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Good Morning Optimist

On this Friday morning, with the buzz being around the Denver Broncos' 21 to 20 win over the Carolina Panthers on a missed 50-yard field-goal attempt, we were greeted by **Pat Bush** and **Allen Malask**. See Kubiak's after game victory speech, [CLICK HERE](#).

Invocation & Pledge

With the meeting called to order, **Bob Meyer** reads the invocation this morning. *Everlasting God, thank you for this day and the chance to live it. Let us take this opportunity to make our Optimism come true and how our words can spread that word. Words to co-workers, friends, even strangers can have a powerful impact for positive enforcement for their daily activities.* Bob then leads us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.



Editor: *This is especially true on this day, the 15th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, and the day to honor the thousands of people who lost their lives.*

A Change if Proceedings

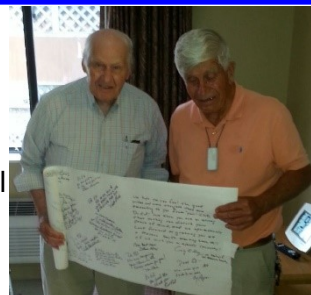
We had a slight change in our normal meeting schedule this morning as we have special guests joining us—several of the CO-WY Optimist Junior Golfers. See story on page 3.

Announcements

100th Anniversary of Mile Hi Optimist Club: Prez **Michael Chaves** reported that we now a large number signed up, and more are welcome, to attend the Mile Hi Optimist Club's 100th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 17th at The Double Tree Hotel Denver, 3203 Quebec St. Mile Hi is one of the six original clubs which initiated Optimist International back in 1916.

40th Celebration & Installation, OCMS: Prez **Michael** then reminded us that Monaco South's will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary at Maggianos Italian Restaurant on Saturday, September 24th. We will also be installing the clubs new president and board for the 2016-2017 year. This luncheon celebration will

start at 11:30 and will feature highlight the past 40 years. If interested in participating, please pay Greg Young \$30 per person. Dr. Ed, our founder, and Jeanie Fankhauser will be in attendance, along with many past and present members. Do plan to attend this soiree to celebrate the club. In coming president, **Craig Eley** tells us that currently 90 people are signed up to attend. Certainly a highlight of this social season.



Dr. Ed, on left, with Russ Paul why was delivering a signed collection of greetings from Monaco South club members.
Photo Gary Strowbridge

Next weeks Speaker: **Frank Middleton** reminds members that Congresswoman Diana DeGette will speak at our meeting. Plan to attend and listen to Colorado's 1st District representative.

Colorado Rockies Last Game: **Joe Marci** tells us about another chance to support Junior Golf and Optimist Club of Monaco South. The Rockies last regular season game, and volunteers are need to handout a fan appreciation Rockies t-shirts and earn cash for the cause. A signup sheet is being passed around. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 2nd. The game is against the always exciting Milwaukee Brewers.



Hamilton Middle School: **Karl Geil** asks for volunteers to sit on the Hamilton Middle Collaborative School Committee (CSC) and help make decisions for the school as it conducts business for the 2016-2017 school year.

JDRF Diabetes OneWalk: **Ron Gustas** rings the bell one last time for the JDRF walk coming up this Sunday. See related store on next page.

Directory Update: **Tom Mauro** asks members for any changes or corrections to the upcoming Directory. If you have changes or are a new member, please see Tom.



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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******

40th Year of Monaco South

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



Announcements Continued

Alzheimer's Memory Walk: Cap Hermann reminds members about the upcoming Alzheimer's Walk coming up Saturday, September 17th at City Park. Volunteers need to show up at 6:45 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 too. He reminded us that we will meet at the east end of the park on the west side of the Museum. There should be ample parking in the museum parking lot. Should you have questions, call Cap @ 303-587-5575.

It's That Time Again: Treasurer Greg Young

BUDGET says that all club project managers need to send their requests for budget items for next year, **IN WRITING** or email, to him @ gndyoung@comcast.net, no later than September 16th. 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 and services on behalf of the club without express budget authorization or approval of the Board of Directors for off-budget expenditures.

JDRF Diabetes OneWalk Setup

Ron Gustas reported that Monaco South members helped the JDRF ONEWALK get off to a great start. On Friday, **Dick Cohen, John Oss, Russ Paul** helped load a truck with "Walk" materials at the JDRF office. On Saturday members from the T1DOC and Monaco South members **Pat Bush, Mark Metevia, Barry Barker, John Swick, Scott Walker, George Buzick, Mike Prete, Dick Cohen** and **Ron Gustas** helped set-up tents, tables, chairs and other parts of the "Walk" site. Proceeds realized from the "Walk" help finance research seeking improved treatment options and hopefully a cure for Type 1 Diabetes at research centers around the world.



Left to right are Dan Thompson (T1DOC), Dick Cohen, Ron Gustas, Mike Prete, Barry Barker, John Swick, Pat Bush, and David Goldman (T1DOC). Members helping but not present when pictures taken were Mark Metevia, George Buzick and Scott Walker.

Photo Dan Thompson

This Week's Drawing

Do we have a drawing? Yes! And what's in the pot? \$50 is in the pot! What's the lucky card? The 5 of Diamonds!



Members holding tickets this morning include **Allen Yockey** (twice), **Frank Middleton, Jim Easton, Lynn Jones, Jack Kleinheksel, Al Gapuzan, and Paul Gibson**. Except no one draws the winning card of which there were only 4 remaining.



Craig Eley then comes forth for the **Name Tag Draw** and calls **Steve Kady's** name from the jug and he gets a chance, and he pulls the luck card. Well done Steve!

Optimist Junior Golfers



TJ Hicks



Katie Berrian



Amy Hicks



Holly Champion, PGA



Ashley Barnhart, CGA



Photos Noel Hasselgren

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.

CO-WY Junior Golfers

Bob Meyer, Joe Marci, Ron Cisco, Barry Barker, & Cap Hermann

Bob Meyer, Joe Marci and Ron Cisco and begin the presentation about the Optimist International Junior Golf program. The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships is one of the largest and best-known junior golf tournaments in the world. Each year, more than 600 golfers participate in THE OPTIMIST. Optimists have been involved in the sport of junior golf for more than 30 years by holding local, regional and international tournaments.

This program is an exciting and unique opportunity for boys and girls of the age of 10 to 18. The Tournament of Champions is one of the largest and well-renowned Junior Tournaments in the world. In order to play in the championships golfers must meet one of the qualifying methods. The Tournament of Champions is played at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

Katie Berrian who played in the Champions Tournament this year and her mother are with us this morning. Ashley Barnhart, Manager of Junior Competitions, Colorado Golf Association Manager and Holly Champion, Junior Golf Director for the Colorado Section of the PGA. In addition, TJ Hicks, a junior golfer and his mother, Amy Hicks, also in attendance.

Bob, Joe and Ron started out the program by thanking the kids for playing. All the golfers were inspiring to watch and to interact with, so courteous along with talented. Also a Thank you to Optimist Club of Monaco South for its support all these years both monetarily and with member's time. The local events which culminated with the Tournament of Champions is a big undertaking and could not be possible without the support of many individuals and groups. This past year's participation was up dramatically due in large part to the partnership with the Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado. Ashley Barnhart, gave the Optimists a big "thank" for the success this past year. This year the Junior Golf Optimist program attained the number three program in OI's terms of participation. With more kids being involved, more support is needed both in terms of money and man power.

Ron Cisco told the audience that Bob's involvement in the program has been very prominent and he has been able to accompany the Colorado group of players to Florida every year that he has been involved with the program. This past year saw 26 boys and girls from Colorado attend the Championship.

Katie Berrian offered some comments from her experience with the Junior Golf program. She tells us it is a thrill to play on a course like the PGA National. Just as much fun was getting to meet and become friends with other girls from around the world. Along with learning about other cultures and language from the other golfers. She also had a wonderful time with her mother, as they explored the beaches every day after golf. Her experience with the tournament was also very positive, the volunteers were very helpful and the whole experience was wonderful.

Bob Meyer recounted the moment of watching the parade of flag carriers, with a participant from Colorado carrying the US Flag, and seeing the flags of the other 36 nations being paraded—a moving experience.

TJ Hicks a 13 years old from Cherry Hills playing out of the Broken Tee Course in Englewood, tells the members how much fun he had, and what a great experience it was to play in Florida. TJ's mom, Amy said they had a wonderful experience. That it not only taught the kids' lessons about golf but also about life and how these lessons relate to experiences they will encounter in days to come.

Barry Barker who was also able to join the kids down in Florida tells us how much he enjoyed the trip. He was so impressed by the skill these young people had, the ability to hit the golf ball was impressive. Even more impressive was the well behaved demeanor that all the kids who played and how they treated others.

Cap Hermann was able to make the trip as well and also came away impressed with players and families alike. The exposure these kids are receiving from college coaches and the ability to play on this level of course will prove beneficial for years to come.

The history of this tournament is rich with professionals including Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Elana Ochoa, Ernie Els, etc. There will be a qualifying tournament in October at Green Valley Ranch where volunteers are needed. This is your chance to become involved with this worthwhile event.



From the left, Joe Marci, Ron Cisco, TJ Hicks, Ashley Berrian, Bob Meyer, and Michael Chavez.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

Weekly Greeters

9/16/16	Tom Kramis & Dave Moore
9/23/16	George Buzick & Barry Barker
9/30/16	Noel Hasselgren & Mark Metevia
10/7/16	Bill Morgan & Don Ross

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

Sept 15	Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Sept 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: U.S. Representative Dianna DeGette
Sept 17	Sat	6:00 am	Alzheimer's Memory Walk, City Park, see Cap Hermann
Sept 17	Sat	5:00 pm	100 th Anniversary of Mile Hi Optimist Club Celebration, Double Tree Hotel
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



**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 Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
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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.