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Good Morning Optimist

The final day of August began with a MSOC breakfast meeting, with members receiving a warm greeting from **Michael Chavez**. **Greg Young** delivered an invocation praising all those who labor, a timely message as we head into the long weekend.

First Bell

The meeting began with an acoustic guitar interlude

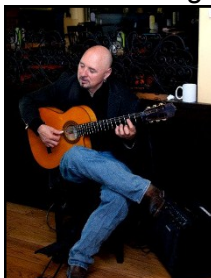


Photo John Oss

delivered by **Miguel Espinoza**, a FOO member and guitar instructor. Miguel did a great job - he's available if you or anyone you know (including kids) are interesting in learning how to pick it. Give him a call at 303-518-1062 or check him out at myspace.com/miguelespinozaquit or on youtube.com/user/espinote/videos.

Guests

Our morning guests included Pueblo's own **Mike Mauro**, nephew of **Tom Mauro**. Tom dubbed Mike the "smartest member of the family" (it's unclear how tough the competition was). Mike is a DU Law Student and eligible to join the club under the \$30 for men under 30. Welcome Mike, come join us!

David Busse made his second visit as a guest of **Karl Geil** and **Randy Marcove**. Dave was very happy to attend and we are happy to have him. Perhaps he'll become our newest member. Please join us!

New Member

Speaking of new members, all board members and governor designee **Phil Perington** stepped forward to induct **Doc Gardner** into MSOC. **Tom Overton** han-

dled the duties and Doc faithfully pledged to live a lift of optimism and to be president of the club soon.

From the Prez

Prez Randy reported that 16 members of our club attended the Colorado/Wyoming District Convention luncheon in Copper Mountain last Saturday. He also reminded us that 100% day is coming up September 21st, so plan on being here or being square!

He also thanked **John Young** who spoke on the life-changing power of optimism at the convention, and shared with us *John's Rules for Happiness...*

- * Do all the good you can
- * By all the means you can
- * In all the way you can
- * To all the people you can
- * For as long as you can



John also provided candy bars with this wonderful message emblazoned on the wrapper. Thank you John for the inspiring words and chocolate! Yum!

Announcements

Rockies Giveaway Handouts: Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 23rd to help out. **Michael Chavez** is looking for 30 good helpers at the Colorado Rockies vs. Diamondbacks baseball game. It's a 10:15 a.m. arrival and if you are so inclined you can leave in the second inning. However your editor suspects good seats may be available if you'd like to stay for the entire game.

Cub Scout Pack Formation: **Frank Middleton** reports that Cub Scout pack "Join nights" are coming up at three different schools. **Ryan Thompson** will be talking to parents and we need members to entertain kids by monitoring dodge ball (must be quick on your

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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 Continued

feet). It is from 6 to 8 p.m. And he is looking for five guys per schools, September 10, 11, and 12th. If interested, please give Frank a call at 303-759-9232.

Missy Franklin Update: Steve Kady let us know that Missy Franklin is going to Los Angeles to attend the MTV movie awards, instead of visiting with us. Let this be a reminder that, despite all of the gold medals and world-wide acclaim, she is still a teenager and prone to making bad decisions.

Upcoming Speaker: Steve Kady also reported that in two weeks, September 14th, we will have Jim Saccomano, the communications director for the Broncos, as our speaker. Jim has written four books on the Broncos and his latest is called, "Game of My Life" about the Broncos and Denver. In this book, John Elway, Tom Jackson, and other Denver Broncos legends recall their greatest moments. It is very likely that **Fred Paster-nack** will be in attendance for this one.

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Bike Ride: Dick Cohen reminded and thanked those who have signed up to work at the reststop during the JDRF bike ride on Sunday, September 16th. Opportunities to sponsor our riders are still available!

Walk to End Alzheimer's: Greg Young read the names of many members who have signed up to help at the Saturday, September 15th Alzheimer's walk. He could use a few more, so see Greg. The club is helping out from 7-10 a.m. If interested give Greg, 303-759-3921 or Joe Marci, 720-528-1394 a call.

OCMS Installation Dinner: Ed Collins says this is Monaco South's Social Event of the year with 64 people signed up for the yearend banquet/installation dinner to be held at Park Hill Golf Course, Saturday evening, September 22nd, starting at 5:30 p.m. Attached to GUMS email distribution is a list of those signed up as of Friday, August 31, 2012. Unless otherwise indicated on the sign-up sheet, it was assumed that each member is bringing a date (hence the count of 2). If you need to change this or you missed the sign-up sheet, please notify **Greg Young** and **Ed Collins** as soon as possible. Payment is due NO LATER THAN Friday, September 14th. Made check payable to Optimist Club of Monaco South and get it to Greg.

Correctional Industries Visit: On Friday, October 19th, **Bob Avery** is leading another group tour to Canyon City to visit the Department of Corrections prison industries. The caravan will leave from the American Legion parking lot right after the meeting that morning. If interested in going, let Bob know. He needs the following information ASAP, your full name (what is shown on your driver's license), driver's license number and state if not Colorado, and date of birth.

Castle Rock Golf Tournament: On behalf of Joe Marci, Prez **Randy Marcove** announced that the Castle Rock golf tourney has been cancelled.

Closing Bell

Pot, Pot, Pot — Bryce Slaby created some controversy, again, by trying to claim a cup that wasn't his. Fortunately **Dr. Bob** has some *sophisticated quality control systems* in place (he looked at the ticket) and the wrong was righted and **Terry Shroyer** claimed the cup. He was joined by:

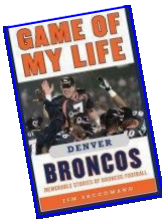
- Allan Yockey
- Jack Kleinheksel
- Jim Tapp
- Leo Hagele
- Karl Geil

Frank Middleton drew looking for the *Queen of Spades* to no avail, as did George Buzick.

Craig Eley read off **Don St John's** name, who was wearing his nametag. Good thing, he drew and won the \$15 pot! Since that big win he hasn't been seen.

Optimist Creed

Our meeting concluded with **Doc Gardner** leading us in the creed - *Promise Yourself!*



A Bit of Humor



With my ailing memory, I'm thinking of changing my password to "incorrect" That way, when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me..

"Your password is incorrect"



When you really want to slap someone, do it and say "Mosquito!!"



A husband is someone who, after taking the trash out, gives the impression he just cleaned the whole house.

Speaker, Kylene Trask, The Adoption Exchange

Paul Bernard introduced our speaker, Kylene Trask, The Adoption Exchange's Director of Development.



The Adoption Exchange has been connecting children and families since 1983. They believe every child deserves a family. They provide connection between foster care and people who want to adopt. It's an eight-

state (Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado) organization based at 14232 East Evans Avenue in Aurora. They help assist three types of adoption: infants, international, and special needed.

Here are some interesting statistics Kylene shared with us:

- ⇒ Average age of placement is 11
- ⇒ The largest placement they've had is eight siblings adopted by one family
- ⇒ 400,000 kids in foster care in the US
- ⇒ 104,000 legally available for adoption
- ⇒ 60% of the 104,000 are adopted by foster parents
- ⇒ 20% of 104,000 are adopted by relatives
- ⇒ 20% remain - those are the kids they are targeting
- ⇒ The Adoption Exchange has connected 6,988 kids since 1983, including 186 so far this year
- ⇒ 64% of kids are age 9 plus, 42% are in a group of 2 siblings or more
- ⇒ 56% are kids of color
- ⇒ 60% are boys

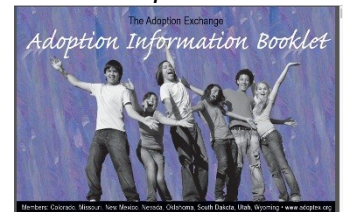
Families interested in adopting can go to www.adoptex.org to look at photos and get information on kids. There are also adoption parties two time a year, at Boondocks and White Fence Farm, which allow kids to mingle with prospective families.

There are also profile parties with just the parents. Case workers share information on the kids and teach basic terminology and language.

How can you change a child's life? Volunteer at a class or make a donation. Their funding is mostly from grants: 3 program special federal grants, part of National Research Center, some state funding, foundations and private donors. Additionally, 82% of donations go direct to programs and services.

When asked for a show on hands, at least 12 to 15 members have either been adopted or have adopted a child. Kylene shared a quote from an adopted child that probably carried a good bit of meaning for those men: "*Getting adopted is like sitting down after standing up for a long time.*"

Kylene's presentation ended with John Young asking if she would adopt him. No one at this editors table could remember anyone ever saying "No!" faster than Kylene did! You may download *The Adoption Information Booklet*, @ www.adoptex.org/adoption.



A Few More Chuckles

POLICE #1: While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, "Are you a cop?" "Yes," I answered and continued writing the report. "My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?" "Yes, that's right," I told her. "Well, then," she said as she extended her foot toward me, "would you please tie my shoe?"

POLICE #2: It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It sure is," I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, "What'd he do?"

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
9/7/12	Doc Gardner & Woody Thibodeau
9/14/12	Joe Marci & Pat Bush
9/21/12	Frank Middleton & Ryan Thompson
9/28/12	Al Gapuzan & Fred Pasternack
10/5/12	Ron Gutru & Jon Wachter
10/12/12	Harry Johnson & Steve Kady

Monaco South Calendar

- Sep 7 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Sep 14 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim Saccomano, Bronco VP of Communication
- Sep 19 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Sep 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - 100% Day & Camaraderie Day
- Sep 22 Sat 5:30 pm OCMS Installation Dinner, Park Hill Golf Course
- Sep 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Prez Randy Marcove, Special Presentation
- Dec 9 Sun Winter Holiday Party, Copper Fields Event Chateau - See Frank Middleton

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John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
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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.