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Good Morning Optimist

Keith Gallaway and Bob Avery rose early to greet us this Friday the 23rd of January. Did anyone mention that on this day in 1957, machines at the



Wham-O toy company roll out the first batch of their aerodynamic plastic discs—now known to millions of fans all over the world as Frisbees?

The story of the Frisbee began in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where William Frisbie opened the Frisbie Pie Company in 1871. Students from nearby universities would throw the empty pie tins to each other, yelling “Frisbie!” as they let go. In 1948, Walter Frederick Morrison and his partner Warren Franscioni invented a plastic version of the disc called the “Flying Saucer” that could fly further and more accurately than the tin pie plates. After splitting with Franscioni, Morrison made an improved model in 1955 and sold it to the new toy company Wham-O as the “Pluto Platter”—an attempt to cash in on the public craze over space and Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

In 1958, a year after the toy’s first release, Wham-O the company behind such top-sellers as the Hula-Hoop, the Super Ball and the Water Wiggle changed its name to the Frisbee disc, misspelling the name of the historic pie company. A company designer, Ed Headrick, patented the design for the modern Frisbee in December 1967, adding a band of raised ridges on the disc’s surface—called the Rings—to stabilize flight. By aggressively marketing Frisbee—playing as a new sport, Wham-O sold over 100 million units of its famous toy by 1977. See more @ <http://www.wham-o.com/history.html>.

Invocation & Pledge

Our invocation came from new member Noel Hasselgren, a new member, who delivered a reminder to work hard to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own. He then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag



From the Prez

Do we have good speakers or what? I have witnessed similar experiences at DTC and Tamarac. We can turn to **Paul Bernard**, smile shake his hand and thank him. And, we can do the same with **Paul Simon**. They teamed to find and schedule our speaker. Teaming up goes further. Noel helped the cause at the MPB Super Citizen presentation he went because he was asked. He got an earful. He was early and the staff expressed the school’s gratitude for the years of Optimist teaming with them in encouraging their students.

I can do better by doing more asking and expressing my gratitude. I have been and am being given so much. How else can I proceed?

Announcements

Brain Bowl: Karl Geil shared that the Brain Bowl Central Regional competition is coming up in one week. Seventy-three (73) teams will compete using 30 rooms at Heritage High School in Littleton. The volunteer list is looking good, but more are welcome!

Tri Star Basketball: Michael Chavez announced that Tri Star basketball will be held on Monday, February 23rd. We need volunteers to arrive at 3:30 p.m., and the competition runs from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. It will be held at the Cope Boys and Girls Club at 808 Inca. Tri Star basketball is a skills competition for boys and girls between the age of 8 and 13. Michael if you can help.



Wives and Sweethearts to Breakfast
Friday, February 13 @ 7 a.m.
Valentines Day
Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite

Remember
NO MEETING AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL

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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

Wives and Sweethearts to Breakfast: **Craig Eley** proclaimed that on Friday, February 13th, will be a great day starting at 7:00 a.m. Wives and friends are invited to breakfast at Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite, and breakfast will be accompanied by a musician/comedian—a real one, not Craig. Tickets are \$18 per person, please pay in advance (checks should be made out to the club). NOTE: There will be no meeting at the American Legion on that Friday! Those who do showing up at the Legion Hall will be: 1) lonely, and 2) targets for teasing for at least 365 days.

MSOC Ski Day: **Bob Avery** said the ski day was planned for Monday, January 26; but how will be on Thursday, February 26th. More details to follow.

Eagle Scout Banquet: **Bob Avery** also shared that the 2015 Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet is scheduled for Friday, February 20th.

Annual Council Volunteer Recognition Dinner: Also from Bob, on March 18th, the Boy Scouts Denver Area Council will have their annual council volunteer recognition dinner.



This dinner is to celebrate the outstanding achievements of their volunteers. Our own **Donlie Smith** will be awarded the Silver Beaver! It will be held at the Denver Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street. Tickets are \$45. The event begins at 5:00 p.m., with dinner and the program starting at 6:00. To register, go to <https://denverboyscouts.doubleknot.com/Registration/RegisterAll.aspx>.

Super Bowl Square: **Joe Marci** promoted his Super Bowl squares to support Junior Golf. He said that time is running out to sign up for a \$2 square. Members can enter the contest and try to win \$40. The contest also donates \$40 to Junior Golf. Contact Joe Marci if you would like to enter and he will give you your numbers for the Patriots and Seahawks.

Golf Expo: **Joe Marci** also mentioned that the Golf Expo needs volunteers. We still need members to work at the Merchandise Mart on Friday through Sunday, February 20-22. The hours are 10 to 5 on Friday, 9 to 5 Saturday, and 10 to 4 Sunday. Let Joe Marci know if you would like to volunteer.



Poker Tournament: **Ron Gustas** announced that the T1 Diabetes Optimist Club is planning a poker tournament to raise money for the club in May. He is looking for help organizing and running the tournament if you have some poker tournament expertise or know someone who does, let Ron know.

Special Olympic Polar Plunge: **Mike McMahon** said it is only two-weeks away until the Polar Plunge, a Special Olympics fundraiser. Mike will be jumping in the icy water. Please sign up to support him or get a check to Mike. Visit <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1118688>, Click "Sponsor a Plunger," and search for Mike McMahon.

CO/WY 2nd Qtr. Game/Conference: The Second Quarter Game/Conference is coming up on February 28, 2015. The meeting will be held at the Franciscan Event Center, 7740 Deer Hill Grove, Colorado Springs, CO. The agenda and registration form for this conference are attached the GUMS distribution email. Remember, the Club will reimburse members to attend on the 28th for lunch, up to \$25. You first must register and submit a copy of your registration form or check to Treasurer Greg Young for reimbursement.

OI 2015 Optimist Pocket Planner. For all those



serious about planning and keeping track of what Optimist projects they are attending Optimist International is offering a pocket calendar planner for \$2.50 each. To

order go to, [CLICK HERE](#).

Drawing

We had a drawing! The pot has swelled all the way up to \$20, since it was cleaned out by winning **Jack Kleinheksel**, and so this week we were in search of the *Ace of Hearts*. The "sure thing" cups were taken by: **Craig Eley, Karl Geil, Pat Bush, Randy Marcove, Jack Kleinheksel (once again), and Karl Geil (he goes for twofers!)**.



Kent Gloor and **Cy Regan** drew from the deck in hopes of finding the ace, but alas, no luck. For the name tag draw, **Scott Walker's** name was called, but alack, he was not wearing his. This became **Russ Paul's** good fortune, as his name was called next. He reached into the deck, but, "close but no cigar."

Origins of Some of Our Strange Customs

- ◆ WHY do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?
BECAUSE: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.
- ◆ WHY do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?
BECAUSE: This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning 'help me' – and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'
- ◆ WHY are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?
BECAUSE: In France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (naturally), mispronounced it 'love.'
- ◆ WHY do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?
BECAUSE: In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

Mark Hardcastle
Author, Restoring Harmony When Your World Is Out of Tune

Paul Simon introduced our speaker today - Mark Hardcastle. As Mark started, he recognized a friend and colleague speaker Joe Townsend, and encouraged us to invite Joe back to share his story in the near future.

Author Mark Hardcastle recognized years ago that patterns were developing around events in his life. Good things happened. Bad things happened. Sometimes very good, sometimes very bad. But in the end, everything always seemed to work out. Was that just a matter of chance? Or was it something he could rely on?

After several years of journaling about that reality, Mark broke his neck in a mountain biking accident near Moab, Utah. An event like that has the effect of powerfully focusing one's attentions. And



now, just over two years later, Mark has written a book about his life experiences and he travels around the country speaking to groups of all sizes about how the Wheel of



Mark Hardcastle
Photo Don StJohn

Fortune turns, and how we can create great lives.

Mark graduated from the USAF Academy in 1982. After nine years as a pilot on active duty, he left the military to join a commercial airline. In addition to flying B-777s around the world, Hardcastle invests in real estate and enjoys spending time in the Rocky Mountains and serving on the artistic staff of the Colorado Children's Chorale. He lives in Centennial, Colorado, with his wife and four children. Mark shared with us six main questions which can help you develop the text of your life:

In a world in which I cannot fail:

- ⇒ What do I want to do?
- ⇒ What do I want to be?
- ⇒ What do I want to have?
- ⇒ What do I want to give?
- ⇒ How do I want to spend my time?
- ⇒ With whom do I want to spend my time?

Mark had copies of his book, and generously donated 20% of the sales back to our club. Thanks Mark!

A bit of Humor, from Steve Kady



Pessimist — sees half empty

Optimist — sees half full

For Me — Yea, there is room for vodka

Weekly Greeters

1/30/15	Nick Newey & Steve Kady
2/6/15	Gary Strowbridge & Jon Wachter
2/13/15	Jack Kleinheksel & George Buzick
2/20/15	Bob Avery & Ralph Pedersen
2/27/15	Barry Barker & Don Thomson
Need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or jon_wachter@msn.com	

Super Citizen Presenters Jan. & Feb.

Jan 21 @ 2:30	MPB	Jim VanderKamp
Jan 29 @ 1:30	McMeen	Bob Avery
Jan 30 @ 1:40	Univ. Park	Joe Marci
Jan 30 @ 3:00	Bradley	Jon Wachter
Feb 6 @ 9:00	Holm	Bob Avery
Feb 18 @ 8:00	Highline	?
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 gardnerrb@gmail.com		

Jan 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - David Walcher, Arapahoe County Sheriff
Jan 31	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl Central Regional Tournament, Heritage High School, Littleton, CO
Feb 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Stephanie Villafuerte, Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center
Feb 13	Fri	7:00 am	Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite - Wives / Sweetheart to Breakfast
Feb 19	Thu	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Feb 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

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Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
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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.