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Good Morning Optimist

Almost everyone was dressed in some sort of green as **Doug Arnold**, **Paul Stratton**, and **Keith Galloway** wished all “*Top o’ the morning*”. Even **Howard Fry** was seen among the Irish for a Day contingent. Since we didn’t have a scheduled speaker this week, this was an unscheduled Camaraderie Day and chaos ensued.

Invocation and Pledge

President Ed called the meeting to order and **Ron Carlson** did the invocation and the Pledge.

Guests

Tom Wos introduced his guest, Ed Blum, who is with the Rocky Mountain Electrical League and Chris Clark, who was also here last week was introduced again. No more free breakfasts Chris, please bring application and check next week when you come. (Chris, aka, Ted Clark, saw the Monaco South ad in the “Hub” section of the *Denver Post*.)

March Birthdays

During the singing of one of the finest renditions of Happy Birthday since the beginning of time, it was note that **Paul Bernard** was dressed in orange. Whether this was due to Paul’s cantankerous nature, or lack of knowledge of Irish history, is currently being debated. There was also some debate as to **Phil Perington’s** membership in The Tea Party.

The March birthdays include: **Doug Arnold**, **Paul Ber-**

nard, **Bill Carpender**, **Gary Laman**, **Tom McKee**, **Ralph Pedersen**, **Mike Snipes**, and **Woody Thibodeau**.

St. Patrick’s Day

Like in years past we started the St. Patty’s celebration early when **President Ed** introduced **Cy Regan** and the MSOC Irish Chorus. Conducted by **Craig Eley**, the choir performed the inaugural rendition of “*Won’t You Get Well Bill Walters*,” an original composition by Craig, written to cheer up, and cheer on, Bill Walters in fully recovering from his illness. See you soon, Bill! The heart-stopper was **Cy’s** beautiful rendition of *Oh Danny Boy*.



Thanks, Cy and chorus!



Even Irish mick **Fred Pasternack** was dressed in his St. Patty’s day best—accept his bow tie was down a bit low, so some referred to it as “*Freddie’s Irish bra*.”



MSOC Irish Chorus

Photos Don StJohn

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****

Announcements

DTC Optimist Club Wine Tasting: Karl Geil once again announced that the DTC Club was having its annual wine tasting event on April 3rd at Citron Bistro. Several MSOC members are selling tickets, including **Karl, Tom Overton, Paul Bernard** and this month's GUMS' editor, **George Buzick**.

Super Citizen Photographer Needed: Karl also announced that a photographer was needed for the Super Citizen program at Hamilton Middle School on Thursday, March 17th at 5:30 pm.

Oratorical Contest: Keith Galloway announced that Monaco South was holding an Oratorical Contest this year at TJ High School on April 4th at 6:00 p.m. Let's show up to support one of the oldest events in Optimist International! This contest has been held since 1929.



9Health Fair: Howard Fry made his annual plea for volunteers to work the 9-Health Fair on April 17th at Schlessman YMCA. Howard said that details would follow, but that he was passing around a sign-up sheet. This is a great community event and deserves some of your volunteer time.



St. Patrick's Day Parade Pooper Scoopers: In the best tradition of *Yogi Berra*, **President Ed** announced that "The big day is here—tomorrow!" This in referring to one of the highlights of Monaco South volunteerism, the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Super Pooper Scoopers of Monaco South will be proudly wearing their formal white tail coats as they prove why they are known as "Number One in Number Two," while following



File photo from 2008.

the various horse units in the parade. It is rumored that has actually attempted to make a profit by selling bags of fresh manure, since Spring is, after all, just around the corner.

NOTE: If you want to see the 2010 Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade "Pooper Scoopers" go to: <http://vimeo.com/10221165>. Thanks to Tom Hoch!

Final 4 March Madness: Joe Marci has a bracket for the "March Madness" basketball tournaments. Anyone wanting to submit a final four bracket should call or email Joe Marci and he will provide you the entry information into ESPN's Tournament Challenge. We have a private group for Optimists and friends to play. Joe can be reached at 303-771-3748 or marci-frog@aol.com. Joe announced that this year, you cannot change your choices in the middle of the tournament, so choose carefully.

Super Citizen Photo Organizer Needed: Don St. John announced that due to the fact that **Marlin Kent** will be moving in with his daughter and will no longer be able to actively participate in maintaining the photos for the Super Citizen Program. If interested in taking on this activity, please see **Don Thomson** if you can help out. Don can be reached at 303-757-4273.

Pet Oxygen Mask Program: Steve Kady announced that arrangements had been made with Invisible Fence to contribute 44 oxygen



masks made especially for pets to the Denver Fire Department in the name of Monaco South Optimist Club. Although no official statistics are kept, it is estimated that 40,000 to 150,000 pets die each year in fires. Many die because first responders do not have the specially designed oxygen masks. Thanks to Steve for setting this up, pretty much single handed!

Tom Hoch, the Video Man: Tom Hoch was moving around today with camera in hand and capturing all the activities. The first act of entertainment was provided by the MSOC choir. And the second act was joke time. As you recall from the last GUMS, **Craig Eley** had requested everyone to bring their best jokes and had even allowed **Bryce Slaby** to participate. In spite of great efforts by **Freddie, Bryce, Jack Kitchell, Lou Lerner, Steve Kady** and **Tom Hoch; Paul Stratton** was proclaimed the winner by popular vote. None of the jokes, with the possible exception of Paul's, could be repeated in a reputable newsletter, so if you missed them, you'll have to check with the individuals involved.

Real Camaraderie Day

Next Friday is a "real Camaraderie Day" according to **Frank Middleton**, the dealer. So as he reports, next Friday everyone will be dealt a card with the luck of the draw that indicates where you seat. Therefore, you will sit with someone you haven't enjoyed the pleasure of sitting with lately. This is for the benefit of new members to meet the seasoned members and for the benefit of seasoned members to get off your duff and yack it up with some old friends.

Some Humor



Some Irish Humor



Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!" Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

The man said, "I do, Father." The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?" "Certainly, Father," was the man's reply. "Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest.

Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father." The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

Paddy was in New York. He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, "Okay, pedestrians." Then he'd allow the traffic to pass.

He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk. After the cop had shouted, "Pedestrians!" for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, "Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?"

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died.

He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney. "Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher. "They say I died!"

"Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are ye callin' from?"

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest.

The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?"

The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
3/18/11	Frank Ross, Leo Hagele, & Doug Arnold
3/25/11	Joe Marci, Gary Miller, & Doug Arnold
4/1/11	Tom Hoch, Steve Kady, & Rich Wagner
4/8/11	Randy Marcove, Ron Carlson, & John Oss
4/15/11	Kent Gloor, Bob Avery, & Tom Wos
4/22/11	Frank Middleton, Woody Thibodeau, & Allen Pierce

Super Citizen Presenters for March

16 @ 8:00 am*	Highline	John Oss
16 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Miller
17 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Don Thomson
18 @ 9:10 am	Holm	John Stoffel
24 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm*	McMeen	Tom Wos
25 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Al Gapuzan

* Note date change

Monaco South Calendar

Mar 16 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Mar 18 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Mar 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Shannon Cardellina, Arapahoe House
 Apr 1 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Michael Hancock, Denver City Councilman
 Apr 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
 Apr 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Apr 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

Have a speaker in mind? Let Paul Bernard know. He can be reached at 720-339-8025

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Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Peter Dimond	1997-98
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.