



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimist

Greeting us this frigid snowy morning were stand-ins—*Old Man Winter and Mother Nature*. Being that the meeting was our last for 2010, they finally decided to spread some dearly needed winter snow and near zero temperatures in the metro area, therefore our scheduled greeters were unable to make it to the meeting.



First Bell

Missing today was **President Ed Collins**. It was believed that he was stuck *“in them there hills”* with his family enjoying the recent snowfall, so Vice President **Randy Marcove** called the meeting to order. Leading us in our Invocation was **Harry Johnson**, celebrating Optimism for our Youth. He then led us with our Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag.

Guests

Kids to Breakfast: catered to several kids this morning. They were Max and Izzy, grandchildren of **Gary** and **Joyce Laman**, Jamie, a grandson of **Greg** and **Diane Young**, and Luke, son of **Paul** (and **Leslie**) **Stratton**. Later arriving guest was Paul Pasternack, son of **Fred Pasternack**. A warm Optimistic welcome to everyone!

Announcements

Randy Marcove shared some sad news: **Cy Regan's** wife **Patricia** passed away on Christmas day. Services will be held this Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at the Church of the Risen Christ, 3060 S. Monaco (the Ski-Slope Church) at 10:00 a.m. Also, **Bill Walters** is receiving intense chemotherapy for his recently diagnosed Leukemia at Lutheran Hospital—day six. Bill cannot have visitors at this time, but can receive your well-wishes and messages at the hospital through the website portal at: www.carepages.com. You will need to set up an account (email address and password) to send Bill a message. Gentlemen, you and yours are in our thoughts and prayers!

The Brain Bowl is Coming: **Karl Geil** reminded us that the Brain Bowl will be here soon. We still need volunteers to sign up! Per Karl's earlier email announcement regarding readers, the Reader Training Session scheduled for Saturday, January 8th from 9-11 a.m. at the Valmont Church in Boulder is definite.

The sessions at Overland High School, Tuesday, January 18th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday January 29th from 9-11 a.m. are tentative. Although Overland High School has confirmed with us the actual Brain Bowl date of February 5th, we are having trouble

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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getting them to communicate with us about the Reader Training sessions. Karl will let us all know when these dates have been confirmed.

Reader Training session in the Colorado Springs area will be sometime after February 5th, but he does not have a date or location as yet. Again, he will let us know as soon as those plans are firm. See you all soon, and thanks again for your support.

First Aid in Germany?: Somebody got out the Crayola's



and colored us *tickled-pink* as **Bryce Slaby** shared his odyssey-like adventure about the need to know first aid and ending up in a German

Burger King? Erste Hilfe? Therefore, attend one of Joyce Thomson's first aid classes.

Can't Remember His Announcement: Not to let us down, **Fred Pasternack** had an announcement, but he forgot what it was. Thank you for the *Hogmanay* Fred!

Reading of the U.S. Constitution: It was brought to your Editor's attention by **Andy McKean** that the U.S.

House of Representatives will do something that apparently never has been done in the 221-year history of the chamber next week: They will read the Constitution aloud. Andy suggests that if any of our members are so inclined, please consider contacting Colorado Speaker of the House designee Frank McNulty, at 303-866-2346 or 303-683-8873 and/or Senate President Brandon Shaffer, at 303-866-3342 or at brandon@brandonshaffer.com to do the same thing after our State's Legislation is sworn in on January 12, 2011. January 13th, would be ideal!



Skiing Accident: It was also brought to your Editor's attention that **Kent Gloor** was involved in a skiing-career ending accident while hitting the slopes of Breckenridge last Thursday. Evidently Kent was doing his best **Jean-Claude Killy** impersonation when somebody with much lesser talent or ability lost control and collided into Kent. After the snow settled, Kent was



helped down the mountain by Abigail's sons and he eventually made it home. It is believed that there are torn ligaments hiding well within the cantaloupe-sized knee swelling. Kent

will be reposing at home until Monday—the date of his Doctor's appointment. He would love to hear from you as he recuperates. Heal soon Kent, all the best!

Today's Attendance: On this cold and wintery day a smaller crowd was in attendance. It was discovered that most at our gathering were driving four-wheel drive vehicles. Present among our aforementioned guests were: **Mike Chavez, Craig Eley, Bob Finkelmeier, Karl Geil, Don Iley, Harry Johnson, Lynn Jones, Steve Kady, Gary Laman, Randy Marcove, John Marinos** (Who almost went home when no one had shown up before 6:30 a.m. Thanks for Breakfast!), **Tom Mauro, Wyatt McCallie, Gary Miller, Fred Pasternack, Jack Rife, Bryce Slaby, Oscar Sorensen, Paul Stratton, Gary Strowbridge, Brian Williams, Greg Young, and John Young.** *Way to go guys!*

Drawing: Today's lucky card was the Six of Hearts for a pot of \$20. Due to our smaller crowd there were only four cups up for grabs. The winners were: **Harry Johnson** won twice with numbers 238 and 239. **Karl Geil** with 243, and **Oscar Sorensen** with 255. Gentlemen, your winning numbers are included so you will know which Lotto numbers to pick! **Wyatt McCallie** took a chance at the deck when his number



Photo Gary Miller

230 was called, but came up short with the Five of Spades. Lightning-struck-with-luck **Karl Geil** was selected with a favored number 244; Karl asked **Jamie Young**, grandson of Greg and Diane Young), to draw for him, and yep, he pulled out the Six of Hearts! Way to go Jamie and Karl! Perhaps some of Keir Royale's magic rubbed off on Jamie? No name-badge drawers needed!

Closing and Optimist Creed: Our last breakfast morning meeting of 2010 was concluded by **Bryce Slaby** leading us in the Optimist Creed.

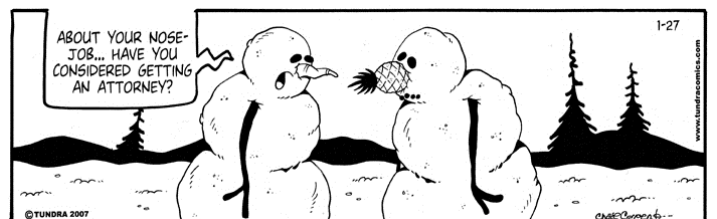
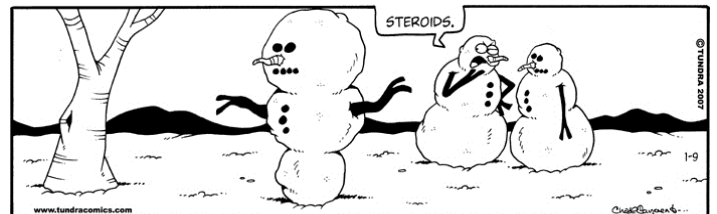
Something to Remember: Please pay **Greg Young** in person or mail to 3983 South Olive Street, Denver, CO 80237 for your Christmas Tree Lot Purchases as soon as possible. We are counting on you!

Overheard: Coming from the area surrounding **Fred Pasternack** who was sitting with the kids in front, after every magical deception performed by Keir Royale, came a "How does he do that?" This proves Fred is just a kid!

Speaking of Keir Royale, he made a \$50 donation to our club after his *Kids to Breakfast* performance. Thank you Keir! Somebody give that man an application!

Take Some Time and Laugh a Little

An optimist stays up to see the New Year in. A pessimist waits to make sure the old one leaves. Bill Vaughan



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Speaker/Kids to Breakfast Presentation

Once again we were delighted to have magician/entertainer Keir Royale perform his trade to all of our amazement and laughter. Keir was interrupted with a telephone call from his banana. He answered it, "Yellow!" and the smiles never stopped. Would you believe it was Bob Dole calling? 😊

Keir had every kid participate in his performance—all accomplishing some astonishing feats! Did you know that most young children possess an endless supply of coins tucked behind their ears? They can be pretty crafty with magic wands as well!



Photo courtesy of lifeismagical.com

Taken from Keir's webpage: "My interest in magic began at the age of fourteen. I began frequenting the local magic shop where I found a fascinating mix of magic as well as instructional books and videos on everything from card tricks to dove magic. Many of these videos were being produced and filmed right there in my home town of Wichita and soon I was fortunate enough to witness some of the best magicians in the world perform live not more than a few miles from my house."

My uncle had also developed an interest in magic when he was young and had a great collection of antique magic props. So after I had convinced him that I was serious about my new interest, I hit the ground running with a magic show that would have made almost any kid jealous.

Through the years I never gave up on magic. In 1993 I moved to Tulsa, OK to go to flight school. I took my magic along with me wherever I went and worked on the side performing in restaurants and at birthday parties or anywhere

else someone invited me to perform.

After four years of flying full time, first as a flight instructor and then as a charter pilot for the University of Colorado, I decided to make flying my hobby and magic my profession."

Keir, we're glad you made that choice, and we look forward to having you again!



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Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
1/7/11	Jim VanderKamp & Gary Laman
1/14/11	Greg Hurd & Harry Fegley
1/21/11	Robert Wardlaw & Paul Gleditsch
1/28/11	Brain Williams & Greg Young

Super Citizen Presenters for January		
12 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Lynn Jones
19 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	George Buzick
21 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Phil Perington
26 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Ed Collins
28 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Joe Marci

Monaco South Calendar

Jan 7 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Ed Reinhardt, former CU football player
 Jan 14 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Monica Villa Lobos, Girls Inc.
 Jan 19 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Jan 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Jan 22 Sat 7:00 am North Region Brain Bowl, Monarch High School, Louisville, CO
 Jan 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Steve Wooton, Colorado Cattlemen's Association
 Feb 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Perry Jowsey, Freedom Service Dogs
 Feb 5 Sat 7:00 am Central Region Brain Bowl, Overland High School, Aurora, CO
 Feb 11 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
 Feb 18 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
John Young	1982-83	Cy Regan	1999-00
Pat Bush	1983-84	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Don St. John	2001-02
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Jack Rife	2002-03
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Karl Geil	2003-04
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bob Avery	1989-90	Paul Bernard	2006-07
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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.