospital.



George Buzick
Photo Noel Hasselgren

His wife Twyla and two daughters were born there as well. His father was a Denver cop, and the head of the vice squad for 19 years. It was during this time that George first heard the name "Fred Paster-nack."

George is a DPS product, and took the bus from Hershey Park to West High School for the second session classes from 12:30 - 5:00 pm, which taught him some bad sleeping habits. After one cold winter in Gunnison attending Western State college, he transferred to CU, where he earned a degree in cultural anthropology. This was 1967, and George was drafted the next month.

After training he emerged as a 1st Lieutenant infan-

try, and was then sent to Korea, rather than Vietnam, for one year. Putting his cultural anthropology degree to good use, George came back to Denver and took the first job he could find: reading meters for Public Service Company. That turned into a 38-year career with Public Service, then Xcel Energy. He spent 12 years as the head of the Customer Service Department, and another 12 years as the Human Resources Director.

On March 30th, George and Twyla will celebrate 49 years of marriage. They have a daughter who is a food scientist for Quaker Oats (a division of Pepsi), and a second daughter who has her PhD in orchestral conducting. She lives in Newport Beach, CA, and works for the Pacific Symphony. George's Optimist Club career began when a VP at Public Service made him join the Optimist Club of Civic Center in 1982. He is still in that club, which has 6 members, all of whom are active. He has also been in the Denver Tech Center Club for 20 years. George joined MSOC in 2005. He has served as District Secretary four times, and was Governor in 2007/2008. George is clearly filled with the spirit of Optimism and the Optimist creed. He also believes in the Hindu philosophy: "You can't take it with you when you go, but hide it - you'll be back."

Text exchange at the Tree Lot between Steve Kady and Craig Eley

On one weekend at the tree lot, it was only 4 degrees, so Steve sends a text to Craig.

Steve: *Craig, just a suggestion. Next time you order these embroidered vests, why not make them heated?*

Craig: *What? They didn't give you the Sterno can that you light and put in the left pocket of the vest? Run over to the Dollar Store and get one and give it a try. My treat.*

Steve: *Done! Curt Boell loves his vest as he works in 4 degree weather.*

Craig: *Ah, now you're all toasty warm!*



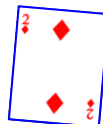
Curt Boell, at right, working at the tree lot, in 4 degree weather. Enjoys his new vest with the Sterno can hand warmer.

Photo Steve Kady



Drawing

DRAWING - with \$50 in the pot, and the 2 of Diamonds was the card to be found. Easy money cups went to: **Jack Kleinhessel, Randy Marcove, Lynn Jones, Oscar Sorenson, Steve Kady, and Bill Blunden**, our newest member.



Phil Perington and **Jim Easton** went for the big money, to no avail. Nametag drawer was **John Young** who had his on, but no luck finding the right card.

Weekly Greeters

1/27/17	John Young & Tom Kramis
2/3/17	Dick Zolman & Harry Arkin
2/10/17	Bob Avery & Ron Cisco

January Super Citizen Presenters

Jan 26 @ 1:00	McMeen	?
Jan 27 @ 3:00	Bradley	Mark Metevia

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40th Year — Chartered in 1976

Jan 25	Wed	6:30 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Feb 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 4	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl, South Tournament, Horizon Middle School, 1750 Piro Drive, Colorado Springs
Feb 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 11	Sat	8:00 am	2 nd Quarter CO-WY District Conference, Family Resource Pavilion, 9700 E. Easter Lane
Feb 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 22	Wed	6:30 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Feb 25	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl Championship Tournament, Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E Dartmouth Ave.

**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
Gary Stowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
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Bob Safe	1995-96	Michael Chavez	2015-16

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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.