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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush



Good Morning Optimists

The weather was perfect this morning. It was so good that your editor pedaled his bicycle to the meeting. *"I arrived early and four members were sitting around the greeter's table. But when I went to get my name badge and I had yet to be greeted, I knew something was awry. Questioning the four, I found out that none of them were an official greeter. It appears that the greeters had not yet arrived. However, I was informed that the official greeters finally made it to the hall and assumed their duties."*



First Bell

Our President, **Michael Chavez**, called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 a.m. The invocation of the morning called upon the members to lead our youngsters by example and teach them our values so that they may grow into responsible adults that are actively involved with our communities and can pass the same on to their children.

Guests

We had one guest this morning, a guest of **Karl Geil**. **Brad Bouy**, Store Manager at Office Depot. Brad has donated to the Monaco South's school supply drive in the past. He recently donated another three big boxes of supplies. He seemed like a nice guy and we invite him back to another meeting and hope that he finds this group to be one that he would like to join.

From the Prez

Prez Michael shared that several members attended the Denver Teachers' Awards 58th Anniversary Banquet last Thursday evening, May 12th at the Stapleton DoubleTree Hotel. Monaco South was presented with the 2015– 2016 Helen Phelps Organization Award. This award is presented each year to an outstanding volunteer organization that has supported the educational effort in the Denver Public School System. Awards were also presented to five outstanding DPS teachers. The description of Monaco South club that was contained in the evening's program is shown.

2015-2016 Helen Phelps Organization Award Optimist Club of Monaco South



The Optimist Club of Monaco South was founded in 1976 to serve the community in South Denver. The club boasts more than 150 members and is primarily interested in supporting projects for our community's youth. The club's primary service project is the Super Citizen Program. The club presents Super Citizen Awards to students for outstanding citizenship. At a school assembly, each recipient receives a T-shirt and a framed certificate signed by Denver's Mayor, Chief of Police, and the club President. Currently the club's Super Citizen Project is active in 10 Denver Schools.

To encourage reading and literacy, the club provides a \$100 savings bond to each Hamilton Middle School student who receives 500 points in the Accelerated Reading Program. The club established the Robert Sullivan Scholarship fund and annually provides scholarships to deserving seniors from Thomas Jefferson High. The club supports East High School Constitutional Scholars, T.J. High School Band and Robotics programs, the Special Olympics, and the Schlessman YMCA with annual donations from funds raised by the club's Christmas Tree Lot project.

In the past year, the club has served 900 Thanksgiving dinners to Boys and Girls Club members, donated \$1,400 to help childhood cancer patients, provided "Brain Bowl" participation for 800 middle school students, provided \$8,000 in scholarships to high school seniors and sponsored numerous oratorical and essay contests. Since 1976, the club has invested over one million dollars in our community.

Program write up and picture. The picture above was taken at an announcement reception held on April 21st at the Career Education Center Early College of Denver.



Henry Schonewise, president, Denver Teachers' Awards and Michael Chavez.

Photo Bob Avery



Those in attendance were Thomas Mauro, Oscar Sorensen, Robert Avery, Michael Chavez, Frank Middleton, Governor Curt Merrill, Mark Metevia. Also in attendance not pictured were Donald Thomson, Robert Finkelmeier, Edward Collins, and Phillip Perington.

Photo Joie Mauro

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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******

From the Prez Continued

Casino Night: A lot is going on this weekend. Casino night is a fundraiser for the CO-WY District Childhood Cancer Campaign. It will be held tonight, Friday, May 13th starting at 5:30 p.m. at the South Metro Denver Realtor Association. There will be food, entertainment, games and prizes.

Third Quarter Conference: The 3rd Quarter District Conference will be held tomorrow, Saturday, May 14th. The conference will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant located at 7401 Clinton in Englewood. Breakfast is served at 8:00 a.m. and the conference starts at 9:00 a.m. You can pay your registration at the door if you haven't already registered. Among the distinguished guests will be the OI Regional Vice President Al Clark, the District Essay Contest Winner, key note speaker will be Amelia Earhart, Channel 9 News personality and the CCDHH contest will be conducted during the conference.

Pancake Breakfast: The Gateway Optimist Annual Pancake Breakfast is also tomorrow, Saturday, May 14th. It will be held at the Village Inn on Mississippi Ave., just east of I-225. Cost is just \$8.00 per person and it is all the pancakes you can eat.

Dime-A-Day: The MSOC Dime-A-Day chairman, Perry Allen, is back in town. He would like to remind all members about the Dime-A-Day program. You can participate by donating just one dime each day for the entire year to the OI Foundation. However, rather than sending a check for 10 cents each day, he suggests just one check for \$36.50. He also mentioned that you aren't limited to just one Dime-A-Day donation. Several of the MSOC members have actually made multiple Dime-A-Day donations.

Announcements

JDRF On-Line Auction: Via an email Ron Gustas that



all you deal hunters might be interested in the JDRF On-Line Auction that runs through May 22nd. You can access the site by going to www.32auctions.com/diabetes2016. Over 100 items will be auctioned off in a fundrais-

ing event for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Among the items are greens fee packages for 9 different golf courses, certificates for restaurants, lodging and entertainment, exotic car driving experiences, wine baskets, jewelry and more. And if that wasn't enough you'll want to check back often as more items will be added during the course of the auction. The proceeds helps to fund 30 "camperships" to the week long summer camp for kids with Type 1 diabetes. This camp is very expensive because all of the medical support to treat diabetes is constantly on hand by for any emergencies. It is one of the rare opportunities for the kids to get out on their own. Please invite friends and family to participate in this most worthwhile event.

DTC Wine Tasting: The DTC Optimist Club will be conducting a wine tasting fundraiser at the Citron Bistro Restaurant at 3535 S. Yosemite Street. The event will run from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday May 21st. Tickets cost \$40.00 at the door but you can save \$5.00 by purchasing your tickets prior to the event. Several members in the club are selling the tickets. Come by and enjoy the company of friends while tasting various wines.

MS Run the US Welcome Tent: Monaco South Optimist Club will be setting up a tent at Denver's City Park to welcome Kaitlyn Morgan as she finishes her leg of the race which will extend from Steamboat Springs to Denver. Kaitlyn should be finishing around noon on Saturday May 29. Please join us in welcoming Kaitlyn after 7 days of running.

CO-WY Junior Golf: Do not forget the two upcoming fundraisers for the Optimist Junior Golf program. The first is a Senior Golf Tournament to be held at Park Hill Golf Course on Tuesday, May 24th. Tee time is 7:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$110 which includes golf, cart and lunch plus a \$55.00 donation to the Junior Golf program.

The second fundraiser is a Rockies baseball game on Sunday, June 12th. First pitch will be at 2:10 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 and includes a \$5 donate to Junior Golf. For those unfamiliar with Junior Golf, this is a District wide project that includes two youth golf tournaments that qualifies a couple of dozen players to play in the Optimist International Tournament in Florida later this summer. Volunteers for the Boulder Flatiron Tournament are being sought for Thursday, June 16 because they expect 150 golfers for this tournament. More info can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/cowyoptimistgolf/>. Contact **Joe Marci** or **Bob Meyer**.

Please support them by attending the two fund raisers and maybe even making an additional donation or your time to help run these huge events.

Aurora Symphony Orchestra: Jack Kleinheksel said the last concert for the Aurora Symphony Orchestra will be held at North Middle School in Aurora this Sunday, May 12th at 3 p.m. If you are just now learning this, you're probably too late. However, you are not too late for the auditions for the 2016-17 season. Those will be held at the Aurora Central Library on August 11th, 6:45-9:00 p.m., and August 13th, 12:00-3:00 p.m. They would welcome your participation if you play any instrument other than a Kazoo.

From the Editor

Names in the Newsletter

When one member found out I, Pat Bush, was the newsletter editor this month, he mentioned that the primary reason members made announcements at the meeting was to get their name in the newsletter. He then made an announcement, participated in a recent project, won the drawing and told a joke. I told him it was just to get his name in the newsletter. *Please note, no member names were used in the writing of newsletter this week—well except for those inserted unbeknownst to me. Besides, I misplaced my notes and didn't know who made what announcements. In fact, this whole newsletter was made up from my memory.*

Weekly Drawing Winners

Several members won the drawing; however, I cannot recall their names. Some opted for the cups to get the "for sure" money but three took a shot at the big pot and had no luck. That I can remember. And the pot continues to grow.



A Bit of Humor



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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

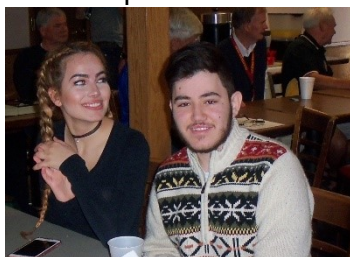
The six Bob Sullivan Scholarship Award Winners from Thomas Jefferson High School visited us this morning. They each told us what their most rewarding experience in high school has been, their favorite teacher, where they plan to go to school, and what they plan to study. The Monaco South Optimists presented six \$1,000 scholarships to deserving Thomas Jefferson students this past spring. Editor: *I must say these students had some of the most amazing resumes that I have seen in the several years that I helped with the program.*



L to R: Michael Chavez, Evan Anderson, Franz Torres, Gabriella Harrison, Blasie Hokkanen, Mohammad Ramadan, Mahdi Ramadan, and Rena Maez, TJHS College Advisor.

Photo Steve Kady

Scholarship Winners with Friends and Family Members



Photos Don StJohn

So, What's the Problem?

Going to the Store

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy a carton of milk and if they have avocados, get six." A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?" He replied, "They had avocados." (Go ahead - Read it again)

Water in the Carburetor

Wife: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor."
 Husband: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous."
 Wife: "I tell you the car has water in the carburetor."
 Husband: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car? Wife: "In the river."

He must pay!

Husband and wife had a bit of a tiff. Wife called up her Mom and said, "He fought with me again, I am coming to live with you."
 Mom said, "No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you."

May Super Citizen Presenters

May 18 @ 1:00	Samuels	Joe Marci
May 18 @ 2:30	MPB	Dave Peck
May 19 @ 2:15	Univ. Park	Dave Peck
May 19 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Curt Merrill
May 26 @ 9:00	Lowry	Paul Stratton

Weekly Greeters

5/13/16	Aaron Beery & Craig Eley
5/20/16	Eldon Strong & Jim Vander Kamp
5/27/16	Bob Avery & Kent Gloor
6/3/16	Ron Cisco & Casey Funk

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40th Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

May 19 Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
May 20 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Excellence In Education Award & TJHS Essay Contest Winners
May 27 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Jun 3 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Joe Marci, Junior Golf
Jun 10 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA



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Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
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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.