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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush



Good Morning Optimist



Tom Kramis

The friendly faces of **Tom Kramis** and **Steve Kady** greeted us on yet another sunny summer morning. The atmosphere was much like that of *Disneyland*, when it opened in Anaheim, California on this day in 1955. It is Camaraderie Day!



Steve Kady
Photos Craig Eley



Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Joe Marci delivered the invocation and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance* today. Joe's invocation reminded us that patriotism is more than just celebrating with fireworks on the anniversary of our nation's birth. Patriotism is putting the love of our people first while nationalism in putting the hatred of other people first. *Let us all work to be patriots!*

First Bell

President **John Oss** gave us some updates on our ailing members. **Pat Sullivan** seems to be doing better as he sounded strong when John talked with him by phone but appears to tire easily. Pat said he appreciated all of the support he has been getting including getting a call from **Freddy Pasternack**.

Freddy is also doing a little better but still suffers groin pain from his bladder tumor and the medication seems to be playing some tricks on his awareness. See Paul Simons report below.

Charter member **Ralph Pedersen** will be coming home from his care facility on Saturday, while recovering from his fall. And, **Noel Hasselgren** will be getting out of his cast and into a boot soon. As you recall, he had his two lower right leg bones put back together following a severe break.

President **John** presented his check for the **Dime-A-Day Program**. He said that the donation goes to Optimist International Foundation and helps Optimists bring out the best in kids. Our club is in the top ten in world for clubs supporting the Dime-A-Day program and he challenges those members who have yet to participate to help push Monaco South to number one by writing a check to Optimist International Foundation for \$36.50 or one dime for each day this year. Give your check to treasurer **Greg Young**.

New Member Induction

The Board of Directors at their last meeting had accepted **Don Roth's** membership application. Therefore, **President John** inducted Don into the membership and presented him with his membership pin and certificate. **Leo Hagele** brought Don into the club. *Welcome aboard Don!* We encourage you to work a couple of the projects as quickly as possible because that's the way to get to know other members and become involved with the club. *Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome Don personally.*



Don Roth, center, gets his installation pin from Prez John Oss, while Leo Hagele looks on.

Photo Don StJohn

CO/WY Super Game Convention

August 27-30, 2015

Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs, CO

[For details CLICK HERE](#)

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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

Club Bylaws Change: Craig Eley introduced and conducted the vote for the bylaw amendments to change how we nominate members for the club's officer elections. Craig explained that the proposed amendments were presented to the OCMS Board of Directors, submit to OI for approval, shared at the June 26th Friday morning meeting, and have been published in *GUMS* for the last two weeks. Therefore, he called for the membership to vote and approve the amendments.

The amendment passed with near unanimous approval with only one abstention. If you are now asking, "What happened?" you can read the bylaw update by clicking on the constant contact link that you got with this newsletter.

The Board wishes to thank Craig and **Wyatt McCallie** who have put much effort and time into this bylaw change.

T1DOC Club at Rockies Game: Ron Gustas reported that last Sunday the T1DOC Optimist Club worked the Rockies Handout Program. They handed out handbills giving fans a chance to win a Rockies VIP fan experience. Several members from Monaco South helped them reach the required number of volunteers. Among the Monaco South members were **Ron Gustas, Greg Young, Pat Bush,** and **John Green.** It was a great time and we helped raise the \$500 for the T1DOC Optimist's fight against Type 1 Diabetes.

OI Convention Update: Curt Merrill recently returned from the Optimist International Convention in New Orleans. He is excited about his coming year as Colorado/Wyoming District Governor and highly recommends going to next year's OI convention in Quebec City, Canada. He reports that OI has grown by 700+ in membership and has built over 30 new clubs this year. Curt met OI President **Ken Gardner** and was extremely impressed. Ken will attend the CO/WY District Convention in Glenwood Springs on August 27-30. If you want to get excited about optimism, this is the guy to see. You should make room and meal reservations by July 27th. [Click here for some pictures from the 2015 Optimist International Convention in New Orleans.](#)

March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball Tournament: Cy Regan reported that the Mudd Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 1st but we have no leader for this project. Nevertheless, alas, **Steve Kady** stepped up and offered to organize the club's participation. For those interested in tell folks were to go, we direct parking for several thousand cars in a matter of a few of hours. Editor: *I worked on this project last year when most of the field was too wet to park cars. Hopefully, this year the field will be drier.* Talk to Steve to volunteer to work this one. For insight into this event [CLICK HERE.](#)

Officers Induction Dinner: Jon Wachter has some good news, some bad news, and then some good news again. The "Celebrate Your Optimism" dinner is coming up on Saturday, September 19th. The bad news is he realized there would be some extinguished guests that will have their dinners paid for by the club so he will be raising the cost slightly to \$32.50 but that is still under a hundred dollars. Editor: *Thank goodness, I made my reservation when the cost was only \$29.50.*

OI Junior Golf Tournament: Joe Marci reported that the Optimist International Junior Golf Tournament started this week. It is held at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. The CO/WY District sent 29 young golfers to the International tournament this year. We are well represented with 14 boys and 15 girls playing. After the first day of the youngest age groups our top boy Gage

Messingham was 12th with 79 and our top girl Katelyn Lehigh was 24th with 88. In the next boys age division Jordan Jennings was 38th with 81. An interesting note of this International tournament is that the leading girl with a 70 is from China and the leading boys are from Canada, South Africa, Florida, and Massachusetts.

You can follow the progress of our golfers on the OI website by [CLICKING HERE.](#) **Barry Barker** and **Bob Meyer** will be volunteering at the tournament later this month. **Joe Marci, Ron Cisco,** and **Bob Meyer** (all members of Monaco South) chaired our district qualification tournaments.

A Santa Leader Needed: We are looking for a volunteer to organize the Santa Haus at the tree lot this coming Christmas season. **Craig Eley** shared that he has run this for the last several years and is retiring from the Santa business. He would like to spend the fall training the new *King of Santa's*. He says this project practically runs itself. If you would like to be a Santa organizer, let Craig know.

Brent's Place Breakfast: Paul Bernard reminds us that the Brent's Place breakfast will be held on July 25th at General's Park on the Fitzsimons's Medical Complex (the northeast corner of Colfax and Peoria). For those of you not certified to operate a calendar; that is this Saturday. He is still looking for someone to help retrieve the griddles. The qualified volunteer must provide a truck. Optimist volunteers will be cooking pancakes and sausages for the breakfast. Contact Paul if you can help on this project.

Cabin For Sale: Don St.John announced that he would be selling his cabin this summer. It is located near Red Feather Lakes northwest of Fort Collins. When asked what he wants for the cabin, he replied, "You'll find out when it is listed."

Eat Breakfast: Don St.John also said we need more people to eat breakfast if we are to sustain the service, so "Eat up me Hearties! Yo, Ho!"

July Birthdays: Ed Collins, who's birthday is in June, wished to recognize the July birthdays; however, he had a bit of trouble see the difference between June and July. Editor: *When asked why he had included both months, he said they had June birthdays and that he missed the meeting when the club sang "Happy Birthday" in June. So, he wanted to hear it.* The July Birthday's who were serenade were **Bill Anderson, Pat Bush, Lee Claymore, Kent Gloor, John Greene, Tom Hoch, Don Iley, Lynn Jones, Steve Kady, Jack Kleinheksel, Jim Leuschner, Randy Marcove, Wyatt McCallie, Mark Metevia, Paul Simon, Donlie Smith,** and **Pat Sullivan.**

Let's Have Some Camaraderie



Photos Don StJohn

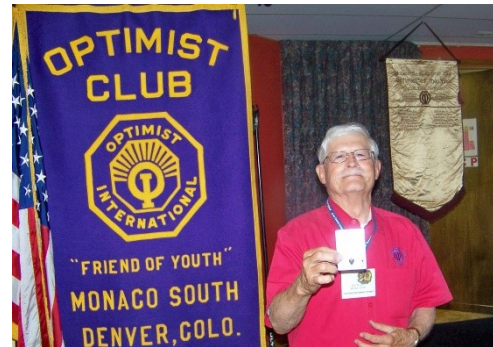
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July 20, 2015 • Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 • 40th Birthday Year
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Do We Have A Drawing?

Winners of today's drawing were tall **Tom Mauro**, **Don Thomson**, **Eldon Strong**, **Frank Ross**, lucky **Jack Kleinheksel**, and your editor **Pat Bush**, who accepted on behalf of **Karl Geil**. *Did you read that Karl?* In addition, Governor-Elect **Curt Merrill** and **Cap Hermann** tried to stretch their luck in going for the big pot but that **Don StJohn** snatched \$70.00 when his name was pulled for wearing his name tag from the jar. Don had to take a selfie when he won the big prize.



Don StJohn clears the pot for a \$70 take.
We hope he takes Char out to dinner on that.

Weekly Greeters

7/24/15	George Buzick & Randy Marcove
7/31/15	Dave Peck & Frank Ross
8/7/15	Pat Bush & ?
8/14/15	Joe Marci & ?
8/21/15	Lynn Jones & Robert Wardlaw
Help, Help, Help — we need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or jon_wachter@msn.com	



Sponsor a New Member

If you know someone who shares the ideals of Optimist International, consider inviting them to join the organization and help "Bring Out the Best in Kids."

July 20 Mon	Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40 th Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976	
July 24 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Britty Coyne, Electric Cars
July 31 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Aug 7 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Aug 14 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Dr. Penny Montgomery, Treating Brain Damage
Aug 21 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Jack Corrigan, Radio Personality
Aug 27-30		CO/WY 4th Qtr. Convention, Glenwood Springs, CO
Sep 19 Sat	6:00 pm	MSOC Installation & Celebration, Piccolo's, 3563 South Monaco Parkway

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bob Safe	1995-96
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Cy Regan	1999-00
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Stan Cohen	2000-01
John Young	1982-83	Don St. John	2001-02
Pat Bush	1983-84	Jack Rife	2002-03
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Greg Young	2007-08
Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Paul Simon	2012-13
Mark Metevia	1994-95	Jon Wachter	2013-14

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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.