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Editor for this Issue—Paul Stratton



Good Morning Optimist



It is 7:00 a.m. and time for breakfast and camaraderie! **Pat Bush** and **Ron Cisco** served as our friendly greeters on this penultimate day of May.

Invocation & Pledge

Chaplain **Bob Coulson** began with an invocation asking for us to keep the strength and spirit of optimism at all times.

Remembrance of William "Bill" Culberson



Bill Culberson
Charter Member
July 1976
Photo Craig Eley

John Young shared a few words reflecting on the life of recently passed away charter member **Bill Culberson**. Bill had a career in Chemical Engineering, and John will remember him as a man of a few words and a big heart. Members of MSOC share comfort in having known Bill, and we send thoughts of sympathy and support to his wife and family. See *In Memory of Bill Culberson, 1926-2014*, attached to the GUMS email distribution.

Guest

Tom Karinas, neighbor of our President **Jon Wachter's**, came back for second visit. Tom has many skills with sharp objects, as he is a chef and runs a tree trimming company. Welcome!

Celebration of May Birthday's

As we near the end of the *Merry, Merry Month of May*, those members with May birthdays received the gift they weren't hoping for - a serenade from the worst choir they've ever known - us! HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Should you care to hear Stephen Foster's version, of *The Merry, Merry Month of May* published in 1862, go to <http://www.stephen-foster-songs.de/foster053.htm>. The "BD Boys" are: **George Buzick, Robert Duvall, Harry Fagley, Keith Gallaway, Al Gapuzan, Karl Geil, Tom Mauro, David Peck, James Riley, Gary Strowbridge, and John Young.**

Announcements

Rockies Giveaway: **Michael Chavez** reports with a reminder that June 8th in the day we are helping pass things out at the Rockies game. Already 48 people have signed up. Please be there at 11:30 a.m. and go to the employee entrance. Thanks!

CO-WY Chapter MS 150: **Michael** also let us know that our involvement with the MS 150 will be on Sunday, June 29th. The club is running a hydration stop for the riders. Volunteers are needed from 7:00 a.m. until 2 p.m., and are meeting at Silver Creek High School, 4901 Nelson Road in Longmont. The **Tamarac Club** is helping as well, and lunch will be provided.



HOBY Youth Leadership Seminar: **Paul Bernard** reminded us that the HOBY picnic is Saturday, June 7th at 5:30 p.m. Paul is in need of at least six more volunteers. Club members will visit with high school sophomores and talk to them about volunteerism. Each of the kids have committed to doing 100 hours of community service.



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******

Announcements Continued

CO-WY District Optimist Junior Golf: Joe Marci is looking for help with two Junior Golf tournaments. Over 150 kids will be playing in these tournaments. Boys 14-18 and Girls 15-18 tournament date at Flatirons Golf Course on Wednesday, June 11th, and Boys 10-13 and Girls 10-14 tournament date at Fitzsimons Golf Course on Wednesday, June 18th. See Joe or give him a call, 303-847-784, for more details.



Hamilton Middle School Update: Karl Geil reported that he and **Tom Mauro** were at Hamilton Middle School twice last week. They gave out awards to the twenty kids who qualified for the Accelerated Reader Program. The club gave them each \$50. Additionally, there were thirty kids who read three million words (that is 3,000,000!) and were recognized. **Tom Mauro** noted that one child has read twenty-one million words during their three years at Hamilton! Tom and Karl also awarded the Charlie Korsoski Super Citizen award to two very poised students.

Classic Car Show: Fred Pasternak reported that there would be a Classic Car Club show on June 14th at the HighPointe Assisted Living facility at 6383 East Girard Place (Hampden & I-25). It goes from 10:30 - 2:00 and will include a pig roast. If you wanted to enter your classic car, RSVP to 720-545-9666. See flyer attached to GUMS email distribution.

Roundup Fellowship Car Show: Fred also shared that on July 12th will be Roundup Fellowship Car Show at Lincoln High School, 2285 S. Federal, from 1:00 - 4:00. You can enter your car or bike for \$20. Please call 303-353-8312 for information. See flyer attached to GUMS email distribution.

Thank You Notes

President Jon shared thank you notes from Hamilton MS for our support of programs. Also the CU College of Liberal Arts and Science sent a thank you letter for our support of National History. Joyce Layman sent a note of thanks for the club's contribution to OI in her husband's name, **Gary Layman**.



Editor, also received an email thank you from Gabrielle (Gabby) Straus, 1st place essay contest winner, saying, "Thank you for having us! It was a great experience. Thank you for all of the pictures as well!"

From the Prez

President Jon recognized some members returning since we have not seen them in a while. Welcome to: Leo Hagele, Jim Vander Kamp, Joe Marci, David Peck, Bill Anderson, David Telpner, and Harry Arkin. Hope to see you all next week!

PGI Convention Tips

By Phil Perington

Okay all you PGI folks, here are a few bits of info to get you more credits in your Passport levels of accom-

plishment.

Level V Attendance at a District Meeting if you attended the 3rd Quarter Conference check it off. If you also participated in an Optimist Skills Development session you can check that off as well.

Level VI Knowledge of Organization will get you a check off if you made a presentation of a Club program in either the Brag Room or at one of the sessions.

Level VII Attendance at two consecutive District Conferences is an easy check off if this was your second conference in a row. You can also check off the Communication box if you helped another member at the Conference achieve the Level I qualifications. Take a look at what that involves and you might be surprised how easy is to get a fellow member on the road to PGI.

As we like to tell our Optimist kids ... everything we do all adds up. The upcoming HOBY offers a lot of great opportunities to engage youth, promote optimism and get PGI credits.

Do We Have a Drawing?



Being a camaraderie day, the drawing came early. We had a DRAWING and \$120 was available for the lucky soul who drew the Four of Diamonds. *If only she would look this good, was heard from the ticket blue holders!* Which were:

- **Donlie Smith** and **Tom Mauro** took a shot and came up empty. Cups went to: **Bob Avery, David Peck, Pat Bush, John Oss, Karl Geil, and Craig Eley**.
- With his Nametag on **Rod Winget**, but he did not have the luck of the draw.

Closing Creed

Craig Eley started us off out the door and onto our day: "Promise Yourself...."

A Bit of Humor



Paul Bernard shares, "Growing Old is mandatory, Growing Up is optional."

Photo Don StJohn



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Camaraderie day

This being camaraderie day, there were a series of jokes to offensive to the senses to mention here. Not foul language, mind you, just foul. No offense to **Oscar Sorensen, Bryce Slaby, Jim Vander Kamp, John Young** and some others...

Spoken Luminaries

"When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land." Desmond Tutu

"America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked." David Letterman

"I'm not a paranoid, deranged millionaire. Dammit, I'm a billionaire." Howard Hughes

"After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box." Italian proverb

"Men are like linoleum floors. Lay 'em right and you can walk all over them for years." May West

"The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats." Jean Kerr

"I've been married to a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage!" Zsa Zsa Gabor

"You know you're a redneck if your home has wheels and your car doesn't." Jeff Foxworthy

"When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife." Prince Philip

"A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing." Emo Philips.

"Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself." Harrison Ford

"The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree." Spike Milligan

"Lawyers believe a man is innocent until proven broke." Robin Hall

"Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror." Jean Rostand

"Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million." Arnold Schwarzenegger

"We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea." W. H. Auden

"In hotel rooms I worry. I can't be the only guy who sits on the furniture naked." Jonathan Katz

"If life were fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead." Johnny Carson

"I don't believe in astrology. I am a Sagittarius and we're very skeptical." Arthur C. Clarke

"Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap." Steve Martin

"Home cooking. Where many a man thinks his wife is." Jimmy Durante

"As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder." John Glenn

"If toast always lands butter-side down, and cats always land on their feet, what happens if you strap toast on the back of a cat?" Steven Wright

"America is so advanced that even the chairs are electric." Doug Hamwell

"The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone who's there." George Roberts

"If God had intended us to fly he would have made it easier to get to the airport!" Jonathan Winters

"I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it." Robert Benchley

Super Citizen Presenters for June

June 3 @ 12:45	McMeen	Rob Gardner
June 5 @ 9:30	Holm	Donlie Smith
June 6 @ 2:00	Univ Park	Bob Avery
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 gardnerrb@gmail.com		

Weekly Greeters

6/6/14	John Oss & Tom Glazier
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 larsen1942@comcast.net	

June 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Lixin Zhang, Acupuncture
June 7	Sat	5:30 pm	HOBY Colorado Leadership Seminar at Colorado Christian University, see Paul Bernard
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 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

**Past Presidents of the
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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
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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.