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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush

Good Morning Optimist

The president has returned! President **Craig Eley** had returned and taken his rightful place behind the podium. We now know why he missed last week's meeting. He spent the week researching and locating a lapel microphone so that he would not have to hold the big mic during the meeting. Now he can ring the bell, pound the gavel, and call for order all at the same time.

Prez Craig was having so much fun with it that he had to be reminded to take it off before going into the men's room.

While Craig was playing with the new mic, **Paul Gibson**, left, and **Michael Chavez** were busy greeting members as they entered the hall. It is Camaraderie Day once again!



Photos Noel Hasselgren



Invocation & Pledge

President Craig called on **Harry Fegley** and gave him the hand mic to give the invocation. Harry said he saw one of the CO-WY Junior Golfers at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club last weekend hit his ball into the weeds. The golfer just smiled walked into the weeds and hit a tremendous shot out of the rough and up near the green. Therefore, Harry based his invocation on the line in the greed that says "to be too happy to permit the presence of trouble." He then led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance* to our flag.

Guests

Joe DeRose, a past member of Monaco South and a current member of the Northwest Optimist Club, was visiting this morning. Evan Easton, the son of **Jim Easton** was also back again. Ed Leuty, a guest and

father in law of **John Scarborough** turned in a membership application and check today. His application will be reviewed and approved for membership at this month's board meeting.

From the Prez

Prez Craig announced that the **First Quarter District Conference** was taking place this Saturday. It will be held at the Bethany Lutheran Church at Dahlia and Hampden. The club will reimburse members \$25 for the registration fees. Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fees. Activities include packing meals for the Colorado Feeding Kids program, informational tables for the district sponsored projects like Junior Golf, Tri-Star Basketball, Oratorical Contest, Brain Bowl and others. All member are welcome!

OI Foundation: A red baseball cap bearing the Optimist International Foundation logo was presented to **Perry Allen** for all the work he has done with the Dime-A-Day program. As you know, a couple of weeks ago, Monaco South Optimist Club received a Silver Certificate award from the OI Foundation for giving over twenty-five thousand dollars to the foundation. Perry's work accounted for a large part of that.

Board Meeting: The October board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26th. This is the first board meeting for the new year and the proposed budget will be discussed. The meeting is at **Randy Marcove's** house at 4103 S. Rosemary Way. All board members are required to attend and any club member is invited to attend. They generally have food and beverages available. You can get the inside skinny on all the upcoming club events. Of course, you may be enlisted to help with some of these events.

Announcements

Political Speakers: **Paul Bernard** reported that we generally have some political speakers at meetings prior to elections like last week's speaker, Walker Sta-



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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******

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pleton. They are asked not to discuss controversial subjects but they sometimes wonder into those areas. Paul apologizes if anyone takes offense at any of the speakers comments. Editor: *This editor has no objections to having political speakers even if they touch on sensitive subjects as long as the other side is invited to share their viewpoints at a following meeting. I think we are big enough boys to handle opposing views on occasion. Let us know how you feel.*

CO-WY Green Valley Ranch Golf Tournament:

Bob Meyer shared, a total of 95 junior golfers from six states and Germany teed it up at the first Optimist Junior Golf Tour event that was held in Colorado on a sun-drenched, record-setting high temperature Saturday, October 15, 2016, at the highly regarded, frequently awarded Green Valley Ranch Golf Club, home of the Colorado Opens. From almost anywhere on the course, you could see the spectacular Rocky Mountains to the west.

At about 8:45 a.m. Saturday, the golfers made their way to their assigned holes for the scheduled 9 a.m. shotgun start. From then until late Sunday afternoon when the final putt was holed on the second playoff hole on #18 (one of the best finishing holes in Colorado), boys and girls in five age divisions played their hearts out, vying for individual trophies and 25 exemptions into the 2017 Optimist International Junior Golf Championships—commonly referred to as The Optimist—to be played at the PGA National Resort and Spa, Palm Beach Gardens FL, the home of the PGA tour's Honda Classic.

Cheered on by their parents, grandparents, other family members, friends, and Optimist volunteers, the juniors played some great golf for 36 holes. During the course of play, there were seven sub-par rounds.

The age group winners were:

- ◇ Boys 16 – 18 Daniel Pearson
- ◇ Boys 14 – 15 Jackson Klutznick
- ◇ Boys 11 – 13 Ryan Sangchompuphen
- ◇ Girls 14 – 18 Lauren Lehigh
- ◇ Girls 11 – 13 Sofia Choi

Monaco South members that volunteered during the tournament were **Russ Paul, Barry Barker, Lynn Jones, John Swick, Noel Hasselgren, Mike White, Paul Simon, Mark Metevia, Sewell Black, Harry Fegley** and **Tom Kramis**. Plus the Colorado-Wyoming District Optimist Junior Golf Program Tri-



Green Valley Ranch Golf Club

chairmen, **Ron Cisco, Joe Marci, & Bob Meyer**.

For tournament results, [CLICK HERE](#). There is a drop-down menu to access the various age groups.

To see photos taken at Green Valley Ranch, [CLICK HERE](#).

Membership Directories Available: The new membership directory is available. If you have not yet received your copy, you can pick one up at any membership meeting.



FRACSOC Pancake Breakfast: The Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club will be cooking up pancakes for the Cancer Walk participants this Sunday, October 23rd at Fiddler's Green. **Phil Perington** is looking for a few more volunteers. They will be located near the pedestrian bridge over I-25. If you can help, give Phil a call.

Poinsettia Sale: **Evan Easton** visited this morning to collect money from those who had ordered poinsettia plants last week. Evan thanked all the members who purchased a plant and said that he raised over \$600 from Optimist orders. The money Evan raises will help offset costs for a school trip to Washington D.C.



Garage Sale: **Gary Strowbridge** announced that **Don Thomson** was absent this morning because he was home working on his garage sale. Anyone interested in buying a garage should go over to Don's house at 7093 E. Bucknell Place. Gary gave directions to Don's house, something like go east on Yale and turn right on Monaco, take a left and go down a ways and turn left again. Don lives where the road turns.

Super Citizen: Hamilton Middle School held their Super Citizen presentation on Thursday evening. **Karl Geil** said he had to do his best at a **Tom Mauro** impersonation because Tom was unable to attend the event. But, Karl said he managed to get through the presentation without much controversy. The speaker for the ceremony was our own **Chris Dunphy**. Another Super Citizen presentation was to be held at Bradley International School this afternoon with **Jon Wachter**. They were in need of a substitute photographer for **Marc Goodbody**. **John Oss** graciously volunteered.

To be a SC presenter like Chris, see Dr. **Rob Gardner**. The SC presenter schedule is on page 3.

National History Day: **Karl Geil** also announced that National History Day is planning a fundraiser on October 27th including a silent auction. He asks that if anyone knows any restaurants or businesses that can donate goods or services to the auction to pass along their contact information to Karl. National History Day is a competition for high school students to put together presentations on a chosen theme in any number of mediums. The competitions are held in the spring and Monaco South provides judges that evaluate the projects. Karl will provide more information about the actual competition as it draws closer.

Brain Bowl: And finally, that familiar refrain, "The Brain Bowl is Coming, The Brain Bowl is Coming." It is too early to send around a signup sheet, but it is not too early to get some dates in your calendars and for Readers to sign up for a Reader Training session. Karl Geil says some of the older readers are "losing their edge" (Editor, his words, not mine) and we

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need some of the younger member to be readers. The Optimist Brain Bowl is a premier academic competition for 6th, 7th and 8th graders throughout Colorado and Wyoming. It is like the old GE College Bowl, or like Jeopardy with teams for our younger members. Last year we served over 1,000 students at this event, and we are expecting about the same this year. The four tournaments this year are:



- ⇒ North: Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Standley Lake High School in Westminster;
- ⇒ Central: Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Heritage High School in Littleton;
- ⇒ South: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Horizon Middle School in Colorado Springs; and the
- ⇒ Championship Tournament: Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Hamilton Middle School in Denver.

Anyone who would like to work one or more tournaments as a Reader needs to attend a Reader Training seminar before the tournament. Because Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on Saturdays this year, we had some trouble scheduling those, but the Denver/Boulder area Reader Trainings will be Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Boulder, Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Denver, and Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Littleton. Go to www.optimistbrainbowl.org and click on "Optimists and Volunteers" for more information.

Northwest Optimist Club Raffle: As reported earlier, Joe DeRose dropped by the meeting this morning. He said it was not to strong arm anyone into buying a \$100.00 ticket into the fundraising raffle for the Northwest Optimist Club. He brought his friend and fellow NWOC member to do that. He had come by

to thank the Optimist Club of Monaco South for their support of the Northwest O. C. raffle over the past 29 years. Joe said it shows Monaco South's generosity to give money to an Optimist Club that serves a community on the other side of town.



Joe DeRose gives his spiel about NWOC's raffle.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Thanksgiving Dinner Donation: Gary Miller announced that his friend, Joe Liberatore has again donated \$100 to the Monaco South Optimist Club with it earmarked for the Thanksgiving Dinner for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Denver and Girls, Inc. Joe has been doing this for the last several years. It is the largest donation that Joe gives because he believes in this project so much. He hopes to double his donation next year. Joe is an 86-year-old USAF retiree and now lives in Texas. *Thanks, Joe! We know you aren't as close as you once were but you still remember us and the kids.*

Suits for Soldiers: Chris Dunphy reports that his company, State Farm Insurance, is conducting a project to collect gently used suits to be given to soldiers who are in the process of transitioning back into private life and are in the job market. They need the suits for interviewing. Any member wishing to donate a suit should it with them to a meeting a give it to Chris.

Halloween Pumpkin Patch: Bob Avery reminds us that Boy Scout Troup 457 is selling Halloween pumpkins at the Greenwood Community Church on the corner of Holly and Bellevue. They will be selling pumpkins over the next couple of weekends and will be open from about 10:00 a.m. until dusk.

Doug Morton Remembrance: The Boy Scouts have delayed their remembrance for Doug Morton until after the beginning of the new year. Bob Avery will

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keep us informed as to when and where it will be held.

Thanksgiving Baskets: The Thanksgiving Food Basket project is fast approaching. Jim Easton and Allen Pierce will be making announcements about this popular project over the next several weeks. Right now, they are collecting of names of families in need of receiving a food basket. They ask that all the school representatives contact their schools for a list of families in need.

Drawing Winners

Members holding winning tickets this morning were George Buzick, Ed Collins, Gary Strowbridge, Robert Duvall, Allen Malask, Dick Nickoloff, Frank Middleton, and, you guessed it, Evan Easton. However, Robert Wardlaw, left, took a chance at the big deck of cards and pulled the right card for \$40. He said he can use the money for his son's upcoming soccer tournament trips.



Weekly Greeters	
10/28/16	John Oss & John Swick
11/4/16	Mark Metevia & Russ Paul
11/11/16	John Oss & Dick Zolman
11/18/16	John Swick & Ken Duffy, a new member
11/25/16	Pat Bush & Ralph Petersen

October Super Citizen Presenters		
Oct 26 @ 1:00	McMeen	Mark Metevia
November Super Citizen Presenters		
Nov 10 @ 12:30	Lowry	?
Nov 10 @ 2:15	U Park	?

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40th Year — Chartered in 1976

Oct 26	Wed	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall: Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Oct 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Nov 4	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
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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
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96	Michael Chavez	2015-16

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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.