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Good Morning Optimist

On this Friday, September 16th, the 259th day of the year, we are reminded that there are 106 days remaining until the end of the year and 52 days until the presidential election. **Dave Moore** and **Tom Kramis** are our greeters this morning. Editor, we saw Dave, but did not see Tom. It sure feels like fall is in the air.

First Bell

President **Michael Chavez** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. sharp and invites **Paul Bernard** to read the invocation this morning. Paul then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.



Guests

We welcome our guests this morning: **Randy Marcove** introduces **John "Buzz" McGrainer** as his guest. John says hello to the group and gives us a couple of knee slappers. **Claire Young**, wife of **John Young** and another guest were also here to listen to our guest speaker. Welcome guests!



Randy Marcove & guest Buzz McGrainer



Right, Prez Michael welcomes Claire Young & her guest.

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From the Prez

President **Michael** tells members that the Annual Budget Meeting will be coming up in October. For those who are in charge of projects for the coming year or if you have an idea you want to propose before the Board, please do so at this Board meeting. Project managers need to send their requests for budget items, IN WRITING or email, to Treasurer **Greg Young** @ gndyoung@comcast.net, as soon as possible. If there is no budget request, then the project may be dropped for next year. Members are reminded that they may not spend money or order goods/services on behalf of the club without express budget authorization or approval of the Board of Directors.

Announcements

Alzheimer's Memory Walk: **Cap Hermann** tells members about the upcoming Alzheimer's Walk coming up tomorrow, Saturday, September 17 at City Park. Volunteers need to show up at 6:45 a.m. and there will be plenty of treats to keep you energized for the duties of directing volunteers to the correct tents. If you would like to walk to support the cause you can do that as well.

40th Celebration & Installation: President elect **Craig Eley** reminds us that Optimist Club of Monaco South will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary at Maggianos Italian Restaurant on Saturday, September 24, starting at 11:30 a.m. Please pay **Greg Young** \$30 per person. Dr. **Ed and Jeanie Fankhauser** will be in attendance, along with many past and present members. Do plan to attend this soiree to celebrate the club. Craig tells us that currently 90 people are signed up to attend. Certainly a highlight of this social season.

Assistance Needed: **Craig Eley** requested if you can give long-time member, past president and past district governor **Bob Hugo** a ride to and from the 40th Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, please contact Craig at craigceley@gmail.com or text him at 720-771-0866. Bob lives at Quincy Place at 7200 East Quincy Ave., corner of South Quebec and East Quincy.

Member Directory Update: **Craig** also asks members who are new or want a new picture for the directory to stay behind and get your photo snapped. Plus, for \$25 you can have your business card included in the Directory, then sit back and count your earnings.

Special Olympics Hall: **Mike McMahon** announces the upcoming Special Olympics Hall of Fame recognition banquet coming up on Thursday, October 13. The dinner will feature Governor John Hickenlooper and recognize athletes and volunteers for their efforts. Mike is hoping to have a table full of Monaco South members so please see him if you are interested in attending.



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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

Bring Teachers into Optimists: Curt Merrill tells us about a new program offered by **Dave Burns**, Optimist International President. Invite a School Teacher to join. School Teachers are eligible to join the club for a \$30 annual dues. This is an opportunity to attract and build strong allies in the field of education. *Let the Teaching of Optimisms begin in our school.* This offer ends September 30, so please act quickly.

STEM Program: John Scarborough and Matt Spampinato from Silicon STEM Academy tells us about the first scholarship awarded to a Hamilton Middle School student. Silicon STEM Academy is a much needed new concept in after-school tech courses and summer tech camps to better meet the needs of kids, ages 8-18, where their schools often fall short. The scholarship award winner received a \$1200 value program entitled Gadgets and Gizmos. The program focused on how electronics and circuitry works. It is a 6-week program and is a great environment for learning.

Support Junior Golf—Colorado Rockies Last Game: Joe Marci tells us about another chance to support Junior Golf and Optimist Club of Monaco South. Joe has tickets available for the last regular Colorado Rockies season game. Joe has tickets in a couple of locations, both good seat for viewing a game. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 2nd, against the always exciting Milwaukee Brewers. A ballgame on a Sunday afternoon is always a good way to spend the day, and this is the game where the team will have the walk around passing out gifts to lucky fans.

JDRF Diabetes OneWalk: Ron Gustas announced that the JDRF "Walk" on Sunday, September 11th had over 5,000 participants and when all donations are received it will have raised over \$800,000 for Type 1 Diabetes research. Monaco South members who volunteered labor in support of the "Walk" were: **Barry Barker, Dick Cohen, George Buzick, John Swick, Mark Metevia, Mike Prete, Pat Bush, Russ Paul, Scott Walker, John Oss, and Ron Gustas.** Over 30 OCMS members have supported the "Walk" either financially or as a volunteer.

Donations can still be made thru October 28th to either Ron's Granddaughter "Ellie's Diabetes Busters" team at http://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR?team_id=207780&fr_id=6362&pg=team or the "Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club-T1DOC" team at http://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR?team_id=207474&fr_id=6362&pg=team. To date the two teams have raised near \$15,000. Until September 28th any of the four **Timbuk Toy stores** will donate 20% of purchases (on-line or in store including gift certificates) to Ellie's Team simply by mentioning "Ellie's Diabetes Busters" at checkout. Thanks to all for supporting diabetes research.

Make Your Payments Online: Treasurer **Greg Young** mentioned as of now, events payments, as well as donations and dues payments can be made on line with credit card @ https://squareup.com/market/Optimist_Club_of_Monaco_South/ And, he can also take credit cards at a meeting.

100th Anniversary of Mile Hi Optimist Club: Phil Perington reported that The Denver Mile High Optimist Club celebrated their 100th anniversary Saturday night with over 100 Optimists and guests in attendance. Guest Speakers included Denver Deputy Mayor Don Mares, City Auditor Dennis Gallagher, OI Vice President Al Clark, OI Foundation Executive Director Craig Boring, and District Governor **Curt Merrill** with Trish. OCMS members present were President **Michael Chavez**; Governor-Elect **Paul Simon** with Deb

40th Year of Monaco South

The Celebration & Installation will take place on **Saturday, September 24th at Maggiano's Little Italy, 7401 South Clinton, Englewood, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
Cost is \$30 per person



bie; Past Presidents, **Jon Wachter**, with Jill; **Don St John** with Charlene; **John Oss** with Ruthie; **Greg Young** and Governor & President **Phil Perington**. It was an evening filled with lots of laughter, memories and good cheer. A great big Congratulations to Mile High and all their devoted members.

Do We Have a Drawing?

Do we have a drawing? Yes we do and there is \$20 in the pot and the lucky card is the 5 of Diamonds. Members holding tickets this morning include **Mike Chavez, Paul Stratton, Jack Kleinhessel, guest Buzz McGrainer, John Stoffel, and Scott Walker.** No one draws the winning card of which only 4 remain. **Craig Eley** then draws **Don St. John's** name from the name tag jug and he gets a chance, but no luck.

Continuation of DeGette

Bryce Slaby on the issue of immigration says that employers who hire illegals should be prosecuted, Rep. DeGette agrees. **Harry Fegley** comments that the need for single subject rule needs to be enforced. When legislation is proposed, the ability to tack on other items should be limited. Rep. DeGette agrees with this as well. **Ron Gustas** thanks Rep. DeGette for her work and support for the Diabetes research. As co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Diabetes Caucus, Rep. DeGette has also been a long-time advocate for the expansion of diabetes care and research, particularly for lower-income and minority communities. **Ed Collins** asks about cyber security and how those responsible for computer crimes are held responsible. Rep. DeGette says we need to do much more to protect our resources from outside forces looking to do harm.

An elected official coming back to the state she represents and engaging in discourse with her constituency. That was a wonderful way to start the day.

Thank you very much Congresswoman DeGette.

New OCMS Webpage is Coming



Monaco South President Elect **Craig Eley** shared that a new Monaco South Webpage is coming and he is in need of a few people to help post content on the new website. He especially needs someone to maintain the web calendar on a weekly basis. If interest in volunteering contact Craig Eley at craigceley@gmail.com.

US Congresswoman Dianna DeGette

Chief Deputy Whip & Representing the 1st District of Colorado

Frank Middleton introduces our speaker this morning, Congresswoman Dianna DeGette. Chief Deputy Whip Diana DeGette is serving her tenth term in Congress as Representative for the First District of Colorado.

She flew in from Washington last night and joins us this morning. Much can be said about what is going wrong in our nations' capital; this morning Congresswoman DeGette talked about what is working. After the last election, Democrats became concerned because more Republicans were elected. In fact they held the most seats since 1929. From her perspective elected officials are sent to Washington to do the nations work. To enact legislation that will ensure the country is strong, stable and in a position to keep improving. Unfortunately she says, gerrymandering at the state level has allowed Republicans and Tea Party advocates, "Freedom Caucus" as they prefer to be called, to gain more of a voice and stall legislation that they oppose. The ability to debate and implement bills is the duty of Congress, but should the government be shut down over the issue of whether Planned Parenthood be funded?

In the past House Speaker Paul Ryan (R) has reached across the aisle and worked with Nancy Pelosi (D) to insure that important items such as Tax Credits are continued, Doctors are paid for Medicaid care, and funding for Bio Medical research is continued. Congresswoman DeGette is one of Congress's leading experts on cutting-edge scientific research and is a recognized leader on the subject of human embryonic stem cell research. As the Democratic leader of the bipartisan 21st Century Cures initiative, Rep. DeGette is working to make medical research discoveries in the lab into treatments and cures for patients. This ambitious effort seeks to remake our medical research system to reflect the current environment for researchers, patients, doctors, drug and medical device developers, and everyone involved in treating diseases. Sadly, much of the good legislation that has been passed in the house then goes on to the Senate, where "good bills go to die." She has continued with the idea that the public wants our nations elected officials to work together in important ideas such as infrastructure and affordable healthcare.

Projections for the coming elections are that the country will see a 50-50 split in the Senate, relying on the Vice Pres-



Dianna DeGette
Photos Noel Hasselgren

ident to cast the deciding vote on bills. In the House, she is hopeful that Democrats will win seats but is committed to use Bi Partisan cooperation to work for the good of the people. Questions from the audience: **Frank Middleton** asks "How can entitlement programs be self-sustaining?" Rep. DeGette says that Social Security is and that Medicaid is one program that needs to be looked at. How can both sides work together so future generations can be helped and not wait until the program is in crisis mode. Eliminating caps, raise the age for eligibility are some of the questions that need to be resolved.

"How do you defeat ISIS?" Cooperation the US and its partners in the region are key. The US can work in a strategic and planning role but the military in the affected countries are the primary defense providers in this battle. Troops on the ground must be provided by those countries, with Saudi Arabia providing more help.

On immigration policy. She is opposed to a wall on the border with Mexico and thinks that Donald Trump's plan is a bad one. The borders do need to be secure, and a path to citizenship should be established for the 11 million people who are already in this country illegally. She is opposed to tearing families apart, instead having those that are here to get in the back of the line, pay a penalty and begin the process. She is clear in the idea that no Immigration Policy has been worked on because the Speaker of the House will not bring the issue to a vote. She has been working with Democrats and Republicans on a bill that would address this but the vote cannot be made until the Speaker presents it.

Dick Nickoloff comments that people are frustrated because it seems as though nothing is getting done. Neither party is without blame. Rep. DeGette answers by saying she understands the frustration but the ability to have a vote on legislation proposed is a sticking point. The minority party is unable to have bills brought to the floor, important business to the country is not discussed. **Pat Bush** then states that both parties are guilty of this and that it seems whichever party holds the majority, that party pushes their agenda. Rep. DeGette disagrees, saying there enough lawmakers that hold the middle ground, but progress is stalled by those on far right or far left who are unwilling to compromise.

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Weekly Greeters	
9/23/16	George Buzick & Barry Barker
9/30/16	Noel Hasselgren & Mark Metevia
10/7/16	Bill Morgan & Don Roth
10/14/16	Bob Avery & Dick Zolman



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

Sept 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Sept 24	Sat	11:30	OCMS 40 th Celebration & Installation, Maggiano's Restaurant, see Greg Young
Sept 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Tom Briggs, The Gabby Krause Foundation
Oct 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: New Optimist Year, TBA

**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.