

CO/WY Together Tribune

Governor's Corner - Linda McDonald 2018-2019

Greetings from your Optimist District Governor!



We are off to a wonderful start of our Colorado/Wyoming District year--It is only November 8th and we're already +3 for the month in membership! We have positive membership traction so let's celebrate as you welcome new members into your clubs so we can serve more kids.

Please consider volunteering for our remarkable District Brain Bowl – this is our largest District Program and includes 100s of middle schooler in teams participating in a competitive knowledge contest. The training (yes, training required) and contest schedule is attached. I trust your club President will help you get all signed up and ready to volunteer for these fun and competitive events. Brain Bowl is popular and we always need more volunteers.....And good luck answering the questions these middle schoolers have to answer at the contest..... I think I might have flunked middle school. Please consider joining in the fun!

We have several new Optimist Clubs in planning stages, new Junior Optimist Clubs in the works and our District is energized by its Centennial 100th year celebration highlighted by the legacy created for the next 100 years!

I have been able to visit many of your clubs and projects so far and, I must say, I am constantly inspired by your projects old and brand new, the energy of your clubs and the forward-moving growth intentions throughout the District! Plus, I so appreciate your reach into your communities and all the FUN you have! Throughout the 2018-2019 Optimist year it is my intention to visit every single club and, if I haven't already met you, I certainly hope to meet you soon!

You all give me the energy to be your Governor and I am constantly reminded that **WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER**—Optimism is alive and well in Colorado/Wyoming and I am grateful for each and every one of you!

Happy and safe Holidays to all of you -- may the spirit of gratitude, love and optimism enhance your holiday season!



Colorado/Wyoming Optimist District
2018/2019

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- ☐ Zone 9: Terri Kearney, Arvada Lake Arbor

Important Websites

Optimist International:
www.optimist.org

OI Foundation:
oifoundation.org/

CO/WY District:
www.optimistcowy.org/

CO/WY Brain Bowl:
www.optimistbrainbowl.org/

CO/WY Junior Golf:
<https://sites.google.com/site/cowyoptimistgolf/home>

CO/WY District 1st Quarter Conference **Charlie Neuman**

Hands on Project: The JOI team and other Optimist members created 8 fleece tied blankets for infants and teens for Children's Hospital. The blankets turned out beautifully and a fun time was had. A special thank you to Elise and her Mom for heading this up. The blankets were delivered the week of Oct 15.

Denver Rescue Mission: Our featured speaker **Eric Korb** told his amazing story of conquering his addiction and how the Denver Rescue Mission saved his life and gave him hope. We did a coat drive that provided them with 300 coats & hoodies. Way to go my fellow Optimist Members and Clubs. We were able to send the leftover food from our luncheon that he took down to the mission. Again, a big "THANK YOU"

Information Central: The following OI programs and other non-profits were able to meet our members and clubs to share their needs and volunteer projects. A huge thank you to the following organizations:

* Shiloh House	* Children's Hospital	* Betsy Project	* OI Foundation	* JOI
* TI Diabetes Club	* Brain Bowl	* Oratorical	* OI VP Paul Lucas	

Attending Optimist Members: 98 members were in attendance.....way to go! Our goal is to have 100 members in attendance to share the fun and learn how we can be better and informed Optimist's. The next conference is **February 9, 2019** save the date



Gov Linda McDonald
addresses conference



Speaker Eric Korb



Emcee Abigail Nicholas



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JOI Club Information Table

More Conference Pictures



Loveland Breakfast OC Paints the Town in Loveland Mary Hall

On Sept. 15, members of the Breakfast Optimist Club of Loveland, Steve Armfield, Mary Hall, and Rob Proctor, participated in the Paint Our Town project. Houses are selected for their need of paint, inability of the owner to do the work and afford the materials, and owner's willingness to participate. The Paint Our Town provides all paint materials and over 100 volunteers in Loveland came together to get the job done, painting 10 homes in one day. The crew pictured here painted a home on W. 10th St in Loveland.



District Award Nominations Due Charlie Neumann

Chairperson Mrs. Charlie Neumann 303 766-9649 neumann-charlie@comcast.net

Address: 4473 S. Granby Ct, Aurora, CO 80015

****Please send your nominations by January 30, 2019**

Rookie of the Quarter - Awarded to a member who embraces the Optimist Creed along with their volunteerism during their first year of joining.

Club Project of the Quarter - Awarded to a club that conducted a project that has "Brought out the Best" for the youth in our communities. The project must be completed within the current year

Optimist of the Year - Each club can submit one nomination. The nominee can be either an old or new Optimist Member who has demonstrated an exemplary example of Optimism in the club and community, the award presented by the Gov. Linda McDonald.

Sponsor 3 New Members Award Chairperson Curt Merrill c_merrill@comcast.net

303 589-3000 - Receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to your favorite Restaurant by sponsoring three new members into your club this quarter.

November 2018 JOI News Donna Priester

JOI is alive and growing in the Colorado/Wyoming Optimist District! We are working on **4 new clubs** and Inducting all of our present clubs into the new year! Each year, we must induct clubs and the membership into that year. It is a renewal of the mission of JOI - to bring optimism into the community we live in by helping our school, community, and the world to be the best place possible. Some of our clubs have collected food for agencies helping the poor, some have **cleaned up parks** in their school neighborhood, one middle school has provided a **TEA for a Senior Citizen Community**, others are **making Christmas Cards and ornaments** for Seniors in retirement communities and nursing homes, and others have had a **"Week of Kindness"** for their school.

We have had students participate in a **"Walk Against Suicide"** and one middle school is preparing a **Christmas Party for Foster Families**. Much more has been happening for others through the excitement of Junior Optimists to be of service to others. These young people are our hands and feet, as we help them find ways to use their hearts for a better world!



Optimist International (OI) Is Celebrating 100 Years of Service

to the youth of our communities and will recognize this milestone at the 101st Optimist International Convention, which will be held in Louisville, KY, 30 June 2019 - 03 July 2019 at the Galt House Hotel. Charlie and Gunar Neumann are the CO/WY Optimist District Ambassadors to the

International Convention, and have set a goal to have 100 Optimists from our district participate in this convention.

Please mark your calendars for this convention (30 June 2019 - 03 July 2019). If you have any questions pertaining to this convention, you may access the Optimist International Convention website at <http://optimist.org/Member/convention.cfm> or feel free to contact Charlie and/or Gunar



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**SAVE THE DATE for the
CO/WY 2nd Quarter Conference
February 9, 2019**

**Cianco's at Hyland Hills
Westminster, CO**

**Watch your email for registration information
Visit website: www.optimistcowy.org**

DTC Optimist Club's Annual GET-A-WAY Redstone, CO Tom Overton

Thirteen members and one guest attended. Some arrived a day early and some stayed an extra day. Three RV spaces were occupied at Redstone campground adjacent to the town. Some stayed in B&B's, some in vacation home rentals, and some were in Glenwood hotel/motels. Thursday for those who came up early was a spaghetti dinner at the camp ground. Friday was on your own, with time to explore the quaint town and surrounding area. Dinner was at the Redstone Inn. That evening we sat around a camp fire and told lies!

Saturday was a trip to Marble, Colorado for lunch at the famous Slow Groven BBQ, topped with root beer floats. In the afternoon we were honored to be given a tour of the sculpture area by one of the sculptures'/teachers. We saw small had held sculptures up to 6000 pound sculptures. Some sculptures were finished and for sale, some were a work in progress.

Saturday night we dined on 3 different kinds of soup at the camp ground, and then played Mexican Train in the Overton's trailer. Sunday breakfast send off was peach pancakes, eggs and bacon at the camp ground. What a great experience to bond with fellow Optimist and learn more about each other. We also discovered that the sun does not shine on the RV Park until 9:45 AM!



FRACSOC and Monaco South OC Served Pancakes to thousands of walkers at this year's American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer—October 28th



The Purpose Driven Optimist Club - New Club Terri Kearney

The **Purpose Driven Optimist Club** started as a **Club Within a Club** as part of the Lake Arbor Optimist Club effective 9/30/2017. There was so much enthusiasm with leadership and membership, they became their own club effective 3/30/2018.

One of the four community projects that the **Purpose Driven Optimist Club** has adopted is partnering with **Parr Elementary School** in Arvada. They had a School Supply Drive and was able to obtain multiple large boxes of notebooks, paper, markers, colored pencils, crayons, etc. The photo shows four of the **Purpose Driven Optimists** delivering the school supplies. Front row left to right is **David Gresl** and **Kris Gresl** (2018-2019 President), back row left to right is **Joanne Morfit** (2017-2018 President), **Terri Kearney**, **Jessica Yuill** (Family Engagement Liason), **Andrea Ghilotti** (Main Secretary) and **Scott Thompson** (Principal).



The Purpose Driven Optimist Club is hosting a **Red and Black Holiday Charity Gala** so they can continue to provide school supplies, hats and gloves, Christmas gifts for the less fortunate children and hopefully other needed items. **See flyer on page 12....**

The Difference Makers Optimist Club Collects Coats Trish Merrill

The Difference Makers Optimist Club recently had as our guest speaker, Aicha Nfaoui and Connie Payne, representing the Aurora Public Schools Welcome Center. This organization provides new-comer families with an orientation to the United States educational system. They also connect families to community resources based on their needs. Some of our members ran a Next Door Drive to collect coats for this organization to distribute among needy families. Many of these migrant families arrive here with next to nothing more than that clothes on their backs so any support we can give them is so appreciated. If you would like more information, you can contact Aurora Public Schools Welcome Center at <http://welcomecenter.aurorak12.org>.



Multi-Club Social and Fund Raising Event Ron Gustas

On Friday, November 9th, nearly 90 Optimists and spouses enjoyed a fun evening at the Pinehurst Country Club. The event, which was MC'd by Dave Aguilera of Channel 4 News, included a large



silent auction, a live auction, a wonderful dinner featuring either prime rib or salmon, and musical entertainment from Marilyn Monroe (Past Governor Abigail Nicholas), Elvis (Casey Hamill), and Kent Gloor was the 'sound man'. At the end of the live auction, Dave Aguilera added two personalized tours of the Channel 4 studios to help in the fund raising.

Members of a number of Optimist Clubs provided the auction items and each Club will receive back most of the bid proceeds on the items they provided. Fierce bidding by attendees for the broad array of gift cards, jewelry, liquor/beer options, gift baskets and much more made the auction portion of the evening a big success helping the Clubs fund their respective youth projects.

Participating clubs included Littleton, T1DOC, DTC, Heather Gardens, Monaco South, Tamarac, Difference Makers of Aurora, and Clear Creek.

Planning and coordination of the event was provided by Douglas Smith, Jean Shelton, Ralph Dergance, Dick Quinlan, John Hammer, Hank Fischer, Greg Young, Gary Olmsted, Jeff Gartz, and Ron Gustas.



Loveland Breakfast OC Learns About Shiloh House

At the October 24 meeting of the Breakfast Optimist Club of Loveland the guest speaker was Kathy McShane, Community Liaison for Shiloh House. Katy Little met Kathy at her booth at the 1st Quarter District Conference. Kathy shared how their program offers nurturing, therapeutic and educational services to empower youth and families to overcome the impact of abuse, neglect and trauma. She mentioned that there is a Shiloh House in Longmont, which is close to Loveland. BOCL wants to thank Kathy for her very informative program. Pictured is Katy Little (BOCL member) with Kathy McShane.



Boulder Evening Club Family Fun Day on Super Bowl Sunday Joseph Mesoros

Start your Super Bowl Sunday with a Family-Fun Day! The Boulder Evening Optimist Club is hosting a family-fun day on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3 from 9AM-12Noon at the Wild Game Entertainment Experience in Longmont.

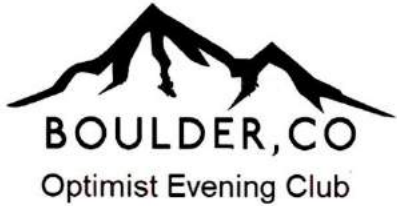
The Wild Game is a true entertainment experience for the entire family, offering 8 VIP bowling lanes, over 50 video arcade games, shuffleboard, bean bag toss, and ping pong.

The bowling lanes are each equipped with a state-of-the-art scoring system, HDTVs, and monster 20' projection screens at the end of the lanes. The Game Zone arcade is high-tech offering a fun environment for a competitive and interactive gaming experience.

The Boulder Evening Optimist family-fun day is a private event for participating families. Tickets are being sold for \$30 per person, with children under 5 being admitted for free.

Admission includes a full pancake breakfast, plus

access to all the games. There will also be a raffle for attendees with prizes and services from local community shops and vendors.






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Optimist Junior Golf Tour

Bob Myers

GREEN VALLEY RANCH GOLF CLUB

OCTOBER 13, 2018



A total of 86 junior golfers from eight States teed it up at the third annual Optimist Junior Golf Tour event on a chilly, sunny Saturday, October 13, 2018, at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club (home of the Colorado Opens) in Denver CO. From almost anywhere on the course, you could see the spectacular snow-capped Rocky Mountains to the west.

About 9 am Saturday, the golfers made their way to their assigned holes for the 20-minute frost-delayed shotgun start. Boys and girls in five age divisions played their hearts out, vying for individual trophies and 23 exemptions into the 2019 Optimist International Junior Golf Championships (commonly referred to as THE OPTIMIST) to be played at Trump Doral Resort in Miami, Florida. THE OPTIMIST is returning to Doral after 23 years at PGA National Resort and Spa, Palm Beach Gardens FL, the home of the PGA Tour's Honda Classic.

By the end of the round, temperatures had risen to the low 60's.

Cheered on by their parents, grandparents, other family members, friends, and Optimist volunteers, the juniors played some great golf. It had been decided before play began Saturday morning that the scheduled 36-hole event would be shortened to 18 holes because Sunday's forecast called for up to six inches of snow and highs in the mid-20's.

The age group winners were:

Boys 16 – 18 Brandon Bervig Boys 14 – 15 Tyler Tyson Boys 11 – 13 Camden Braidech
Girls 14 – 18 Morgan Ryan Girls 11 – 13 Rylee Salome

An individual highlight included an eagle on the par 5 9th hole 9 by Ryan Sangchompuphen.

The event could not have been held without the assistance and contributions of:

Bob Patterson, Optimist Junior Golf Tournament Director * Sharon Parton, Optimist Junior Golf Senior Director * David Sweeney, President, ShotStat * Srixon Golf * R & D Embroidery, Englewood CO * Prize Possessions, Norwood MA * Jason Franke, Head Golf Professional, Green Valley Ranch * Darron Pinet, Food & Beverage Director, Green Valley Ranch - Outside Services Staff, Green Valley Ranch * Food & Beverage Staff, Green Valley Ranch * Susan Gilbert, Colorado Golf Association Rules Official * Peter Gilbert, Colorado Golf Association Rules Official * Dave Wining, Colorado Golf Association Rules Official * Brad Wiesley, Colorado Golf Association Rules Official and Monaco South Optimist Club and its volunteers:

Bob Avery, Mike White and his son Brian, Noel Hasselgren, Sewell Black, Harry Fegley, Ed Collins, Tom Hoch, Cap Hermann, Gary Strowbridge, Russ Paul, Jon Wachter, John Stoffel, and Don Thomson

Hopefully, we have not overlooked anyone who contributed to the resounding success of the third annual Optimist Junior Golf Tour event at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club. (pictures next page)

Colorado-Wyoming District Optimist Junior Golf Program Tri-chairmen,

Ron Cisco

Joe Marci

Bob Meyer

Junior Golf Tour at Green Valley Ranch Photos



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.



SAVE THESE DATES!

Your Club's Fundraiser Flyer could be on this page in the 2nd Qtr Newsletter

THE PURPOSE DRIVEN OPTIMIST invites you to:

Black & Red Holiday Gala

Saturday November 24th, 2018 --7:00 pm to 10:00 pm



**Fund Raising Charity Event to sponsor
Packs of Hope & Parr Elementary School**



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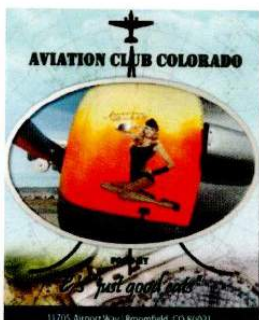
Tickets: \$25 per person for Entrance to the event, a Drink and Hors d' Oeuvres

Music by Espresso! Jazz and American Swing

Purchase tickets online at www.eventbrite.com or Call David @414-416-1481

Nonrefundable, must be 21 and over to attend

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For Information Call: Rob Proctor, 970-481-2133

Season Tickets: Adults \$35.00, Seniors & Students \$32.00, Family \$70.00

Single Tickets: Adults \$15.00, Seniors & Students \$12.00



January 12, 2019 • 7:00P - Loveland HS Auditorium

"How to Travel the World for Free" - Michael Wigge

This is the unbelievable attempt of award-winning comedian, Michael Wigge, to travel 25,000 miles from Europe to Antarctica, without any money. Throughout his journey, Wigge immerses himself in fascinating subcultures, sleeps on the street with homeless people and nourishes himself with flowers. Michael left Berlin in June and traveled for 150 days through 11 countries, arriving in Antarctica in November. He planned the journey for a year before starting out, collecting contact information for those who might provide accommodations or odd jobs, but he also relied on the kindness of strangers.



February 16, 2019 • 7:00PM - Loveland HS Auditorium

"Egypt to Gibraltar" - Marlin Darrah

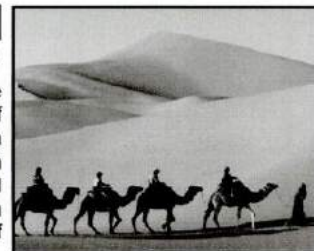
Join Marlin Darrah on a dazzling voyage throughout the great Mediterranean Sea. This travel feature explores the diverse natural geography as well as some of the unique towns and major cities peppered around the Mediterranean. Beginning at the point where the Suez Canal merges with the Mediterranean; then to Egypt, Turkey, the Greek Isles, Croatia, Venice, Spain's wild Costa Brava shoreline, and the Portuguese capital city of Lisbon. The program closes with a tour of Gibraltar, that small piece of England.



March 23, 2019 • 7:00PM - Loveland HS Auditorium

"Promised Land: Adventures in the Middle East" - Rick Ray

The Middle East is a land of hospitality, a place where people make strangers feel at home. At the same time, it's also been witness to acts of unspeakable brutality between warring tribes throughout history. It's a world of paradoxes, one that is explored in director Rick Ray's new film "The Promised Land: Adventures In the Middle East.". "The Promised Land" represents a travel documentary through several Middle Eastern countries including Israel, Jordan and Turkey. It showcases the wonders of those lands while discussing their rich histories and cultures.



April 20, 2019 • - Loveland HS Auditorium

"Germany, Switzerland, Austria" - Marlin Darrah

Travel to Germany, Switzerland, and Austria with the world's most traveled filmmaker, Marlin Darrah. We start in Munich, where locals specialize in good living. Heading into the foothills of the Alps, we tour the fairy-tale castles of "Mad" King Ludwig and then cross into the Tirol region of western Austria. After cruising the Rhine River, we travel to Rothenburg, Cologne, Baden-Baden, the Black Forest, and Berlin. Experience Germany's finest arts and Berlin's hidden remnants of its fascist and communist past. We'll also focus on an often-overlooked side of Switzerland — Luzern, Bern, Zürich, and Lausanne. Enjoying the country's urban charms, we'll ponder a few Swiss innovations, from their open-minded drug policies to their hush-hush underground arsenals. And it's all before a backdrop of Switzerland's stunning natural beauty.

