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Editor for this Issue—Robert Wardlaw



Good Morning Optimist

Good morning Optimists! A beautiful morning with the sun revealing a wet and very green landscape.

Jon Wachter and **Robert Wardlaw**, this month's



GUMS editor, do a great job of greeting everyone this morning. Where are those "little rascals" who signed up to be a greeter and then did not show. They must have been watching the 1936 reruns of "Little Rascals Spooky Hooky" @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Jt3nNbJeA0>.

First Bell

Greg Young, standing in for President **John Oss** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. Prez John was caring for his wife Ruth, who just had cataract surgery.

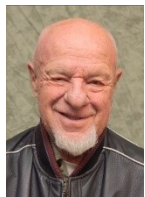
Invocation & Pledge

Paul Stratton delivers the invocation this morning. The message this morning talks about the gift of children and childhood. We should be mindful that young minds can be made aware that they are the future and their leadership will influence the world one day. Paul then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Greg then encourages members and guests to greet one another with an *optimistic hello*!

Guests

There are several guests with us this morning. **Steve Kady** tells us that **Bob Albertson** has returned for a second visit. Give him a application.

Karl Geil introduces **Bob Kritch** from the Gateway Optimist Club. Bob thanks those who supported his club at their recent pancake breakfast, reporting they had the best turnout they have ever had. Bob also tells us that **Fred Pasternack**, beloved member of our own South Monaco Optimist Club as well as the Gateway Club has received a serious diagnosis from his doctor and to keep Fred in our thoughts and prayers. By the way, anyone who wants to visit Freddy



Fred Pasternack
Photo Craig Eley

should call Karen first. He currently has many appointments and is coming home very tired.

Tom Glazier introduces his friend Keith who is attending this morning.

John Young introduces Harry, who was once President of the Civic Center Optimist Club. Harry says good morning and hello to a few familiar faces and that he still remembers the *Optimist Creed*.

Randy Marcove has several guests that he introduces. Ajani, Lisa, and Paul Grady Willis who are his neighbors. Sue Williams, Vice Principal, and MSOC member **Steve Wera** who is the Principal at Bradley International School. Additionally, Meagan Bobroskie and Addie Howard both second grade teachers were here to support our guest of honor Andrea Holmes. Andrea, also a second grade teacher at Bradley is here as our recipient of the "Excellence in Education Award, more on that later. Randy's son Charlie a former student of Ms. Holmes, also joining us this morning. Welcome guests!

Announcements

HOBY Leadership Conference: **Paul Bernard**, who tells us that he graduated from Bradley, announces the HOBY Leadership Seminar will be coming up in a couple weeks at Denver University. The Hugh O'Brian Leadership Seminar (LS) works with high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become ethical and effective leaders in their home, school, workplace, and community. Paul is looking for a few volunteers to help.

Super Citizen Program: **Don Thomson** recaps the last Super Citizen Award assembly for this school year, at McMeen Elementary this past Wednesday.



They had a water main break on the day the assembly was to take place, the event was rescheduled, and all went well. The Charles Korsoski award will be presented Friday. Don also wished to thank on behalf of the school representatives a big THANK YOU

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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

Rob Gardner who took over the presenter organizing duties, **Robert Wardlaw** who helped distribute frames and t-shirts, and especially **Robert Finkelmeier** who completed all 865 Super Citizen citizenship certificates and 10 Charles Korsoski certificates. Thank you all for a wonderful year.

Jimmie Brown Perfect Attendance Award: **Greg Young** share that he presented on behalf of **Paul Stratton** awards to ten students



Megan Johnson
Photo Greg Young

across all grades at Lowry Elementary School. These ten kids have achieved perfect attendance and no days tardy. Named for **Jimmie Brown**, a wonderful MSOC Optimist, and past District Governor, the award recognizes that Jimmie Brown never missed school in his career as a student. To date Lowry and Bradley have given out awards each

year. At Lowry, one special young lady, **Megan Johnson**, pictured, achieved this honor for the third year in a row. In addition to the regular prizes of gift certificates and a framed certificate from the club, Megan won four Rockies tickets for her and her family.

Randy Marcove added that at Bradley International that seven students were to receive a perfect attendance award, but on the last day, one student was tardy. *This is what being an Optimist is all about.*

Charles Korsoski Award: **Randy Marcove** tells us that his son Charlie had his continuation ceremony at Hamilton. **Aaron Beery** took over presenter duties for the Charles Korsoski award at Bradley.

Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride: **Michael Chavez** mentioned he is still looking for more volunteers to man the lunch stop for the MS Bike Ride on Sunday, June 28. He needs 4 or 5 more volunteers. The club has helped out with this event for over 20 years and Michael needs help to set up tents, rehydrate riders, etc. **Craig Eley** will again be taking photos of the riders. Supporting this event helps raises money to help those suffering from MS.

Handouts at Rockies Game: After Friday's Rockies game **Michael Chavez** emailed that he wanted to thank everyone for helping with the Rockies which earned the \$500. They were **Curt & Sharon Boell; Michael White; Kent Gloor; Dick Nickoloff; Everett Gardner; Karl & Leslie Geil; Scott Walker; John Green** and friends; **Curt & Trish Merrill; Joe Marci** and friends; **Tom & Laura Hoch** with daughter Emily and grandson Jackson; **Frank & Sandy Middleton; Bob Avery; Greg & Diane Young;** and **Russ Paul.**



Pictured from left, Michael Chavez, Tom & Laura Hoch with daughter Emily and grandson Jackson, Frank & Sandy Middleton, Greg & Diane Young.

Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** is looking for golfers to participate in a golf day that will raise money for Jr. Golf. This Thursday at Fitsimmons. Come out for a fun day and help support Jr. Golf. Call Joe for details.

MS Ride: **Bob Avery** brought his collection of jerseys from the past 20+ years as a rider for the Bike MS event. He is passing around the pledge sheet for members who wish to sponsor riders from the club for this. He encourages any rider who is interested in to participate. Bob also reports about the continuation ceremony that took place yesterday at University Park Elementary and the Korsoski award presentation.



Photo Don StJohn

Hamilton Middle School Banquet: **Tom Mauro** tells us about the recognition banquet held last night at Thomas Jefferson High School for the kids from Hamilton Middle. One young lady read 5.8 million words during the past year. This great program encourages students to read more and become better learners.

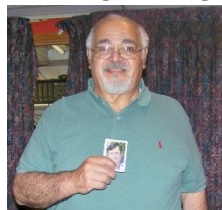


Tom also let us know that FOO member and Hamilton principal **Nick Dawkins** surprised Tom by naming a Community Service Award after him. The first recipient of the "Tom Mauro Community Service Award" was Sydney Burckhardt, a George Washington HS International Baccalaureate student and Prudential Community Service Scholarship winner as well as a Boettcher Foundation scholarship recipient. She was 1 of 100 finalists for this scholarship.

Congratulations to both Tom and Sydney!

Drawing

Greg Young asks, do we have a drawing? Yes



Ron Cisco
Photo Don StJohn

and there is a pot totaling \$160 this morning. The ticket is drawn and **Ron Cisco** has the winning ticket and he pulls the lucky King of Spades out of the pile. Good for you Ron, all that good karma coming back for you. Remaining members who receive a cup for having their ticket called include **Terry Shroyer,**

Phil Perington, Allen Malask (twice), **Pat Bush,** and **Bob Avery.** No, need for **Craig Eley** to come up this morning and will start a new pot next week.

Closing

Go out to this beautiful day and spread the word of Optimism.

Alberto Pellicer of the **Denver Public Library** is looking for volunteers for the libraries "Read Aloud Program" that currently serves more than 5,000 children.

◇ Committing 30 minutes a week from September to December (around 14 weeks, excluding holidays). You can find more information and the actual application here: http://kids.denverlibrary.org/growups/read_aloud.html.

Email apellicer@denverlibrary.org or give him a call at 720-865-0320.

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Excellence in Education Award
Presented by Tom Mauro and Randy Marcove

Tom Mauro talks about the *Excellence in Education Award* and our guest this morning. This award recognizes teachers that work with our children and grandchildren and who go beyond the norm for this task that is so important. He asks **Randy Marcove** to come to the stage and speak about this year's recipient.

Randy introduces Andrea Holmes who is a Second Grade Teacher at Bradley International Elementary School. Mrs. Holmes comes from a long line of educators and earned her undergraduate degree from Indiana University and a masters at Lesley University a private, coeducational university in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She has been teaching at Bradley for over 20 years.

Mrs. Holmes sets high expectations for her students and does everything she can to help them learn to be good students and citizens.

Mr. Addie Howard takes the microphone and tells us he has taught at Bradley for 10 years and how Mrs. Holmes is a mentor to him and leads by example in all that she does at the school.

Ms. Meagan Bobroski who is completing her first year of teaching shares she is so thankful to have the support and guidance of Mrs. Holmes who has been so willing to give of her time and energy to help her.

Mr. **Steve Wera**, as the Principal at Bradley tells us that Mrs. Holmes is a distinguished member of the



Andrea Holmes hearing accolades from one of her current student's, Ajani Grady-Wills.
Photos Don StJohn

staff. She encourages her students to write, a skill that is becoming rarer in the age of text and computer work. She prepares her students for success and steps forward to help in any way that she can. He also provided a message via an internet link from a former team member who is now teaching in Turkey.

Randy then presented Mrs. Holmes with a certificate and gift from the club for her efforts and recognition. She offers a few words of thanks including much appreciation for her good fortune to be able to teach every day. To teach these students here in Denver, the opportunity to help young people every day is a gift she does not take for granted.

It is teachers like Mrs. Andrea Holmes that produces Super Citizens and who young students learn and take guidance. Thank you to Andrea Holmes for her work in teaching.



Andrea Holmes surrounded by her 2nd grade class when she learned she was the recipient of the MSOC Excellence in Education Award.
Photo Randy Marcove



Top, Andrea Holmes.
Bottom, Meagan Bobroski with Randy Marcove.

Weekly Greeters	
6/12/15	Noel Hasselgren & Robert Wardlaw
6/19/15	Tom Glazier & Allen Malask
6/26/15	Nick Newey & ?
Need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or jon_wachter@msn.com	

June 12 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Live Kidney Donation, Mike McMahon & Kim Margolin
June 13 Sat		HOBY Leadership Conference, see Paul Bernard
June 18 Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
June 19 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
June 26 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Fiduciary Standards for Financial Advisors, Ben Moultrie
June 28 Sun	7:00 am	Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride, Trail Ridge Middle School, 1000 Button Rock Dr., Longmont
July 3 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
July 10 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Flamenco Guitarist Extraordinaire, Miguel Espinoza
July 16 Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

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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.