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Good Morning Optimists

Casey Funk and Ron Cisco greeted the men of Monaco South with broad smiles and warm handshakes, on this 3rd day of June, 2016.

For those who were unaware, today is one of two National Doughnut or Donut Days. The other is on November 5. Typically, National Doughnut Day is on the first Friday of June each year, succeeding the Doughnut Day event created by The Salvation



Army in 1938 to honor those of their members who served doughnuts to soldiers during World War I. The holiday celebrates the doughnut (a.k.a. "donut") – an edible, torus-shaped piece of dough which is deep-fried and sweetened. Many American doughnut stores offer free doughnuts on National Doughnut Day.

So how did these two National Doughnut Days come to be? Read the rest of the story on the Boston Globe Media webpage at <https://www.boston.com/culture/food/2016/06/02/two-national-doughnut-days>. A big "thank you" to **Phil Perington** for making us aware of this story by sharing his donut three ways.

Invocation & Pledge

Our invocation was delivered by **Lynn Jones**, who reminded us to make our Optimism come true in our daily activities and interactions. Lynn then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Guests

Bill Morgan introduced his guest **Dave Moore**, who is retired and new to Colorado from California. Dave has established a three-generation household, as he and his wife are living with his daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter. *Welcome Dave!*

From the Prez

President Chavez let it be known that the club will once again be manning a hydration station at the MS150 bike ride. We will also be displaying a new banner dedicated to **Pat**

Sorensen. Mark your calendars for June 26th from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. place to be announced.

Michael also updated us that **Peter Dimond** is out of the hospital and home. Peter is planning on being with us at next Friday's meeting.

Doug Morton is in hospice care - please keep him in your prayers. An update from Marilyn, "Doug is still plodding along. He can have visitors; however, he may not know who they are and he may not make much sense. He is at Highline Place in Littleton, 6767 So. Broadway. Hospice has increased his morphine to every 4 hours as he was getting very agitated and angry. He may just be sleeping, but he might be awake. I cannot predict."

Announcements

McMeen's Super Citizen Ceremony: McMeen's



Super Citizen ceremony was held last Friday. **Mike White** reported that he participated with Don **Thomson**, and they had a great event, including a 4th grade teacher breaking down trying to talk about a student in her classroom, and how proud she was of the child's growth. Mike observed that the impact of the program goes beyond the student who receives the award, and includes the teachers, families, and of course our MSOC members!

Hamilton's Korsoski Award Ceremony: **Tom Mauro** reported that he and **Karl Geil** attended Hamilton Middle School's award ceremony, which was held at George Washington High School in front of a full house. He and Karl presented the accelerated Reader and Korsoski awards.

Kaitlyn Morgan's 180 Mile Run for MS: **Bill Morgan**



read a note from his daughter **Kaitlyn** thanking the club for supporting her at the finish line, and for supporting her dad. She found an optimism bracelet on the road during the race and wore it for the last day of running. A good omen indeed! See pictures from the City Park celebration on page 3.



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******

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Announcements Continued

Lowry Elementary Perfect Attendance Awards:

On Thursday, **Paul Stratton** delivered 13 certificates and prizes to kids at Lowry Elementary who had perfect attendance (no absences or tardiness) for the school year. Prizes were donated by local Lowry stores, and the club purchased Coca Cola value packs for Rockies games, which went to the kids who have been "perfect" multiple years in a row. On, Thursday evening was their continuation event and Paul presented the Korsoski Award to Edward Strand, a very excited young man!

Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial: John Oss read a note from **Steve Kady** regarding a improvement project for Colorado



Highway Patrol Memorial dedicated to those who died in the line of duty. The location is in a small grove of trees at the State Patrol Academy, located at 15055 South Golden

Road, in Golden. The memorial was erected in 1979 as a tribute to Colorado's fallen peace officers. John passed the hat for contributions to sponsoring a paver. John also said that Steve will follow up to see if we can get a speaker to visit our club and talk about the memorial. **Greg Young** reported about \$300 was collected. He will present a check to Major **Barry Bratt** of the Colorado State Patrol. More can be learned at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/csp/about-clem>.

Hugh O'Brian Leadership Conference (HOBY):

Paul Bernard is looking for Optimist members to speak with young people at the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Conference. The conference will be held at the University of Denver on Saturday, June 11th. Optimist members will be speaking about the value of volunteerism. If interested, give Paul a call or sign up.

MSOC Shirts: **Greg Young** took to the stage and walked the catwalk modeling a new "official" MSOC shirt. They are a beautiful royal blue with white embroidery of the club name and OI logo over the left pocket, and your name embroidered optionally on the right side. They come in long and short sleeve, and any size. If you wish to order, please contact Greg Young right away at gndyoung@comcast.net or 303-759-3921. the cost is \$30 with name, or \$25 with no name. You can order as many as you want, but don't wait too long!



Weekly Drawing

There was \$120 in the pot, and finding the 7 of Diamonds would make it yours. Cups went to:

- Don Roth (x 2!)
- Dick Nickoloff
- Jim Easton
- Don St. John
- Karl Geil



- Birthday Boy, **Ed Collins** was feeling lucky, but drew the wrong card.
- **Bob Meyer's** lucky number must be 7 - HE WAS THE BIG WINNER!



And the pot goes back to \$0. And when the pot goes to \$0, no nametag is drawn.



Bob Meyer takes the \$120 with his draw of the 7 of diamonds. Prez Michael looks on.

Photo Don StJohn

Closing Bell & Creed

Harry Fegley kicked off the recitation of the creed - *Promise Yourself...*

Some Curious Things You Might Not Know About Colorado

Highest Climb. The highest vertical climb is not on a mountain but up the north side of the Black Canyon. Rising 1,700 feet, this sheer rock face is even higher than the famous Diamond on Longs Peak and was not conquered until 1969.

Deepest Snow. In 1899 Crested Butte recorded 254 inches of snow near the top of Kebler Pass. That year, snow buried a train near Leadville and left only stove pipes showing above cabins at many mountain towns. Usually, Wolf Creek Pass near Pagosa Springs gets the most snow in Colorado.

Oldest Hotel. The Peck House in the little town of Empire, near Berthoud Pass, is Colorado's oldest hotel. It was built in 1859 by James Peck. Early guests included President Ulysses S. Grant and other famous people.

Highest Town. Leadville is the highest (10,200 feet) incorporated town in Colorado and the entire U.S. It has also had the highest rate of premature babies in the U.S. Researchers concluded that the altitude causes smaller babies.

Largest Nuggets. The biggest gold nugget in Colorado weighed 135 ounces and was found near Breckenridge in 1887 by miner Tom Broves. The biggest silver nugget weighed 1,840 pounds and was found at an Aspen mine in 1894.

Largest Elk Antlers. Measuring 52" at the widest point, the antlers of an elk killed in 1899 near Crested Butte are still on display at that town's visitor center. In 1961, Boone and Crockett researchers declared it to be the largest elk rack in history.

Joe Marci, Bob Meyer and Ron Cisco Update on CO-WY District Junior Golf Program

Our speakers today were our own **Joe Marci**, **Bob Meyer** and **Ron Cisco**, with an update on the Colorado-Wyoming District Optimist Junior Golf Program.

Bob gave us a rundown on two upcoming qualifiers. The first will be Saturday, June 11th at Fitzsimmons. They expect 40-50 golfers this year, whereas there have been 30-36 in the past. The older kids will play on Thursday, June 16th at Flatirons in Boulder. That tournament is full with 144 golfers and a waiting list. Bob is looking for additional volunteers for check-in and assisting the kids. The Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado included our tournaments on their schedule which helped promote the events, as well as keep other tournaments from being scheduled on the same day. This is the likely factor that resulted in such a spike in participation. There will also be a brand new Junior Golf tournament, which will be in October, the 15th and 16th at the Green Valley Ranch Golf Club.

The goal of the kids is to qualify for Optimist International Junior Golf Championships at the PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. This event will be held in late July. There are 26 spots available for the kids, so those who qualify will be very strong golfers. Bob is planning to go to Florida for this International Event for the tenth time.

Ron Cisco let us know that it costs \$20-\$25K to put

on the tournament, with the money coming from entry fees but also from donations and sponsorships from members of this club. Kids who qualify for National get \$1,000 from MSOC to help with airfare and expenses. The title sponsorship for the local tournaments is \$2,500. Also, hole sponsorships are available for \$100/hole. Thirty-four holes are sponsored now, two more openings available (your sponsorship covers both tournaments) which can be paired up with another member/sponsor. See Ron to sign up. You can write the checks to Optimist International Foundation and get tax credit if you get the checks to Greg Young.

Joe Marci told us that he has Optimist Day at the Rockies baseball tickets he is selling which also provide support for the program. Joe has 10 seats available for June 12th game—Rockies vs. the Padres, after having already sold 100. He hopes the tickets will net \$500 for Junior Golf.

The PGA National Resort Golf course is ranked as the 5th best course in Florida, and the kids will play the Championship Course, just like the pros do in the Honda Classic. **Barry Barker** is going as a volunteer again this year. **Joe Marci** and **Ron Cisco** have been to the National Tournament at least 15 years each.

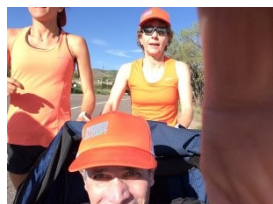
More information can be found at:

- ♦ [Colorado-Wyoming District Optimist Junior Golf](#)
- ♦ [Optimist International Junior Golf Championships](#)

Kaitlyn Morgan Completes Her Run In Denver City Park After 180 Miles



Kaitlyn, center, with her mom and dad, Bill and Suzanne Morgan at the start in Steamboat Springs.



A Bill Morgan selfie and text, "We are on tenth and Wadsworth making good time, I think on time for a 11:30 arrival."



At left, Kaitlyn Morgan returned right on time Sunday. Her father Optimist Bill Morgan led the Optimists who greeted her including Oscar Sorensen, John & Clair Young, Michael Chavez, Michael McMahon, John & Ruth Oss, Phil Perington, and George Buzick. Many MS relay enthusiasts were also there. Channel 7 interviewed Kaitlyn and Bill. See the interview below.

Photo John Oss

Channel 4 covers this triumph @ <http://denver.cbslocal.com/2016/05/29/woman-completes-run-across-colorado-to-benefit-ms-research/>

Tom Hock provides Channel 7 coverage of Kaitlyn Morgan's run @ <https://vimeo.com/album/2654384/video/169272919>

Weekly Greeters

6/10/16	Don Roth & Joe Marci
6/17/16	Jack Kleinheksel & Mike McMahon
6/24/16	Perry Allen & John Swick

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Jun 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Greg Hurd, Cheyenne Union Pacific Roundhouse
Jun 11	Sat	5:00 pm	HOBY Leadership Seminar picnic at DU, chat with the kids about community service
Jun 16	Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Jun 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Jun 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Heidi Ganahl, Candidate for CU Regent at Large
Jun 26	Sun	7:00 am	Rest Stop for the Colorado 2016 MS 150



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Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
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Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
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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.