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Good Morning Optimists!

Lupe Salinas returns and Egg McMuttins and Burritos are on the burner!

We were greeted on this 36-degree morning with big smiles from **George Vassilaros** and new member **Jim Tapp** making sure we all felt good. George was missing his semi-Santa beard so we can only guess he is going undercover. It's one of Santa's tricks. Governor elect **Ron Benson** was a surprise visitor. Governor Ron's vision and slogan for 2010-11 is, "Just say yes to the kids."

It was a touching moment to see MSOC 13th President, **Lupe Salinas**, with guest Bob Campoy, walking in the door and being greeted by a whole bunch of guys. Nice to see ya' Lupe, we hope this just is a new beginning.



Photo Don StJohn

Breakfast was a Jenny Craig spread of thin sliced Texas Toast, thin sliced ham, scrambled eggs, diced honeydew melon, juice, and Danish. Some of the plates were piled higher than usual.

President **Ron Cisco** gaveled the gang to attention and **Lupe** read the invocation, "Keep a cheerful countenance.... The Pledge followed. Ron reminded us all of the upcoming OI Presidential visit next week, May 7th, and that the meeting is going to be bulging with important issues and that we should ALL be on good behavior. Uh-uh! Tickets for the OI Dinner, on Saturday, May 8th at the Doubletree Hotel, are still available. Liberty Day Kids will be at

the door, so be prepared these kids are good. By the way, the 17th Amendment is interesting... something to do with replacing US Senators. Ron also reported that the East High School Constitutional Law Term Team place 5th in the National Finals. *Our congratulations, we are proud to support and contribute to their continued excellence!*

Guests

Lupe's neighbor Bob Campoy, and **John Stoffle's** new friend he had met at the 9-Health Fair, Craig Bannister. It looked like he was having a good time. Thanks John and welcome Craig!

Announcements

MSOC Directory: Tom Mauro, dressed like a character from a Vince Flynn spy novel, walked us through the new MSOC Directory. Only one copy per person unless you're Oscar Sorensen, who was seen leaving with three stuffed in his back pocket. Nine hundred dollars has been generated through advertising. Tom thanked **Jim Easton** for his continuing updates to the Service Directory listing, **Greg Young** for his quality control and **Craig Eley's** attempt to get unnamed members pictures and to make everyone look good. Be sure to contact Tom for your copy.



Super Citizen: Don Thomson acknowledged **Tom McKee** and **Greg Young** and for their Super Citizen presentations at University Park and Bradley. He also read a nice letter from Estephan Gonzalez a student attending the Nature of Science event.

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

9Health Fair: Howard “Howdy” Fry gave a big old thank you to all the volunteers who processed 700 attendees and over \$34,000 in fees at the 9Health Fair. He then presented certificates of participation to: **George Buzick, Eldon Strong, Joe Marci, Phil Perington, Pat Sullivan, John Stoffel, Harry Fegley, Les Larson, Donlie** “looking especially sharp today” **Smith, Sewell “Bud” Black, Russ Paul, Fred Pasternack, and Bryce Slaby.**

Still Looking for old Jeans: Tom Mauro reminded us his daughter, who is heading up an Aids project, is still in need of old jeans. She is creating a quilt to for a benefit.

Annual Picnic: Rand Marcove reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual Picnic at Eisenhower Park on June 5th. This is a community event with the Optimists playing a major role.

Junior Golf Tournament: Joe Marci reported there were still openings for the Junior Golf Tournament May 12th. The entry fee is \$110. He also said there were some Rockies tickets left for the July 6th game with San Diego. See Joe if interested.

Email Report By Steve Kady

Joe Marci and myself went to see Jim Brienza to present him with a certificate of “Thanks” for his contribution of the huge, red dumpster for our Christmas Tree Lot. We had invited Jim many times, however, due to that crazy weather this Winter, Jim had to stay at Rocky Mountain Roll-Off to keep his 14 trucks running. Ah, the glory of owning your own business. Marci thanked him and told him how much we appreciated the dumpster. That dumpster made cleaning up a lot easier that past years. Jim said he was happy he could help us and that he would be on board for Optimist Club of Monaco South again next year.



Joe Marci, right, recognizes Jim Brienza

I confess, I had never met Jim until yesterday, however, I knew some of his relatives years ago through the North Washington Fire Dept. There are still a lot of good people willing to help people.

Gateway Optimist Club Golf Tournament: Fred Pasternack invites all golfers to participate in Gateway Optimist Club’s Silver Jubilee Annual Golf Tournament, Monday, June 28th at Heather Ridge Country Club. A shotgun start at 1:00 pm. Entry fee is \$85 per golfer. Contact Fred at 303-758-3754 or Bob Krech at 303-690-1799.

Ducks are Running!: Greg Young, Sunday, May 2nd at George Wallace Park at 12:30 pm.

Fury Scurry: Don St John reminded us that today was the last “Official Call” for the Fury Scurry.

Speaking of Fury Scurry: It appears from the picture below that our Prez Ron got up early, sitting comfortably, but he doesn’t look to energized to sell those Egg McMuttins. And is that Leo Hagele eating up profits? Candid shot by Don StJohn.



Community Service Project that Got Applause!

If you weren’t aware MSOC got involved with Opera Colorado’s production of *Tosca*. The story:

A ruthless police chief’s obsession with a celebrated soprano leads to betrayal, murder and suicide in this operatic thriller. Set among the historical landmarks of Rome, this opulent production of Puccini’s drama represents the best opera has to offer. From an intensely dramatic storyline of cruelty and deception to the stirring and turbulent music for which Puccini is famous.



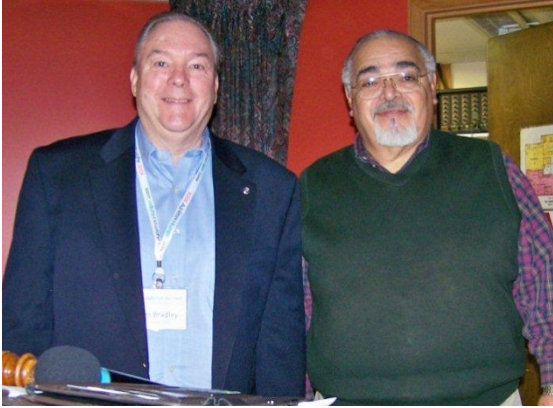
Picture from Bill Anderson’s camera

Bill Litchfield, the Cardinal, 2nd from left; **Bill Anderson**, far left served as a guard; **Greg Young**, a priest; and **Peter Dimond**, far right a monk. Also **Michael Chavez**, played a guard, but did not make the picture. It was reported that all got about 15 seconds on stage and made the operas finally—we’re sure with applause. The editors must confess we didn’t know we had SUCH IMPORTANT and TALENTED people in our club!

Optimist Club of Tamarac KRAZY RACE, Saturday, June 12th
RACE from 2:00-5:00 pm, PICNIC from 5:00-7:00 pm
You must register in advance
Contact Joyce Leman, 303-757-3770

Our Speaker?

Randy Marcove introduced Ken Bradley of the South Denver Kiwanis who presented his Club and Kiwanis Organization's program for Denver *Kids Against Hunger*, Founder Richard Proudfit, of the Hunger Project has



Richard Proudfit, on left, is thanked for his presentation by MSOC president Ron Cisco. Photo Don StJohn

over the last 30 years, managed to successfully engage Service Club's, especially Kiwanis, in providing food packages to starving and underfed children around the world. *Kids Against Hunger* has provided over 162 million meals for children and their families in more than 60 countries through the efforts of hundreds of thousands of volunteers.

Kiwanis is now providing over 1 million food packages. Each package contains six servings and is made up of high-quality white, long-grain rice, vitamin-fortified, crushed soy, dehydrated blend of six vegetables, chicken-flavored, and 21 vegetarian vitamin and mineral powder.

Kiwanis are conducting a 3-day "super packaging" event this Memorial Day to move the project forward. Major beneficiaries of the project are Haiti, West, and Central Africa. Kiwanis has partner with Christian World Outreach who provide funding for shipping the food packages, Haiti has received 10 million food packages to date. This is noble and important project that is funded solely by private contributions and free from government control and regulation. More can be learned at <http://www.kidsagainsthunger.org/>.

Super Citizen Presenters for May		
Day	School	Presenter
13 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Tom Mauro
20 @ 1:00 & 2:00	Lowry	Paul Stratton
26 @ 2:45 & 3:15	Univ Park	Jack Rife
28 @ 9:00	Samuels	Kent Gloor

MSOC 9Health Fair Representatives



Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
5/7/10	Neil Atkinson & Michael Chavez
5/14/10	Al Gapuzan & Leo Hagele
5/21/10	Robert Avery & Woody Thibodeau
5/28/10	Nick Newey & Ron Carlson

Monaco South Calendar

- May 7 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TJ High School Essay Winners & OI President
- May 8 Sat 7:30 am Colorado-Wyoming District 3rd Quarter Meeting, Windsor Gardens, 595 S. Clinton
- May 8 Sat 6:00 pm OI President Dinner, honoring Mark Shriver, Doubletree Hotel, 3203 Quebec St.
- May 14 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Scott McInnis, Colorado House of Representatives
- May 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Ronald McDonald House, 1300 E. 21st Ave, near Marion St. - Camaraderie Day
- May 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Edward Cobb, Employer's Support of the Guard & Reserves

Mark your calendar

- Jun 5 Sat Annual Picnic at Eisenhower Park with University Park Neighborhood Picnic
- Jun 11-13 Fri-Sun Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar, Colorado School of Mines
- Jun 27 Sun Bike MS - Multiple Sclerosis Fundraiser, See Don StJohn
- Jul 4 - 9 Sun - Fri 2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games
- Jul 8 - 10 Thu - Sat 92nd Annual Optimist International Convention, Sheraton Denver Downtown
Hotel: online registration @ <http://www.optimist.org/reg/>

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bob Safe	1995-96
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Tom Overton	1996-97
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.

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