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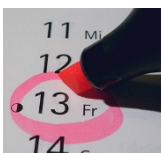
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Good Morning Optimist Friday the 13th

Veteran greeters **Bob Avery**, **John Oss** and **Russ Paul** took rookie greeter **Scott Walker** under their wings and showed him the ropes. Scott proved to be a quick learner, and it looks like he will be allowed to greet again in the future. The smiling greetings were appreciated on this Friday, the 13th of January.



John Oss, Scott Walker, and Bob Avery get ready to meet MSOC members with a smile.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

What's Behind Friday the 13th?

The fear of the number 13 has been given a scientific name: "triskaidekaphobia, an extreme superstition regarding the number thirteen;" and on analogy to this the fear of Friday the 13th is called paraskevidekatriaphobia, from the Greek words Paraskevī (Παρασκευή, meaning "Friday"), and dekatreís (δεκατρείς, meaning "thirteen"). A National Geographic article quoted Dr. Donald Dossey who told his patients that "when you learn to pronounce it, you're cured!"

Invocation & Pledge

Our invocation was delivered by **Jon Wachter**,



with a reminder to resist the temptation to give in to short-term frustration, and to be too noble for anger. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

From the Prez

President **Craig Eley** stepped up with a few announcements:

Sewell Child Development Center sent a thank you letter, which was passed around. Several MSOC'ers carried boxes for their annual holiday drive over the holidays.

Last night's Holiday Party drew 30+ people, who enjoyed good food and good conversation. Pictures from this gathering can be found at <https://goo.gl/photos/W8TjDtpCKH6xsUgv9>. Thank you to **Chris Dunphy** for a great deal of hard work putting that event together.

On Saturday, January 28th we have a Habitat for Humanity work project at 2680 S. Decatur Street starting at 8:00 am. There is a sign-up sheet being passed around. This year it will be all indoor work since framing is done.

Last week, **Bob Avery** 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 in order to receive his King Soopers card today. Well done Bob!



President Craig Eley recognizes Bob Avery for being one of the top 10 worker's at this year's tree lot.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

January Birthday Boys were "honored" (well sort of....) with an enthusiastic, optimistic, high-volume yet at the same time simply awful version of Happy Birthday. They are: **Ken Duffy**, **Kevin Koalenz**, **Joe Marci**, **Bill McGroarty**, **Allen Pierce**, **John Stoffel**, **Jim VanderKamp**, **Jon Wachter**, **John Walsh**, and Friend of Optimist member **Leo Hagele**.

Announcements

Update on OC Larson: **Don Thomson** reports that **OC Larson** has been hospitalized at Swedish three times since December 21st for unknown gastrointestinal problem. He is now at Orchard Park Rehab Center, 6005 S. Holly. Don visited yesterday, and OC

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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

may now have pneumonia. Don passed around a card for OC, and Pat Larson, his wife, recommends that cards be mailed to their home, 2050 Crabtree Dr., Greenwood Village, CO 80121. For now, visitors should wait for a later time.

Brain Bowl, One Down, Three to Go: The North Region Tournament was held on January 7th. This



tournament had 96 teams, approximately 480 students, who participated.

Teams from Southern Hills

ruled the 6th and 8th grades, while a team from Centennial won the 7th grade. The scores for the top 3 from each grade are attached to the GUMS distribution email. Of the 157 volunteers who helped put on this event, more than 16%, a total of 26, were members of Monaco South: **Everett Gardner, Noel Hasselgren, Pat Bush, Bill Morgan, Craig Eley, Paul Simon, Randy Marcove, Harry Fegley, Paul Stratton, Kent Gloor, Michael Chavez, David Telpner, Tom Glazier, Curt Merrill, George Buzick, Joe Marci, Paul Bernard, Allen Pierce, John Green, Phil Perington, John Oss, Allen Malask, Barry Barker, Bob Meyer, Pete Dimond, and Karl Geil.** This may well have been the most smoothly run tournament ever, and we are looking forward to similar experiences at Central on January 21st, South on February 4th, and the Championship on Saturday, February 25th. Thank you all for your continuing commitment to the Optimist Brain Bowl. It is only with your help that we are able to provide the kids who participate with a quality competition.

Brain Bowl Reminder: Chris Wienecke, sent a reminder that there will be another Reader Training event on Tuesday evening, January 17, at Heritage High School. It is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and is in time for the Central Region Brain Bowl event, Saturday, January 21st, also being held at Heritage High School. The address for Heritage High School is: 1401 W. Gedes Ave., Littleton, CO. If you can be there for the Reader Training on Tuesday evening, please let Chris know. Ne can be reached at 303-884-5873 or be email @ cwienecke@terratesting.com.

Happy 96th Birthday Leo Hagele: Steve Kady

and Allen Yockey organized a birthday surprise for Leo this past week at the American Legions hamburger night with a BD cake. Friends Cece and Tom, plus others joined Allen and Steve for the celebration. Leo turned 96 on Thursday, January 5th. Should you want to send Leo a belated card, his address is c/o Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus, 2445 S. Quebec St, Denver, CO 80231. You can also call him at 303-753-2134. You may have to leave a message, since he is quite active.



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. This opportunity will only be available though January 2017.

Sweetheart Breakfast: Keith Gallaway was not in attendance, but **Craig Eley** and **Greg Young** shared that the Sweetheart Breakfast is coming up on Friday February 17th at 7:00 am. The event takes place at Yak and Yeti Restaurant, 9755 E. Hampden Ave. The cost is \$17.00 per person. Sign up at the next meeting or let Keith Gallaway know you are coming. 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>.



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. Be aware there will be no breakfast at the American Legion Hall that morning.

Special Olympics Colorado Polar Plunge: Mike McMahon shared that 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: Visit SpecialOlympicsCo.org/Give/Polar-Plunge, Click on Aurora Polar Plunge, Sponsor a Plunger, and Search for Mike McMahon. Last year, Mike and his son Max, supported a donation of close to \$2,00 for Special Olympics.

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Announcements Continued

Denver Golf Expo: Joe Marci has opportunity again this year for club members to promote the Optimist Junior Golf Program by staffing the information booth at the Expo, February 10th - 12th at the Denver Merchandise Mart, 451 E. 58th Ave. All volunteers will get free admission (\$12 value). Joe is looking for help on:

- ♦ Friday, Feb. 10th - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., or 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- ♦ Saturday, Feb. 11th - 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon, 12 noon - 2:30 p.m., or 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, Feb. 12th - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., or 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Joe said we have gotten a good response for Friday and Saturday morning but specifically need help for the afternoons and Sunday. If you want to add wants to bring a non-member to help out you can. Call or send volunteer names to Joe @ 303-847-7844 or marcifrog@aol.com.

2nd Quarter District Conference: Lt. Governor Jon Wachter announced that the 2nd Quarter District

Conference will be Saturday, February 11th, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Family Resources Pavilion, 9700 E. Easter Lane, Centennial, CO 80112. The registration form and tentative agenda are attached to the GUMS distribution email.

Excellence in Education Award: Tom Mauro spoke of the upcoming Excellence in Education awards, and is looking for three teachers, school administrators, or anyone working in education worthy of this award. Keep an eye and ear out and let Tom know well in advance of the end of the school year.

Update on Dr. Ed Fankhauser: Gary Strowbridge visited with Dr. Ed Fankhauser at Christmas time and shared that he is not doing very well. He did not recognize either Gary or Russ Paul.

Type 1DOC Club: Greg Young let us know that the Type 1DOC club will be running the concessions at the Brain Bowl next week at Heritage High School on Saturday, January 21st. There will be three stands, and if you can help out see Greg or Ron Gustas.

New Member Induction

Jon Wachter, CO-WY District Lt Governor led the proceedings, as Bill Blunden was sworn into our prestigious order. Standing proudly beside him was his sponsor, Craig Eley. Congrats and welcome Bill! Can you lift a tree?

In the picture, right, Bill Blunden, on the left, (with Christmas lights hanging down) stands with Prez Craig Eley and Jon Wachter after going through the installation process.



Weekly Drawing

With \$40 awaited the lucky man whose number was drawn and who could find the Ace of Spades; however, cups went to: Bryce Slaby, Steve Kady, Gary Strowbridge, twice, Bob Avery, and John Oss. While Cy Regan drew for the big money, and many a sigh was heard when he came up empty. Alan Yockey had a similar, unsuccessful, result. For the Nametag drawing, Prez Craig Eley reached in and called his own name, and was in fact wearing his nametag! After some mild protestations and grumblings, he also failed to find the Ace, which quieted the rabble.



Weekly Greeters

1/20/17	Steve Kady & Allen Malask
1/27/17	John Young & Tom Kramis

January Super Citizen Presenters

Jan 18 @ 2:30	MPB	John Scarborough
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 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Jan 21	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl, Central Region Tournament, Heritage High School, 1401 W Geddes Avenue
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

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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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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
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
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.