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Good Morning Optimists

We are Optimists! Even when you cannot get in the American Legion Hall as early as promised and you have no coffee set up, all can be remedied by a smile and greeting from **John Swick** and **Perry Allen**, our greeters for today's meeting. Since our cook, Heather Mulqueen, broke her leg and could not find a replacement, the absence of breakfast was expected, but we did think there would be coffee, which did finally show up after a short wait. **We are optimistic that things will be back to normal next week.**

**Better late
than Never**

First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

Although a bit late, President **Michael Chavez** called the meeting to and asked **Barry Barker** to do the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

From the Prez

Prez Michael welcomed our second time guest, Bill Moore, who said that he would be joining our club in the near future.

Michael also reminded us all of the Bike MS Hydration Station, which will happen in Longmont at Trail Ridge Middle School this Sunday, June 26. This event has, been one of our most popular volunteer events, wherein we provide water, Gatorade and a welcome rest for the MS bike riders. **Bob Avery** has been riding in this event for many years and can still use some pledges! See his website at: http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?px=1817422&pg=personal&fr_id=27037&et=iY5LKJSqXMBxjbQUlazH4Q&s_tafid=527808.

Announcements

CO-WY District Junior Golf Program: Ron Cisco thanked those who helped with the Junior Golf qualifying rounds at Fitzsimmons, on June 11th, and Boulder Flatirons, on June 16th. Those helping were: **Barry Barker**, **Sewell Black**, **Noel Hasselgren**, **Cap Herman**, **Lynn Jones**, **Curt Merrill**, **Bob Meyer**, **Gary Miller**, **Greg Young**, **Russ Paul** and **Mike White**.

There were 144 participants. Top winners will represent the Colorado-Wyoming District on the PGA course at Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, later this summer. Thanks to **Ron Cisco**, **Joe Marci** and **Bob Meyer** for all the hard work and planning that makes this tournament one of the best of all the 53 Districts in Optimist International.

Below are some pictures from this year's event:



Photos Greg Young

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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Announcements Continued

Volunteers of America (VOA) Assistance: **Craig Eley** thanked those who volunteered to deliver fans to those who may be suffering during these “dog days” of summer. He will be in contact with volunteers and arrange for a location to distribute the fans.

Dime-A-Day: The MSOC Dime-A-Day chairman, **Perry Allen**, announced that Monaco South had the 3rd highest number of Dime-A-Day participants of all districts. This year is a bargain, since you can become a Dime-a-Day participant for only \$36.50, even though this year has 366 days. Such a deal! See Perry or treasurer Greg Young for details.

Optimist Magazine: **Ed Collins** reminded everyone to check their copy of the Optimist Magazine for the article on “*The Brain Bowl*,” submitted by **Curt Merrill**, current Governor of our district and a member of our club. There is also an article on the Mile Hi Optimist Club of Denver, which is one of only six clubs to be celebrating 100 years of service to the community. Mile Hi will be holding a 100 year celebration on September 17, 2016, at the Double Tree, in Denver.

CO-WY District 68th Convention: **Jon Wachter**, in his capacity as Lt. Governor, reminded everyone that the 68th Annual District Convention was fast approaching and that this is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Optimism, while enjoying the camaraderie of Optimist from throughout Colorado and Wyoming. The convention will be held at the Ft. Collins Marriott, 350 E. Horsetooth Road, August 26-28. For more details, see the District Web Page at: <https://www.optimistcowy.org/events-conferences/conferences/>. A copy of the registration form and flyer are attached to the GUMS distribution email. Early registration rates ends on July 25th.

98th Optimist International Convention: The OI Convention is scheduled for June 30-July 2, 2016 at the Québec City Convention Centre, Québec City, Canada. More information can be found at <http://www.optimist.org/e/member/convention1.cfm>.

Drawing

With a mere \$40 on the line, the Jack of Spades was the card to draw. **Ron Gustas**, ever the sleight of hand magician, after winning a “cup o’ money” was able to draw his own number and took a shot at the pot and got “not.” Those who also took cups were **Don St. John**, **Alan Yockey**, **Allen Malask**, **Tom Glazier** and of course, **Jack Kleinhekssel**. Although **Paul Gibson** was wearing his nametag, he was not lucky, so the pot continues to grow.



My Appreciation and Thanks to All!

It was 2006 when Bill Walters ask me to take over the thanksgiving dinners for the Boys and Girls Club and Girls, Inc. because as he said, I want to spend Thanksgiving time with my family. Bill had initiated and ran this great project for many years!

I remember the Fall of 2006 because at that time Green Gables Country Club, who did the food cooking and preparation, was undergoing financial problems and announced they could no longer help MSOC. After making many, many, phone calls to other organizations, including the University of Denver, Johnson and Wales University, and several Denver hotels, I struck “gold” with the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center. Their catering staff have been a wonderful partner since.

Additionally, it has been 10 years working with the great guys of Monaco South Optimist Club and the many volunteers who make this dinner possible. And now it is time to say “Thanks” for the opportunity to serve and “Thanks” to all who have made this event successful each year. So after 10 years it is time for another Optimist to take over and enjoy this great project. the “Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner for the Boys and Girl Clubs and Girls, Inc.”

I have to repeat ... THANK YOU each and every one that has worked this project! I will always will be thankful for your friendship and help with this event. My special appreciation to Russ Paul who worked with both Bill Walters and I, and who has been there at every step, every minute, every job of this event!

Donlie Smith.



Look Who is Here Today

Photos Don StJohn



Heidi Ganahl

Candidate for CU Regent

Frank Middleton introduced our speaker for today, **Heidi Ganahl**. Heidi is a graduate of University of Colorado Boulder, founder and CEO of Camp Bow Wow, mother of four, current Director of CU Foundation and recently launched a new non-profit, "Moms Fight Back." Ms. Ganahl is currently running for a seat on the CU Board of Regents as an "at large" candidate.



Heidi Ganahl
Photo Don StJohn

Heidi explained that the University of Colorado system consists of four campuses: University of Colorado Boulder (CU), University of Colorado in Colorado Springs (UCCS), University of Colorado Denver (UCD) and the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. The system educates more than 70,000 students per year and is the third largest employer in the state of Colorado. The CU system is governed by an elected nine-member Board of Regents. Colorado is only one of four states that elects its regents.

Key points in Heidi's campaign:

I'll work hard to protect freedom of speech – Our university is not the place to limit free speech and thought, it's the place for feisty debate and letting our students hear both sides of the story to make their own decisions about what they believe. Colleges and Universities are places for learning more about oneself, others, and the world, areas where anyone should be unable to speak their mind. I will work to return the debate and tenacity to our campuses.

I'll work hard to keep our students safe –

Terrorism, alcohol and drug abuse, depression and campus sexual assault are just some of the things I plan to work tirelessly to prevent. We need to take a much stronger lead in heading off these threats. Many campus issues go unaddressed or are handled improperly. We cannot let fear deter our students from getting the most out of their educational opportunities and safety is paramount.

I'll work to make sure college is affordable – Any student that wants to attend should have the ability to do so, without racking up a huge student loan debt while they're doing it. I'll bring my experience as a successful entrepreneur to CU to drive down costs, increase innovative funding (in order to stop relying on state funding to increase, in case it doesn't) and improve the quality of education.

And finally I'm determined to do all we can to get our graduates great jobs – I will ensure that student's time and dollars are well spent at our university. Students are the future of this great country and we need to give them the opportunities to get the best job they can. This will put our nation's future in a position of success an opportunity.

During the Q& A session MS Ganahl proved a good match for the quick minds of the MSOC members and was able to answer almost all questions without hesitation. Her presentation was professional and informative.

More can be learned @ <http://heidiganahl.com/about-heidi/>

Paraprosdokian

Paraprosdokians (Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. Many times not!

- ◇ *Where there's a will, I want to be in it.*
- ◇ *The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.*
- ◇ *Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.*
- ◇ *If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.*
- ◇ *We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.*
- ◇ *War does not determine who is right — only who is left..*
- ◇ *Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.*
- ◇ *They begin the evening news with "Good Evening," then proceed to tell you why it isn't.*
- ◇ *To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.*

Weekly Greeters

7/1/16	Jon Wachter & John Young
7/8/16	Barry Barker & Russ Paul
7/15/16	Ron Cisco & ?
7/22/16	Bill Morgan & OC Larson
7/29/16	Jack Kleinhessel & Curt Merrill

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

July 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
July 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Major Berry Bratt, CSP, Rebuilding the Highway Patrol Memorial
July 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
July 21	Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
July 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Paula Mitchell, Traveling through Colorado Wine Country



**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
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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.