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Good Morning Optimist

As we walked into the Post #1 of the American Legion Hall this morning, we were treated to the enthusiastic duo of **Bill Morgan** and **O C Larson** this morning. There were high spirits and high fives for everyone.



Our bountiful breakfast buffet was again present with lots of delicious scrambled eggs, juicy link sausage, tiny little tater tots, fresh fruit, oatmeal, Danish, doughnuts, juice and plenty of coffee for hungry diners.

Gary Miller, back from vacation was commanding the Pay Table with care and diligence, checking closely for counterfeit \$2 bills.



Morning Camaraderie

Gary Miller, **Lynn Jones** and **Joe Marci** were in animated conversation discussing the future (if any) of Rockies Manager Walt Weiss.

The "Table of Wisdom" was in full thought and conversation and **Donlie Smith** was added to the group by a unanimous vote. **Allen Malask** and **Tom Glazier** were engaged in a deep, full-bobblehead conversation.

Earlier, **Frank Middleton** had pulled up close to front door of the hall, and for some reason thought there was valet parking. He even tooted the car horn to attract someone's attention to no avail.

Leo Hagele was in the house and enjoying hanging out with everyone and ordering a new badge from **Craig** "we don't need no stinking badges" **Eley**. Leo is also looking for an old working computer.

Everett Gardner was in fine form looking like a Hollywood Director wearing his tortoise shell sunglasses plus tailored and pressed Hawaiian Shirt.

There was widespread discussion about **Doug Morton's** memorial service. **Robert Wardlaw** reflected how Doug had been a business associate for his Company at one time. Others were sharing how Doug's Service began with the upbeat "Celebration"



Bill Morgan



OC Larson

and ending up with Don McLean's "Bye, bye Miss American Pie" that had everyone singing along.

Dr. **Rob Gardner** was busy listening and understanding what they said and without having to say "what was that again?"

While **Jack Kleinhessel**, having not won the drawing last week, was doubling down on his purchase of tickets.

Former member **Frank Ross**, now living in Pennsylvania, was also in the house visiting having a great time talking with old buddies and pals.

First Bell

President **Michael Chavez** gaveled the gathered at 7 a.m. sharp and **Wyatt McCallie** led the invocation



with "The sunny side of everything..." Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and the always loyal cries of "Play Ball!" This was followed by a hearty round of good morning handshakes by all members.

From the Prez

Prez Michael made a few announcements including a request for volunteers for an upcoming Rockies game to hand out No-lan Arenado Gold Glove Miner Bobblehead at the game on August 21st. The Club earns \$700 for the effort. He also passed around a newsletter featuring OCMS at a recent awards ceremony.



Michael also mentioned the District Convention is just around the corner on August 26-28th at the Fort Collins Marriot. A registration form and the agenda are attached to GUMS distribution email.

The Annual Induction and Awards Luncheon for our 40th Anniversary is on the horizon as well. Vice President **Chris Dunphy** is managing the event. The Celebration & Installation will take place on Saturday, September 24th at Maggiano's Little Italy, 7401 South Clinton, Englewood, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.



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******

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Guests

Jon Wachter introduced George Steinmetz, a Commercial Roofing who is married with three kids, one still in high school and one attending CU. He drove from Arvada to be with us this morning. Way to go George! *Hope to see you again.*

Craig Eley introduced Ben Biesendorfer, Program Coordinator from Volunteers of America who shared with us that 375 seniors received fans and fire detectors from their *Fans for Seniors Program*. He also thanked Craig and OCMS volunteers for their help and assistance with delivering these items. President Michael commented that he delivered a fan to a couple that had been married 62 years. The VOA's next outreach program will consist of providing minor home repairs to 400 homes. The VOA Meals on Wheels is an ongoing program providing daily meals to hundreds of people city wide.

Announcements

Principles to Breakfast: **Robert Wardlaw** shared that the principals or administrators from our ten Super Citizen schools have been invited to share breakfast with us Friday, August 12th. He asked for the school SC coordinator to see that they are welcomed and introduced. Robert is also looking for volunteers to take pictures at SC events throughout the year. See Robert if you can assist.

Next Week's Speaker: **Frank Middleton** reminded us that Michael Coffman our U.S. Representative for Colorado's 6th congressional district will be our guest speaker next week.

Brent's Place Annual Pancake Breakfast: **Paul Bernard** mentioned that Brent's Place annual pancake breakfast is next Saturday, July 30th at Generals Park, in Aurora, Colfax and Peoria, near the Anschutz medical campus.

New Custom Golf Clubs: **Joe Marci** announced he has two new custom drivers for sale. The proceeds will be donated to the Junior Golf Program.

A Trip to New York City: **Jack Kleinheksel** shared a story about visiting the NYC Main Post Office, while visiting in the city. He said he needed to mail some postcards home and discovered everybody he talked with knew who Postmaster **Ron Cisco** was. In fact, there was a picture of him posted on their wall—*U.S. Post Office Hall of Fame*.

Palisade Peaches: Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** announced "*The peaches are coming; the peaches are coming!!*" Same price as last year \$30 for a perfectly ripened box of Western Slope peaches. The peaches are brought over the mountains in a refrigerated truck to Bob's house on the day after they are picked. Unlike peaches bought at the grocery store or sold by other groups to be picked up on a decimated date these peaches are picked a little riper and handled by hand the old fashioned, or in an "artisanal" way. A donation of \$7 per box comes back to either Monaco South or Tamarac



Optimist Club, depending on sales. Give Bob a call, or find the sign-up sheet next week. Anticipated delivery date is the second week of August, it all depends on the weather and "mother nature."

40th Year of Monaco South

This week the Optimist Club of Monaco South has it is official OI birthday day on Wednesday, July 20, 2016.



The Celebration & Installation will take place on Saturday, September 24th at Maggiano's Little Italy, 7401 South Clinton, Englewood, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Drawing

With \$40 in the big pot and Six of Diamonds the card to find. Those who took cups were **Robert Wardlaw, Ron Cisco, Karl Geil, OC Larson** and **Jack Kleinheksel**. Those tried for the card were **Phil Perington** and **Bryce Slaby**, no winner. Having his name called for wearing his badge was **Paul Bernard**, but he too was loser.

Final Bell

Leading the recitation of the creed was **Jon Wachter**.

16 States and what they are famous for...

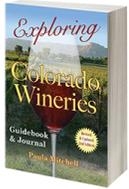
- ♦ **ALABAMA**—Was the first state to have 9-1-1, started 1968.
- ♦ **ALASKA**—One out of every 64 people has a pilot's license.
- ♦ **ARIZONA**—Is the only state in the continental U.S. that does not follow Daylight Savings Time.
- ♦ **ARKANSAS**—Has the only active diamond mine in the U.S.
- ♦ **CALIFORNIA**—Its economy is so large that if it were a country, it would rank seventh in the entire world.
- ♦ **COLORADO**—In 1976 it became the only state to turn down the Olympics.
- ♦ **CONNECTICUT**—The Frisbee was invented at Yale University.
- ♦ **DELAWARE**—Has more scientists and engineers than any other state.
- ♦ **FLORIDA**—At 874.3 square miles, Jacksonville, FL, is the largest city in the U.S.
- ♦ **GEORGIA**—It was here, in 1886, that pharmacist John Pemberton made the first vat of Coca-Cola.
- ♦ **HAWAII**—Hawaiians live, on average, five years longer than residents of any other state.
- ♦ **IDAHO**—TV was invented in Rigby, ID, in 1922.
- ♦ **ILLINOIS**—Has a Governor in jail, one pending jail, and is the most corrupt state in the union!
- ♦ **INDIANA**—Home to Santa Claus, IN, which gets a half million letters for Santa every year.
- ♦ **IOWA**—Winnebago RV's get their name from Winnebago County. Also, it is the only state name that begins with 2 vowels.
- ♦ **KANSAS**—Liberal, KS, has an exact replica of the house in "The Wizard of Oz."

Paula Mitchell

Exploring Colorado Wineries

Our guest speaker, Paula Mitchell opened up her presentation by saying she had attended our meeting 30 years ago in search of money and volunteers for a non-profit she was affiliated with, Junior Achievement. **Tom Mauro** verified the fact and has proof, so he says, since he was MSOC president, 1985-1986. She then followed with... "Now into wine."

Paula confessed she was 12 years of age when she first tasted a sip of wine. Yuck! However, over the years that followed she came to enjoy and even cherish the taste of a good wine. She eventually became determined to write a book detailing the history, production and description of wineries across Colorado. As a result, commencing in 2012, she visited 98 of the 135 Wineries in the State. Subsequently, in 2015 she compiled an exciting and very informative book entitled "Exploring Colorado Wineries- a Guidebook and Journal."



This book is an excellent and well written compendium of Colorado Wineries and a must for everyone interested in exploring all the Wineries in Colorado. On trips to Colorado's wine country, don't leave home without it!

Some highlights: Wine Grapes were first introduced and grown in the 1860's by Italian immigrant coal workers. In the late 1960's Dr. Gerald and Mary Ivancie along with Jim and Ann Sewald opened the first commercial winery in the Grand Valley area of Colorado. The first time Colorado grown wine grapes were used for production was in 1978 at a winery named Colorado Mountain Vineyards.

The majority of grapes grown in Colorado are in the Grand Valley and West Elks region. There are now six regions designated statewide for areas of production and commerce.

Most types of wine are produced statewide including Cabernet Blanc and Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Chardonnay, Port, and Berry.

Notably, Ciders are becoming very popular both dry or Ice (Sweet). Mead's, created by fermenting honey with water, sometimes with various fruits, spices, grains, or hops (sweet to dry), are also making the list of popular wines as well. The word honeymoon is derived from the time it takes to make good honey mead. One moon cycle and it's ready to be bottled. Let your imagination do the rest.

Amphora Greek vases or jars use to make the traditional way are produced in Parker, CO. And the only manufacturer

in the state. Cherry and Lavender wines are gaining in popularity and Plum Creek Cellars uses only one type of grape for its wine.

Wineries give small samples of their wines to taste but only one Winery gives you a glass to use as you see fit. It's in Grand Junction but you will have to look it up in the book. There is also the largest collection of corkscrews in the world at one on the Colorado Wineries. It too is in the book.

There are dedicated wine growing areas, listed with the Department of Agriculture in Colorado, they are Four Corners area near Cortez, near Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, and Durango; Pikes Peak/Arkansas River Valley near Salida, Canon City, and Manitou Springs; and the Front Range between Fort Collins and Castle Rock, with many wineries located in the Denver metropolitan area. Additionally, there are two designated American Viticultural Areas of the Grand Valley AVA and the West Elks AVA, where most of the vineyards in the state are located.

It takes 5-7 years for grapes to fully mature and be ready for use. Some grapevines live over 100 years, but the best years are 30-40, for the making of wine. A winery must grow grapes on site to use the name "Vineyard." Grapes like to struggle to be good and do not like to sit in water.

There are 49 wineries on the front range from Collins to Castle Rock. Stony Peaks Winery in Estes Park along with three wine "studios," which are new concepts for the "wine experience." Interestingly there are five wineries allocated by the old mousetrap (trivia anyone) and Rockies Auto Dealership. The Pikes Peak Area has ten wineries and the Holy Cross Abbey in Canon City and Salida businesses use grapes grown at the CPI (Colorado Prisons Industries) complex.

Three mountain wineries, such as Aspen Peak Cellar use their own grapes but they are delicate and need care especially when transplanting.

The Guidebook forks is especially helpful for locating festivals throughout the state. When visiting wineries, it is always a good idea to have a designated driver. Don't get confused when tasting wine in abundance, know the wine terminology and act smart when on the wine tour. And above all have Paula's book with you at all times.

We all enjoyed Paula so much **John Young** gave her a hug for everyone and that followed by some 20 -30 books going out the door! We look forward to seeing Paula again for more updates and stories.



At left, Paula Mitchell, author of "Exploring Colorado Wineries." Paula has combined her interest in wine and passion for Colorado into this guidebook. She has traveled all around Colorado and has earned her Level 2 Sommelier certification along the way. See <http://exploringcoloradowineries.com/>

Weekly Greeters	
7/29/16	Jack Kleinhessel & Curt Merrill
8/5/16	John Young & ?
8/12/16	Steve Kady & Tom Glazier
8/19/16	Gary Strowbridge & ?

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| July 29 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: US Representative, Mike Coffman |
| July 30 | Sat | 7:00 am | Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast, General's Park, Colfax & Peoria |
| Aug 5 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Frank Francone, Amendment 69, Colorado Care Needs to be Stopped |
| Aug 12 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Super Citizen School Principal's to Breakfast |
| Aug 18 | Thur | 6:30 pm | Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way |



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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
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
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
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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.