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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—John Oss

Good Morning Optimist

Tom Glazier and this month's GUMS editor, **John Oss**, welcomed the men of Monaco South. As you can see at left, Tom introduced himself wearing his formal greeter garb.



Tom Glazier sporting his OCMS polo shirt, bow tie, and black hat.

Photo John Oss

Tom went out and ordered OCMS polo shirts for us, and wore his. Tom even went the extra mile by getting two hats and two bow ties for us to do a special job with our greeting duties. This editor was a day late wearing his Monaco shirt but wore it to the CO-WY Zone meeting on Saturday.

First Bell

President Jon Wachter asked us to share Optimistic Greetings! With smiles, all around there was not a bit of ice left to break. A couple minutes of camaraderie set the stage for the meeting.

Back in the Saddle

President Jon chipped right in there with special greetings for **Perry Allen**, **Aaron Beery**, **Barry Barker**, **Allen Malask**, **Jack Kitchell**, and **Andy McKean**. Those phone calls, cards, emails, all expressions of camaraderie, are certainly in order when we notice a friend has been missing. **Tom Glazier** was Allen's sponsor thirteen months ago. Friendships run deep, and encouragement gets friends back in the saddle again. So *Just Ask!*

Invocation & Pledge

Prez Jon then led us with an invocation expressing gratitude for those who defended us all on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Seventy years ago today. He extended the gratitude to all who have served, and the loved ones who supported them. Given the liberty we enjoy, we joined in pledging allegiance to our country while facing the stars and stripes. For more on D-Day visit <http://www.army.mil/d-day/>.

Guests

Eldon Strong introduced Nord Nordstrom. They were fraternity brothers just a few years ago. In addition, Nord has a lengthy connection with **Tom Overton**.

Past President **Paul Simon** brought Lee Claymore. Lee is a full-service financial planner.

From the Prez

Bradley Field Day: **Prez Jon** reported how we supported the Bradley International School Field Day with six from our club. **Steve Wera** wore his principle hat and our Monaco hat. **Mike McMahon** is a double time supporter as president of the school's PTO and a member of Monaco South. **Joe Marci**, **Scott Walker**, and **John Oss** rounded out the six sum for the Wednesday event.

Bradley JOOI Club: The *Bradley Helping Hands JOOI Club* just completed their first semester of service to the community and are already looking forward to next year's projects. Earlier this semester the kids voted to honor the neighborhood police force at the Denver Police Department's District 3 by baking for them cookies, pies, and other sweet treats.

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS MONACO SOUTH NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

We need 15 new members to achieve honor club. So bring your friends, neighbors, sons or grandsons... get them to join and receive a discount on your next year's dues. Don't forget, for only \$100, you can make them a *Friend of Optimist*, and it counts too! See Greg Young for details.

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******

From the Prez Continued

Police Officer Sharon Avendaño came to the school in April to pick up the goodies, spend time with the kids answering questions about police work, gave them a tour of a new police cruiser, and showed them her pink handcuffs. During June, when Optimist International has the Childhood Cancer Campaign, the kids voted to have a toy drive for the kids at Children's Hospital Cancer Center. Over the past 3 weeks, they proudly collected toys, worth hundreds of dollars, for delivery to these kids in the hope that it will comfort and bring out the best during their difficult recovery.



A huge "THANK YOU" for helping MSOC get the ball rolling on our first JOOI Club in years goes to **George Mills**, **Donna Priester**, **Bradley Vice Principal Sue Williams** and **Bradley's IB Coordinator Melissa Capooza**, pictured here on far right. Of course that's **Prez Jon Wachter** on the left in the back.

Announcements

Super Zone for Saturday: **Paul Simon** encouraged attendance at the Elks club in Silverthorne starting at 8:30 a.m.

HOBY Leadership Seminar: A seminar is being held this weekend at the Colorado Christian University. On Saturday at 5:30 p.m., there is an opportunity to talk with some of the two hundred participants. **Paul Bernard** heads up our Optimist participation and will email details to those who sign up. [CLICK to learn details about HOBY.](#)

Lowry Elementary Korsoski Award: **Paul Stratton** reported the Korsoski Award presentation was made Wednesday night. This is the sixth year of Super Citizen and Korsoski awards at Lowry. Paul also shared that he and the principle will be handing out nineteen perfect attendance awards to Lowry students at the school this morning. Editor, *obviously, our Optimist presence is appreciated at Lowry.*

Bradley Elementary Korsoski Award: On Thursday evening, **Aaron Berry** presented the Korsoski Award. It was presented when they held their 5th grade continuation program.

CO-WY Chapter MS 150: **Howdy Fry** reminded us that the Club's hydration stop for the MS 150 will be on Sunday, June 29th. Volunteers are needed from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. and are meeting at Silver Creek High School, 4901 Nelson Road in Longmont. Howdy

said he may be the only club member riding. **Fred Pasternack** interjected that we were once up to thirteen riders from our club when he was riding. Of course Fred got heckled, since he was seen most frequently in the re-cover vehicle. Talk to Howdy, Fred, **Bob Avery**, or **Michael Chavez** for the reasons for riding.



Patrick Fry: Howdy finished his announcement time by thanking **Bryan Williams** for helping his son Patrick fined a school befitting his soccer interests and talents. We can all be grateful for the friendships among club members. Patrick just graduated from Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA, helping the school experienced the best run in its soccer history. Patrick was all conference, all mid-Atlantic, team captain, and most valuable player of the conference tournament. Howdy is fresh back from Patrick's graduation. *Congratulations Patrick, MSOC wishes you the best going forward!*



Patrick Fry

Rockies Giveaway: **Michael Chavez** reports we are about five short for helping pass things out at the Rockies game. We need the full contingent (50+) to get our financial reward. Thank you Michael for all your efforts!

Optimist Day at Coors Field: Speaking about the Rockies. On Monday, June 23rd at 6:40 p.m., the Colorado Rockies will play the St Louis Cardinals. This baseball game supports our Junior Golf Program. Anyone who wants tickets should contact **Joe Marci** at 303-771-3748. Seats are available in the upper level infield above home plate or the right field mezzanine for \$21. Outfield box seats cost \$33. Checks should be payable to Optimist Junior Golf. Come on out to see some fine baseball!



Tom Mauro

Rockies Season Ticket Holder of the Month: **Oscar Sorensen** set aside the political barbs to tell us that are own **Tom Mauro**, was selected as "Season Ticket Holder of the month of June." Tom has been Rockies season ticket holder since 1993. To see how Tom answered all of the "Monthly Fan Questions" click on this link http://colorado.rockies.mlb.com/col/sth/sth_of_the_month.jsp?loc=june2014.

Dime-A-Day: **Fred Pasternak** shared that **Mark Metevia** put in for two years' worth of dimes. That is a total of \$73 bucks, but Fred reminded him you need to contribute each year for it to count. Got that!

CO-WY Optimist Gulf Tournament Results: **Joe Marci** reported that fifty-six golfers teed off at the Park Hill Golf Course on Monday June 2nd. Everyone had a great time playing and enjoyed a fine lunch of burgers, hot dogs, and salad.

There were many winners but OI Junior Golf was the biggest as this tournament raised over \$3,000 to support two tournaments this month.

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Announcements Continued

The team awards were won by some potential Optimists who work with **Lynn Jones** and **Joe Marci** at the Saddlerock Golf Course. The winning team recorded a 61 included Gary Reyman, Brad Beckham, Gody Ries and Warren Widow. In second place, with 63 were two Gateway Optimists, Bob Krech and Leland Winters and Sadderods plus Doug Maple and his son Cory.



Joe Marci
Photo John Oss

Closest to the pin awards were won by former member Sam Pegres, Jim Gower, Lynn Jones, Mike Mounts, and Ed Collins. Long putt was won by Littleton Breakfast member Bob Condrey.

Long Drive winners were Joshua Miller for the men and Jo Ann Pegues for the women. Alan Pierce and Jim Easton both won auction for golf outings at Red Hawk and Saddlerock later this year.

Additional Monaco South members who played included **Ron Cisco, Barry Barker, Casey Funk, Frank Middleton, Gary Miller, Todd Olson, Cap Hermann, and Harry Fegley**. There were two foursomes from Littleton Breakfast and from Greeley Optimist clubs. Thanks to all who played this year!

Coming To A Close

Ole and Lena: Tom Hock shared that Ole and Lena had some difficulty. Ask around. It was one to remember. Editor, *I am sure Tom will share it!*

Drawing

There was \$130 in the big pot, and the five of clubs was the card to find. **Jon Wachter, John Walsh, Allen Yockey, Phil Perington, and John Swick** all had lucky numbers. Jon had two winning tickets. He squandered one by drawing the wrong card, just like Phil Perington. **Howdy Fry** wore his name badge but he did not go home with the growing pot. Stay tuned next week.

Our Speaker, Dr. Lixin Zhang

Lixin Acupuncture Clinics

Dr. Zhang promptly captivated the gathering. He surveyed the group for experience with medicine, doctors, medication, and healing. He compared Western and Eastern medicine and which approach should be used for what conditions. Dr. Zhang is a tenth generation Acupuncturist from China. He has been practicing and teaching in the US since 1996. [See the Lixin Acupuncture Clinics web site for many details.](#)



Dr. Lixin Zhang
Photo Don StJohn

About 15 percent of the audience had experience with acupuncturists. Talk health and you are likely to find a fellow Optimist with firsthand experience. This editor's brain surgeon second cousin moved into acupuncture as her main line of work after conducting conventional brain surgeries for over a decade. Insurance companies

have been cautiously adding coverage for acupuncture.

Dr. Zhang used humor to make his points. Everyone believed people could be cured or healed for some conditions. Then he asked who took medications regularly. Obviously healing had not occurred. He said Eastern medicine has a good track record for healing many chronic disorders. Western medicine is very good with many emergency type conditions, but Eastern medicine has more success with chronic conditions. He assigned us the task of researching what the World Health Association has to say about the value of Acupuncture. Meet Dr. Zhang and learn more about the theory of acupuncture by [Clicking Here.](#)

A Bit of Humor



Weekly Greeters

6/13/14	Frank Ross & Craig Eley
6/20/14	Karl Geil & Jeff Johnston
6/27/14	Berry Barker & Joe Marci
Need Friday morning greeters, see O.C Larson, 303-797-7432 or larrison1942@comcast.net	

June 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Michael Cheroutes, Sr. Manager, Colorado Dept. of Transportation
 June 18 Wed 6:30 pm Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 June 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 June 23 Mon 6:40 pm [Optimist Day at Coors Field](#)
 June 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
 June 29 Sun 7:00 am [CO-WY MS 150 Hydration Station, Silver Creek HS, 4901 Nelson Road, Longmont, CO](#)

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
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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
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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.