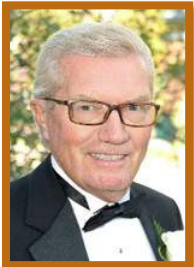


# CO/WY Tribal Tribune

## Governor's Corner - John Swanborg 2017-2018



Hello fellow Optimist,

On April 28<sup>th</sup> the District held its 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter conference and what a success it was. There were 89 members representing 27 Clubs. **Linda McDonald**, your Governor Elect presented nominees for 7 Lt. Governors, a secretary and a treasurer. The Board of Directors approved Linda's nominees but she still needs 2 more

Lt. Governors, so if you want to help the District let Linda know.

The District Oratorical was held in the morning and the CCDHH was in the afternoon. It always amazes me that there is just one topic, but every person has a different interpretation of it. I hope that next year you will consider attending both of these great events.

For our hands-on project, I asked each of you to donate baby items to the Southern Ute Mountain Indian Tribe. When Susan and I took the items to the **Tribal Distribution Center**, they were overwhelmed by the Optimist generosity and they could not say thank you enough.

### Here is what you donated.

42 – Packages of Fruits and Vegetable items, 14 – Packages of Cereals, 20 – Packages of formula, 11 – Baby Powders, 1 – Package of Training Pants, 4 – First Aid Kits, 7 – Packages of Adult Products, 132 – Packages of Baby Wipes, 13 – Bottles Baby Wash & Shampoo, 4 – Bottles of Baby Wash, 7 – Bottles of Baby Lotion, 1809 – Diapers of assorted sizes, 12 – Bottles of baby Lotion

Thank you for your support and donations.

John Swanborg  
Governor, Colorado/Wyoming Optimist District



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### District Officers

- Governor: John Swanborg, Westminster OC
- Governor-Elect: Linda McDonald, Wheat Ridge OC
- Secretary/Treasurer: Craig Baldwin, Heather Gardens OC
- Immediate Past Gov.: Paul Simon, MSOC, FRACSOC, TIDOC

### Lt. Governors

- Zone 1: Andrew Stanger, Windsor
- Zone 2: Steve Armfield, Loveland
- Zone 3: Robert Krech, Gateway OC
- Zone 4: Steve Theurer, Westminster OC
- Zone 5: Jean Shelton, Arvada Clear Creek
- Zone 6: John Oss, DTC OC
- Zone 7: Wade Hammond, Wheat Ridge OC
- Zone 8: Rob Keiffer, Pueblo OC
- Zone 9: Terri Kearney, Arvada Lake Arbor

### Important Websites

- Optimist International:**  
[www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org)
- OI Foundation:**  
[oifoundation.org/](http://oifoundation.org/)
- CO/WY District:**  
[www.optimistcowy.org/](http://www.optimistcowy.org/)
- CO/WY Brain Bowl:**  
[www.optimistbrainbowl.org/](http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org/)
- CO/WY Junior Golf:**  
<https://sites.google.com/site/cowyoptimistgolf/home>

### 3rd Quarter Conference Fun\$\$Raiser 50/50 Split

Thank you fellow Optimist members for once again supporting our district Fun\$\$raiser. We raised \$700.00 in just a few hours with Curt **Merrill & Charlie Pease** kicking in the remainder to hit my goal of \$700.00. Since it was split 3 ways the proceeds will benefit our district scholarship fund & district funding when needed. We paid out \$345.00 to the 3 winners "Way to Go"!! I love this program because it is a win-win for all of us. With gratitude & appreciation! Charlie Neumann

## CO/WY District 3rd Quarter Conference Photo Album



Gov-elect Linda McDonald addresses the conference



Gov John presents Past Gov Paul with Distinguished District Certificate



89 Optimists and Oratorical & CCDHH contestants



From left: Gov John, Mike Chavez, Oratorical contestants and Oratorical chair, Steve Gorrell



District Oratorical winner Megan Valliere with Gov John Swanborg  
She won a \$2400 scholarship



From left: CCDH Chair, Joe Priester, CCDH Oral winners Michael Casey 1st, Sophie Thomas, Johnathan Printup, Sam Bartley, Emcee of contest



From left: Joe Priester, CCDH Signing winners, Runner ups: name unavailable, Rhiannon Flores, Salma Garcia, and 1st—Priscilla Needs, Sam Bartley.

## Strategic Growth Committee (SGC) for the CO-WY District

The Strategic Growth Committee (SGC) for the CO-WY District met on June 13 at the American Legion Hall in Denver. **Ours is the only District in OI that follows the Strategic Growth model of combining current member retention strategies and new member acquisition strategies.** The SGC often takes care of the little things that keeps the District moving, including helping any clubs with new member acquisition, or retention of existing members. The monthly meeting of the SGC is vital to the sustenance of the District. Administrative committee members are: **Phil Perington-Chair, Linda McDonald-Governor Elect, Ron Benson-SW District VP and Sandra McKenzie-Recording Secretary.**

Twenty optimists from Monaco South, Loveland Breakfast, Tamarac, Difference Makers, Academy, Boulder Evening, Lake Arbor, Heather Gardens, Gateway, Type 1 Diabetes, Wheat Ridge and Arvada Clear Creek Optimist clubs had lively discussions on club projects and improvements to the District's website. **Trish Merrill** is heading a team for improving the District's website. Trish will be asking all Lt. Governors and Club Presidents for flyers to upload to the website.



### Working Only for the Best

- ◆ The Type 1 Diabetes OC (T1DOC) raised enough funds to support more than 30 kids' attendance at a diabetes summer camp.
- ◆ The Monaco South OC relayed that the CO-WY District is sending more kids to the Junior Golf Championship Tournament this year than any other District.
- ◆ There will be a fundraising auction—open to all clubs--on Nov. 9 at the Pinehurst Country Club, where any club can bring items for auction. The MC will be Dave Aguilera (Denver Channel 9 weather meteorologist). Clubs should contact Ron Gustas for more information.
- ◆ The Dillon-Summit County OC is having a golf tournament on June 18 at 11:00.
- ◆ The Wheat Ridge OC will again participate in the Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival at Anderson Park Aug. 10-12. They'll be selling beer and using the proceeds to support the club's administrative expenses and keep dues down.

### The Sunny Side

- ◆ The Lake Arbor OC is one of only two clubs in all of OI to have formed a Club-Within-a-Club, which then formed its own Club-Within-a-Club!
- ◆ This year has been the best in 25 years for membership in OI. The organization is down only 790 members, compared to a usual deficit of thousands. Our OI President set a goal of having 70 new clubs by June 30; as of today, there have been 67 new clubs established.

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## Strategic Growth Committee (SGC) continued from page 3...

### Pressing on to the Greater Achievements of the Future

- ◆ Since Junior Optimist International (JOI) clubs are the future of OI, the Committee agreed that clubs should do everything possible to retain teacher members. Some clubs are subsidizing the teachers' dues after the first year, so the dues remain at \$30. Wheat Ridge OC sponsors five teachers every year who contribute to Optimist programs like the Oratorical Contest, JOI clubs and after-school enrichment activities.

**The next meeting of the SGC will be on July 18 from 11:00-1:00  
at the American Legion Hall, 5400 E. Yale Ave., Denver, CO.**

### Denver Tech Center (DTC) OC Respect for Law Awards

On Wednesday evening, June 8, 2018, the DTC Optimist club held their Respect For Law banquet at the Shiloh House Family Resource Center. Honored were Officer Ted Bathauer of the Lone Tree Police Department. He has been in law enforcement for 26 years. Most recently, Ted has been instrumental in collaborating with Eagle Academy, a Douglas County alternative high school that moved into Lone Tree. He brought in some new programs like Restorative Justice. His efforts have been remarkable, as there have been very few student-related issues and residential concerns have not materialized. He was accompanied by Sergeant Tim Beals of the Lone Tree Police Department.

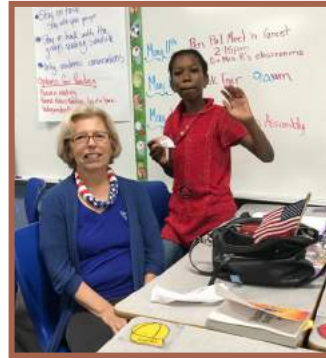


From left: Paul Singh, DTC Respect for Law Chair, Sergeant Beals, Adrienne Burris, George Ackermann DTC, and Officer Bathauer

Also honored was Deputy Brian Briggs from Douglas County Sheriff's Office. He has been an unstoppable force in his position on the Collaborative Program for Reintegration and now the Community Outreach Project. He exemplifies our Vision, Mission and Values in the lives he touches every day. Deputy Briggs impacts the lives of our mentally ill through his leadership and sincere drive to help this largely forgotten population. His position requires that he maintain a high level of initiative and judgment. Unable to attend the event due to being on a well deserved vacation, he was represented by Deputy Derrick Stevens and Adrienne Burris of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

## Tamarac OC Hosts Pen Pal Meet & Greet Party at Samuels Nancy DeNiro

This school year, 60 ladies (Tamarac is an all-woman club) participated in the Pen Pal Project at Samuels Elementary School. They wrote to 85 5th grade students, some having 2 pen pals. This is very successful project, thanks to so many ladies being involved. The letters (booklets) are exchanged every 2 weeks throughout the year. Samuels is a very diverse school, with some students entering knowing no English. It is fun to see them progress through the year. The Meet & Greet Popsicle Party at year end, is the chance to meet their pen pal face to face. Some have said their good 'writers' didn't talk, and the non-writers were chatterboxes! This has been an successful annual project for many years!



## FRACSOC Offers Clubs a Great Opportunity to Brighten That Special Day for a Kid with Cancer Judy Poulson

**Brent's Place** is a facility that takes in children and their families while the child is undergoing treatments for cancer in a hospital nearby.

Often times the child is at Brent's Place when their birthday rolls around. This is where your club can help. Your club can volunteer to be the sponsor for a **birthday party** for that child and their family. The club would buy gifts and balloons (latex only) for the party.

Brent's place sends out a monthly notice of birthdays for the month with the child's age and what kind of presents they would want. **The cost is less than \$75.**

If your club is interested in participating in this activity, call Brent's Place, **Cassie Daves 720-343-2818** to get on the mailing list of birthdays each month. It is a very rewarding activity and allows us the **bring out the best in ALL kids.**





**My name is Tony Carpenter.** I'm currently serving as the District Club Fitness Advisor, and am pleased to announce that I'll be running for the office of **Governor-Elect 2018-2019.**

For the first time in memory, our district has two candidates who are interested in leading the District. An election will be held during the District Convention, August 16-19 in Breckenridge. I hope you will plan to attend, and that I can count on your support.

Thank you,

Tony Carpenter, District Club Fitness Advisor.

## Windsor Gardens Breakfast Optimists Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Mary Grace Wake

The Windsor Gardens Optimists began in 1968, so their celebration on June 7<sup>th</sup> had a sixties theme. Members and guests celebrated with a social time, sixties trivia and music, and catered dinner. The highlight of the evening was the recognition of Life Members.

The Life Members included **Donna Bishop, Gary Roll, Carol Brooks, Helen Love, Beverly Stewart (not in picture), Dave Sims, Richard Love and Betty Petersen.** Betty has been a member since 1999. These Life members were given an engraved frame to thank them for their service. (See picture below)



Guests included Lt Governor Wade Hammond and his spouse, Paul Simon Past District Governor, Jeannine Montgomerie, President Heather Gardens Optimists and Chuck Montgomerie. Mary Grace Wake, President Elect and Co- Chair (with Carol Brooks) of the Anniversary Celebration gave a short description of each Life Member. This included their favorite line from Our Creed.

This was also a NOW event with 7 prospective members. Two of them paid their dues that evening. They were welcomed into the WG Breakfast Optimists. The club plans on growing and someday celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Peter Leeds and Ellen Barrett



## Chinook Trails Elementary School Hosts 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CO/WY Junior OI (JOI) Club District Convention - Submitted by J. Carol Booth, Donna Priester, and Ronda Riley

**Saturday, April 21, 2018** – Although, it was a cold, snowy morning, JOI Clubbers from 16 JOI clubs throughout Colorado gathered at Chinook Trails Elementary School to “**Shout Optimism**”; share and celebrate their Community Service projects; get new project ideas; meet/make new friends; and



participate in various workshops such as: How To Help Start New JOI Clubs; Develop Leadership; and Organization/Planning for Success. The Convention also included a Business Meeting and elections for the new 2018/2019 new Governor Elect and Secretary/Treasurer.

Upon arrival, 60+ JOI clubbers plus their JOI Club Advisors and many parents enjoyed a light breakfast, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and an Inspirational Speaker, **Cedric Taylor**. Next, they participated in an Ice-breaker getting to know one another, followed by a Business Meeting conducted by **Governor Katrina Smith (Sand Creek High School)** and **Governor Elect Mark King (Vista Ridge High School)** to discuss various policies for the District. In addition, candidates for 2018/2019 Governor Elect and Secretary Treasurer positions, gave their speeches on why they wanted be Governor Elect or Secretary Treasurer on the District Board and what they hoped to accomplish.



The workshops were conducted, immediately followed by a “Mingle” at the brag tables where the JOI clubs highlighted their Community Projects through posters/trifolds, and sharing ideas with each other. They had an opportunity to meet the candidates for the District offices during this time, lunch was then served.

After lunch, KidZ Partnering JOI Club 2018/2019 officers were sworn in by **Governor Elect Mark King** followed by the KidZ JOI Club members’ induction. Carol Booth, Optimist International (OI) Club Representative for the Academy Optimist Club, presented **Sr. Jeanette Kneifel, Women Partnering CEO/JOI Club Advisor**, with an OI print representing the diversity of youth served by OI, to recognize her 18 years of nonprofit work with financially vulnerable women/children as well as her recognition of the benefits/opportunities a JOI club would provide these children. Thus, KidZ Partnering JOI Club was chartered on May 15, 2013 by OI. **See picture on page 8...**

Election ballots were collected and tallied, **Elise Clark (Sand Creek High School)** was announced as the **Governor Elect (2018/2019)** and **Justin Watkins (Sand Creek High School, Secretary/Treasurer (2018/2019))**.

CO/WY Governor **John Swanborg** installed them and Governor Elect **Mark King** as **Governor-Designate** (He will become Governor for the 2018/2019 Optimist year on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>).

**Katrina Smith**, 2017/2018 CO/WY JOI District Governor, was recognized for her outstanding leadership in the District's inaugural year. She established a "Week Of Kindness" project for local JOI clubs and submitted it to the JOI Board in St. Louis, MO for adoption by JOI Clubs worldwide. It has been approved and the 1<sup>st</sup> JOI Club to implement it was Scott Elementary, Colorado Springs, CO. They cheered their fellow students each day with videos and acts of kindness. Their final day theme was a **"You can never be TUTU kind when you are all TIED up in Kindness"**. Kindness inspirational signs greeted children and parents as they arrived at school. What a great way to start the day! Many thanks to Katrina for helping us remember **that kindness is the best way to make a difference in our world.**



The rest of the afternoon was eagerly spent by the JOI clubbers working on joint community projects. The 3 Projects chosen by the JOI Convention Committee were: "Creating Dog and Cat Toys" for animal rescue sites around the state; "Designing and Making Cards for Children" who are fighting debilitating illnesses; and "Making Noisemakers to **Shout Optimism**" when their clubs meet. All were well attended and they had a lot of fun working together to **"make a difference"**.

Currently, the CO/WY JOI District consists of 8 JOI Clubs in Colorado Springs, sponsored by the Academy Optimist Club (Chinook Trails Elementary, Keller & Scott Elementary, Horizon and West



Middle Schools, Sand Creek & Vista Ridge High Schools and KidZ Partnering, (a year round JOI club); 8 JOI clubs (Dakota Ridge High School, Powderhorn Elementary, Summit Ridge Middle School, JOI Kittens, Soaring Wings, and Place Bridge Academy) sponsored by Optimist Clubs in the Denver area; 2 JOI Clubs sponsored by communities in our mountain communities (Summit County Octagon Club in Summit/Lake Dillon and Phoenix Rising JOI Club in Buena Vista).

**Sr. Jeanette Kneifel**, Women Partnering CEO/JOI Club Advisor, presented with an OI print



## JOI Convention continued.....

**Donna Priester, CO/WY JOI District Chair/Academy Optimist Club**, had a dream for many years to establish a JOI District. In 2017, she realized her dream and it has grown since then. JOI clubs are normally associated with schools, but they can be established within any youth organization. Each JOI club decides the service projects they want to accomplish at their school/neighborhood/city/state or even worldwide. We actively seek to build more JOI clubs to increase the benefits our current members experience in making a difference not only others' lives, but in their own as well. Their team building/leadership skills and personal accomplishments provide them with increasing confidence as they work to better the lives they touch. To learn more information, please contact Donna at: [donnapriester@hotmail.com](mailto:donnapriester@hotmail.com) OR call her at 719 590-1217(home)/ 719 439-7407.

## OPTIMISTS Scramble For Low Golf Scores     Joe Marci

On Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> 12 teams of Optimists and friends played the Broken Tee Golf Course in Englewood. The goal was to make birdies and not bogeys. The winning team with a score of 62 was led by **Ron Cisco**. Ron recruited 3 golfers who helped his team finish 10 under par. His golfers included **Josh Miller** for a second year and rookies **Tracy Barber** and **Jeff Thomas**. This is Ron's 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive championship!



In second place with a 63 was the Bob Meyer team with Bob **Barth and Scott Scoles**. There were prizes awarded for closest to the hole on all the par 3 holes. The winners included **Jim Easton, Scott Scoles, Dick Quinlan and Allen Pierce**. Long drive winners were **Irene Gartz and Tracy Barber**. Their drives were both monsters as the competition was fierce. Of course there had to be a team that finished in last place. This team was led by **Tom Overton and included Tom Jr, Charlie Neumann and Irene Gartz**. They were the only team scoring over 80. Many comments were made by the players about the putts that went in the hole and bounced out. Some were saying there was a gopher in many of the holes!

The Optimists who played helped raise over \$5000 for this year's Junior Golf Program. We thank everyone for their part in making this a successful fundraiser. There are 3 tournaments for the juniors this month with 46 golfers earning the right to play in The Optimist Tournament at PGA National Golf Course in Palm Beach Gardens Florida next month.

## Mile Hi Optimists Help Purchase Headstone for the Tabors Gail Lindley

Horace Tabor always wanted to have a nice monument on his grave . When he died in 1899, his will revealed that a monument to cost about \$1,000 should be erected . But Tabor, who had been a United States senator and a multimillionaire silver king of Colorado left little money. His grave in Calvary cemetery was marked only by a stone costing \$12 .

C E .Liesveld of Denver, head of the G & L Granite company felt it is an affront to history, and believes that the Tabor grave was not properly marked. So, with the cooperation of the Mile Hi Optimist club, Tabor's last wish was satisfied and an oversight of posterity was corrected.

The monument was erected in a short ceremony on March 31 by the Mile Hi Optimist club and Liesveld at the Mt Olivet Cemetery where his remains were transferred to be by Baby Doe. It carries the names of both Tabor and his wife.” Below is a link to the historical article in the Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection.

<https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/cgi-bin/colorado?a=d&d=STP19400321.2.127&srpos=1&e=21-03-1940-21-03-1940--en-20-STP-1--txt-txIN-Tabor-----0->



## LUMC Optimists Sponsor Tri-Star Soccer Event Steve Derby

On May 11, 2018 the LUMC Optimist Club in Littleton held our annual **Tri-Star Soccer event at Field Elementary**. With the help of a number of relatives and a member of the Optimist Club of Littleton, we were able to run two stations of each of the three events. That allowed time to hand out trophies during the class time. We award a trophy to the top four girls and top four boys in each grade.



Our club has a rotating schedule with three local grade schools. Each year we plan either basketball or football or soccer at each school. Third through fifth graders attend during their PE class. At the end of three years each student will have participated in the three different sports. The PE teachers look forward to us coming each year and are very helpful during the event. Music and art teachers have even helped when we were short of volunteers.



## 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.



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