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Optimist Club of Monaco South

Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado
Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years



Good Morning Optimist

Phil Perington, our Governor and Past President along with **Jim Vander Kamp** greeted all with broad smiles and handshakes. Welcome!

Invocation and Pledge

Our illustrious and soon to be new member, **Rodner Winget**, opened our meeting with a prayer, a prayer written by our VP **Craig Eley**. The prayer emphasized "Promise yourself to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own." What double rewards emanate from such a practice? Then we all pledged our allegiance to our flag. Editors note: Rodner was our speaker on June 7th. He sat with **John Young**, enjoyed the morning, and accepted the invitation to join. He will be formally brought on board soon.

Welcome Back & Guests

President Paul Simon directed us to recognize **Pat Sullivan**, **Gary Lehman**, and **Bryce Slaby** brightened our morning. Welcome back guys! We are thankful for everyone's participation.

Brian Williams brought **Dave Hall**. Dave serves on the board of The Rise School. He has two students in the school.

Steve Kady brought **Cynthia Wells**. She works for the Aurora fire department. The department aids the Mudd Volley Ball Tournament by providing much needed watering. Expect reports from **Cy Regan** next week. Cynthia told us the department serves other community events as well. Prez Paul presented Cynthia with a cup with our creed. Thank you Cynthia!

Pat Sullivan brought **Dave Peck**. Dave visited last week, and brought an application and check this week. He said "It only took me one week to know I wanted to

be a part of this club." We welcome you Dave!

Do Optimists Visit?

Well, ya! We had six visiting governors, beyond our own four, present to celebrate **Don StJohn Day** last week. Following the example of the governors, our members visited the **University Hills** and **FRACSOC** clubs this past week. The unity present in Optimism is well served by such visits. **Fred Pasternack** and **Paul Simon** visited the U Hills Optimist club. Fred served as the speaker sharing "A Day in The Life of a Pawn Broker." Of course his enthusiasm lifts the spirits. Other visit opportunities abound. **Governor Phil** shared that the **Mile High Club** in Denver was one of the original clubs, being formed in 1916. Additionally, **Gov. Phil Lt. Gov. Hank Fisher**, and **Harry Johnson** visited the Southglenn Club (1975), on Tuesday, this past week.



Harry Johnson, on the left, enjoys the camaraderie with the Southglenn (Littleton Luncheon) Optimist Club.

Photo Phil Perington

Governor Phil has now visited 52 out of the 59 clubs in the CO-WY District.

Our sponsorship of the **FRACSOC** (Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club) and the **T1DOC** (Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club) carries a

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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****

Do Optimists Visit Continued

responsibility to strengthen Optimism. Join others and visit some of the other Optimist clubs in the area. We know you will be welcomed.

Thank you for the Don St. John Day



Char StJohn sent a "Thank You Note" on behalf of Don's Family. Prez Paul read about how touching the day was. Particular thanks went to Prez Paul and Craig Eley for the biographic interview and the special song especially for Don.

Announcements

Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast: Paul Bernard thanked all those who served a couple thousand pancakes at Washington Park. Kent Gloor used his truck to haul the cooker, food and ice. Thanks to Kent and to Ed Collins, Don Thomson, Eldon Strong, Jack Rife, John Swick, Jon Wachter, Allen Pierce, George Buzick, Fred Pasternack, Russ Paul, Bob and Diane Coulson, Gary Strowbridge, Al Gapuzan, Pat Bush, Mike Chavez, OC Larson, Scott Walker, Shawn Mehaffey, and Tom Glazier plus those who came but did not sign the volunteer roster.

Mudd Volleyball Parking: Cy Regan who coordinates the parking for the March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball Co-Ed Tourney reminded all, it is Saturday. Cy will report how it went next week. On the spot reporter Steve Kady sent these preliminary pictures.



Aurora fire wets down the entrance to the parking area.
Photos Steve Kady



Russ Paul directing the cars into the lot on Saturday. Note the cloud of dust in the back ground.

Money Mountain Book: John Young borrowed the book, wants to return it, but can't remember who loaned it to him. Editor: I too can't remember, I hope it wasn't me. Help him out.

Optimist Day at Coors Field: Joe Marci reminds members to get their Rockies tickets for Optimist Day at Coors Field. The game, Rockies vs. San Francisco, is on August 26th starting at 6:40 p.m. Anyone wanting to attend this game or any other Rockies game to **Support Junior Golf** should contact Joe by email at: marcifrog@aol.com or phone: 303-771-3748.

Entertainment Books for Sullivan Scholarship:



Joe Marci is looking for a sales force. He has books you can sell for a good cause. Be come a super sales representative call Joe Marci.

CO-WY District Convention:



Donlie Smith making the call to carpool to the District Convention.
Photo Don StJohn

the district convention in Breckenridge. Donlie Smith suggests carpooling to the convention on Saturday, August 24th for part of the meeting and lunch. August 10th is the deadline for registration. Joe Marci and Ron Cisco have room for a couple more. You can be reimbursed for the Saturday's lunch. Give a copy of your pre-registration sheet to Greg Young for reimbursement.

School Supplies: Oscar Sorensen encourages donors to help our Super Citizen schools with school supplies. The Club is donating \$150 to each school to the school representatives to distribute as needed. See Oscar for details. Denver Public School's start on Monday, August 26th.

Super Citizen School Principals: Reminder, we will be hosting our Super Citizen school principals to breakfast this coming Friday, August 9th. All SC School Representatives should be on hand for this event.

School Funding Initiative: John Stoffel has an initiative available for signature to help increase funding for Colorado schools. Denver schools are projected to get about a thousand dollars more per student.

Installation and Awards Banquet: Greg Young advised us to mark our calendars and save the date for the passing of the gavel, Saturday evening, Sept. 28th at Blossoms Restaurant, 5:30 p.m. at 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO. Sign-up now!

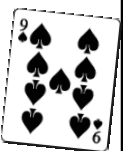
Roundup Cook Book: Jim Vander Kamp has cook books available for \$12. Also, there is a Gala coming up on Wednesday, Sept. 19th for a 40th Anniversary celebration. Jim will be having surgery on his ruptured Achilles in three weeks. Let's keep him in mind and visit him.



Order Palisade Peaches: Bob Finkelmeier is still taking orders for peaches. The price is the same as last year at \$25 per box/lug, about 18 to 30 peaches depending on size. Deliver will be around mid-August and you'll need to pick them up when called. To sign-up see Bob, or email him at rfinkelmeier@comcast.net or call: 303-756-5829.

Closing Bell

Did we have a drawing? You bet! Ron Carlson, Al Gapuzan, Oscar Sorensen, Karl Geil, John Walsh, Allen Yockey, and Phil Perington all had lucky tickets. John Walsh took a cup and drew another of his numbers on the next draw. Wow! With luck like that how can the pot survive. The 9 of Clubs came



Our Speaker, Meghan Lassen

Executive Director, Rise School of Denver

Brian Williams introduced our speaker Meghan Lassen, who told us the history of the Rise School. In June of 2000, a family in Denver gave birth to a son with Down syndrome. A few days later they received a phone call from a friend in Dallas congratulating them on the birth of their son. The friend also told them about the Rise School of Dallas which had been started in 1995 by a Dallas family whose child also had been born with Down syndrome.

In 2003, a group of six families began meeting regularly to discuss the educational options available to their children with special needs. The first step the group undertook was to understand the existing options available in the Denver metro area. These parents investigated and visited a number of public and private schools offering pre-school programs for children with special needs and found that none of the existing programs provided all of the elements offered by the Rise School. Several of the families made trips to Dallas and/or Houston to visit the Rise Schools and observe the program in action. These families also came back convinced that a Rise School was needed for children with special needs in Denver.



Meghan Lassen, Executive Director, tells us the story of The Rise School of Denver.

Photo Don StJohn

Meghan shared that the school is a 501c3 non-profit organization surviving on donations and tuition. Children from 1 to 6 years of age attend. The 3/1 staff to student classes have equal numbers of challenged and normal children. The mix is a win-win. The children learn to their potentials, given the high staff to student ratios. All lead teachers have a master's degree and create a learning environment defined as *Objections and Development & Learning Birth through Kindergarten*. The School runs from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the four classes of twelve students. They are located in the University Hills Lutheran Church, 4901 E. Eastman Ave., in Denver. She provided a standing invitation to visit. Learn more about

the Rise School at: <http://www.risedenver.org/>. You can also see the Channel 9 News video that she was trying to show there.

Editor's Note: My college roommate was one of two children. His family raised his Down's syndrome brother and him with equal respect. Jon Olson changed from English to theology. He served in a very compassionate and loving way. Jon was greatly blessed by his brother. By association, I was also blessed.

Closing Bell Continued

up twice, when a 9 of Spades was needed to win the big money. So, John Walsh won twice, and the 9 of Clubs was drawn twice versus the winning card. Even though there were only 10 cards left to draw from. **Ed Collins** also had an opportunity to draw, because he was wearing his name badge, but no cigar.

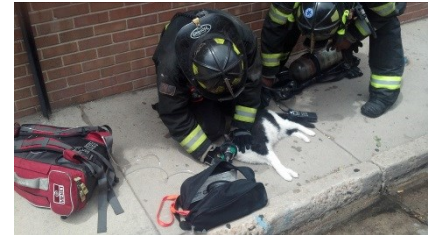


Two-time cup winner John Walsh does it again. If he is so lucky he should have gone for the big money.

Photo John Oss

Pet Respirator

Remember a couple of years ago when MSOC presented the Denver Fire Department with the pet masks—thanks to **Steve Kady**? Well they saved a cat's life this past week at a fire on South Birch. It was also reported that a few weeks ago they saved a dog over in West Denver. See the whole story at 9News.com. [Click Here.](#)



Cat gets oxygen after rescue from apartment fire.

Electronic Recycling Collection

Southmoor Park East Homeowners Association are sponsoring an Electronic Recycling Collection on August 10th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. supported by Rocky Mountain E-Waste, at the NW corner of the Microcenter parking lot 8000 E. Quincy Ave.



FREE recycling of electronics with exception of TV's, old electronics, e.g., computers, key boards, routers, cell phones, small kitchen appliances, etc. TV's will be taken for a small fee depending on size.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
8/9/13	Aaron Beery & Greg Young
8/16/13	Robert Wardlaw & Les Larson
8/23/13	Bob Coulson & Ralph Pedersen
8/30/13	Don Thomson & ?

Monaco South Calendar

- Aug 9 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Super Citizen School Principals to breakfast
- Aug 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Aug 21 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Sep 28 Sat 5:30 pm Installation and Awards Banquet, Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens

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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
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Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
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Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
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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.