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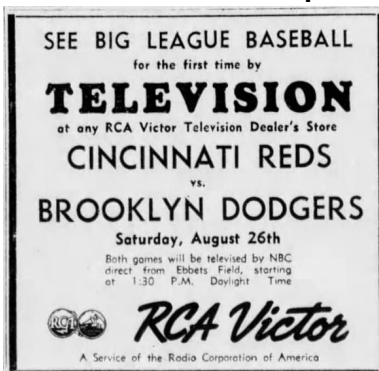
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Good Morning Optimist

On this 239th day of 2016 we were greeted by the happy, smiling faces and warm handshakes of **Cap Hermann** and **Frank Middleton**, with **Allen Malask**. Only 121 days to Christmas! By the way, this is also the anniversary of the first televised Major League Baseball games, a doubleheader between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field. The Reds won the first game, the Dodgers the second.

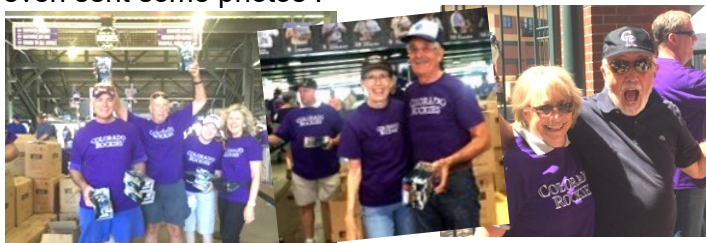


First Bell

President **Michael Chavez**, freshly returned from his mountain sojourn in Vail called the meeting to order and asked our illustrious Treasurer, **Greg Young** to provide the invocation. In that regard, Greg urged us all *“to wear a cheerful countenance at all times,”* even in times of adversity.

From the Prez

Prez Michael thanked those who had work at the Rockies game last Sunday, distributing bobble-head doll. The reward was \$750 added to the club coffers. Michael was very proud of his assistants that he even sent some photos.



He reported that we handed out 10,000 bobble heads to fans on Sunday and this helped raise \$750 for the club. Thank you to **John Greene**, **Joe Marci**,

John Swick, **Ed & Beta Collins**, **Karl Geil**, **Curt Merrill**, **Mike White**, **Bob Avery**, **Dick Nickoloff**, **Curt & Sharon Boell**, **Don Roth**, along with members from the Gateway, and University Hills Optimist Club's. It was a beautiful day and the Rockies won.

Prez Michael also thank those who had helped prepare the playground at Sewall Child Development Center by making preparations for new playground equipment which will be constructed next week. This project is a part of **KaBoom!**. **KaBoom!** has been building playgrounds around North America since 1996. It is the national non-profit dedicated to giving all kids the childhood they deserve, filled with balanced and active play, so they can thrive. This playground is number 2,801. Denver's 9News covered the final construction on Friday, see the [video clip here](#).



John Greene, **Barry Barker** and myself help out with initial preparation of the Play ground at the Sewall on Wednesday. Thank you for your time and working through the rain.

Photos Michael Chavez

Editor: According to their website, **KaBOOM!** works to bring balanced and active play into the daily lives of all children, particularly those growing up in poverty in America. They do this by creating great places to play, inspiring communities to promote and support play and driving the national discussion about the importance of play in fostering healthy and productive lives.

To achieve their vision, **KaBOOM!** works to catalyze and create great places to play, empower advocates to promote and protect play, and elevate public discourse around the importance of play.

KaBoom! believes play matters for all kids, because all the science affirms that play is critical to a child's overall health, development and well-being. Moreover, play can help tackle a number of urgent issues plaguing our society — especially those endemic among low-income communities.

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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

What is amazing about KaBoom! Is that it takes only two days, and about 100 people to completely prepare a playground site and construct and place all the playground equipment, which is financed by various major corporations, including Home Depot, Disney Enterprises, and others. You can learn more about KaBoom! @ <https://kaboom.org/>.

Prez Michael also reported that we now have eight people signed up to attend the Mile Hi Optimist Club's 100th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 21st at The Double Tree Hotel Denver, 3203 Quebec St. Mile Hi is one of the six original clubs which initiated Optimist International back in 1916.

Announcements

40th Year of Monaco South: **Greg Young** reminded us, once again of the grand celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Optimist Club of Monaco South which will be held in conjunction with the installation of officers for the 1916-17 Optimist Year. The event will be a luncheon, to be held at Maggiano's on Saturday, September 24, beginning at 11:30 a.m. For a cost of only \$30 per person, you can enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Optimists and significant others, a great meal and an outstanding program produced by president-elect **Craig Eley**.

2016 JDRF OneWalk: **Ron Gustas** is looking for a few good men to help set up for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF) OneWalk at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 10th, from 9:00-Noon. Learn more about this JDRF OneWalk by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Upcoming Speaker: **Frank Middleton** announced that, in the interest of fairness, he has invited Congresswoman **Diana DeGette**, who represents Colorado District 1 in the U.S. House of Representatives to be our speaker on Friday, September 16.



Alzheimer's Memory Walk: **Cap Hermann** requested assistance at the Alzheimer's Memory Walk in City Park on Saturday, September 17th. Since we did not provide the details, it is assumed that volunteers will again be managing water stations. See Cap for details.

CO-WY Junior Golfers: Speaking of upcoming Friday morning programs, **Joe Marci** announced that some of those golfers who represented the Colorado Wyoming District in Florida at the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships, along with their parents, will be here for breakfast on Friday, September 9th.

Drawing

It would seem pretty easy to win \$30 by drawing the two of diamonds from a pile of only 7 cards, but ask **Wyatt McCallie**, **Dick Nickloff** or **Ralph Pedersen**, all three of whom tried, but were unsuccessful in their attempts to win the pot. Others who, perhaps wisely, chose to take a cup of money, were **Steve Kady**, **Gary Strowbridge**, **Randy Marcove**, **Bill Morgan**, **Terry Shroyer** and **Paul Gibson**. Fewer cards and more money next week. Don't miss your chance, buy a ticket or two.



40th Year of Monaco South

The Celebration & Installation will take place on **Saturday, September 24th at Maggiano's Little Italy**, 7401 South Clinton, Englewood, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Cost is \$30 per person



Get Involved with the Super Citizen Program

Robert Wardlaw coordinator for our Super Citizen Program needs your help to get it rolling. School coordinators —



- ♦ Bradley International—**Randy Marcove**
- ♦ Hamilton Middle—**Tom Mauro & Karl Geil**
- ♦ Highline Academy—**Jim Easton**
- ♦ Holm Elementary—**Donlie Smith**
- ♦ Lowry Elementary—**Paul Stratton**
- ♦ McMeen Elementary—**Don Thomson & Pat Bush**
- ♦ Most Precious Blood—**Gary Miller**
- ♦ Samuels Elementary—**Kent Gloor**
- ♦ Slavens Elementary—**Tom Hoch**
- ♦ University Park Elementary—**Bob Avery**

... all need to get Super Citizen award presentation schedule confirmed with your school and the dates/times to **Robert Finkelmeier** to finalize the calendar. A draft of this calendar will be sent out in the next few days. Please verify with your school on the data needed.

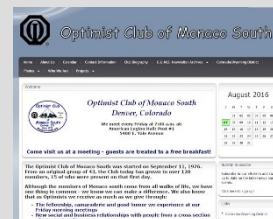
Photographers for these events currently includes,

Wyatt McCallie, **John Oss**, **Greg Young**, and **Marc Goodbody**. Additional photographers are needed. If interested let **Robert Wardlaw** know, if interested in being a presenter let **Rob Gardner** know.



Photos Noel Hasselstein

New OCMS Webpage is Coming



Monaco South President Elect **Craig Eley** shared that a new Monaco South Webpage is coming and he is in need of a few people to help post content on the new website. He especially needs someone to maintain the web calendar on a weekly basis. If interest in volunteering contact **Craig Eley** at craigceley@gmail.com.

Keith Dameron

Retired State Patrol Captain & Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial Historian

Introduced by **Steve Kady**, who said he had known our speaker for 40 years, **Keith Dameron**, a retired Colorado State Patrol Captain who retired in 2001 and is currently historian for the Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial is currently working on uncovering the stories of law enforcement officers who died while on duty. Keith researches and determines whose name rightfully belongs on the memorial, but, for whatever reason, have not been recognized.



Keith Dameron
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Dolan, who served as both police and fire chief of Cripple Creek, perished in a 1940 rooming house fire after he raced into the building, which had been intentionally set ablaze, it was later determined, by one of his firefighters.

Dolan's will be one of 13 names engraved on the Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial this year, joining more than 200 others who died in the line of duty.

Only one of the new names is an officer who died in 2009, David J. Kinterknecht, a Montrose police officer killed in July.

The rest will be like Dolan, "historical deaths" overlooked or forgotten over the years.

"It makes him seem real," said Miercort, who will travel from her home in Dallas to honor her father at the May 7 ceremony at the Colorado State Patrol Academy in Golden. "He was a phantom. I have no conscious memory of him — but boy, did I miss him. I made him into a knight in shining armor. And I guess he was a pretty good guy."

Finding those historic names and researching their deaths has become the passion of Keith Dameron, a retired State Patrol trooper and the memorial committee's historian.

"Every police funeral, you hear the words, 'We will never forget you,'" Dameron said. "But the reality is, these historical deaths show how easy it is to forget things you think you never will, as an organization or department. But I think every one of these stories is worth noting."

Sometimes agencies or relatives bring oversights to his attention. Other times he finds candidates on his own while combing through files, library records, Internet sites and family correspondence. He researched the 12 historical candidates whose names will be inscribed this year and is already researching details on another seven that likely will be added next year.

The details just sticks with him.

More from this article can be found by [CLICKING HERE.](#)

The Memorial, when first erected in 1979 at Camp George West, near Golden, originally contained 105 names. The number of names on the memorial has increased to a total of 302. Many of the names added were, unfortunately a result of on duty deaths of various Colorado law enforcement officer since 1979, but more than a few are the result of Captain Dameron's diligent research into deaths which occurred before 1979, but were not known at the time, dating back to the mid 1800's, when Colorado first became a state.

Captain Dameron is a walking encyclopedia of knowledge and held the entire audience spellbound as he related many stories of some of the officers whose names have been added to the memorial, many as a result of his diligent research into old newspaper articles, archives and history books. An example of his efforts were captured in this *Denver Post* article by Kevin Simpson, on April 27, 2010.

Barbara Miercort was just 2 when her father died, and so Morris Dolan existed for her as only an idea, shaped over the years into a heroic figure by old news clippings and a young girl's yearnings.

Soon, his legacy will be etched in stone.

Travel Post Card



The Jack & Kathy Rife, Kent & Abigail Gloor and Tom & Sheryl Overton, plus a non-Optimists Norm & Christy Strong meeting up at Bear Creek Winery in Homer Alaska, located in the Kenai Peninsula Borough. It is reported that they all bought some of the product!

Photo Kathy Rife

Weekly Greeters

9/2/16	Paul Stratton & Ralph Pedersen
9/9/16	Pat Bush & Allen Malask
9/16/16	Tom Kramis & Dave Moore



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

Sept 2 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
 Sept 9 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
 Sept 15 Thur 6:30 pm Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
 Sept 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA



**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
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
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96		

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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.