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Good Morning Optimist

President Ed called our meeting to order at approximately 7:01:28 a.m. The “Mutt and Jeff” official greeters for today were actually **Doug Arnold** and **Fred Pasternak** (Editor, I would say Fred is the Mutt). **Karl Geil** gave the invocation this morning reminding us of our mission to aid in the development of youth. **Gary Strowbridge** brought in a Guest this morning, his past neighbor and long time friend, Kari Tai, of Finish origin. Welcome Kari!

Utterings from the Prez

President Ed’s announced that the Colorado-Wyoming 3rd Quarter District Conference at the Ft. Collins Hilton kicks off tonight and that lunch on Saturday would be paid for members who attended.

He also shared that we have the new King Soopers Card for sale. For this card there is also a new procedure in using the cards. First, you purchase the initial card for either \$25 or \$50, and then the cards can be reloaded for up to \$500 dollars at any King Soopers Customer Service Center. Our club receives 5% which can amount to \$2,000+/- per year, a good fund raiser. Please help!

Optimist International has set a 20% membership goal this year and that our club is at an approximately 20% for new members. Keep up the good work!

Announcements

Are you Here?: **Phil Perington** was in charge of taking attendance today for Bob Avery, however, he could not find the attendance list, so Phil declared this morning as a 100% day.

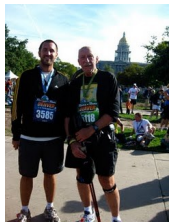
Bill Walters Day & Respect for Law

Are you interested in seeing a replay of our two special events from last week? Our own cinematographer **Tom Hoch** captured them and has posted them for you to share. Go to: <http://vimeo.com/groups/85985>. You will also find there the videos he took last month of, *Project Breathe, Denver's St. Patrick's Day Parade "Pooper Scoopers" for 2010 and 2011*, along with, *Bill Walters Get Well Card and Other Nonsense*. Please thank Tom for all the work he puts into these in capturing these MSOC legacies.



The Cherry Creek Theatre: **Dick Cohen** reminded us that there is a Group Rate discount available for MSOC members to see *Side by Side* by Sondheim at the new Shaver-Ramsey Theatre located at 3rd Avenue and Josephine Street. If you need to make it another evening, please speak with Dick to get the group discount. Showings are on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sun-days. You may purchase tickets by calling 303-800-6578 or on line at: www.cherrycreektheatre.org.

SOAR Program & Team Emilie: **Dick Nickoloff** shared information regarding the SOAR volunteer program (Survivors Offering Assistance in Recovery) at the University of Colorado Hospital Burn Center and extend his daughter-in-law’s deepest gratitude to MSOC for donating \$400 to the Burn Center. This contribution helps to raise awareness of Stevens Johnson Syndrome and in supporting patients and families going through difficult times. Go to [Team Emilie](http://TeamEmilie).



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****

Today's Drawings

Jon Wachter, Craig Eley, Karl Geil, Jon Wachter (again), **Ron Carlson**, and **Ron Carlson** (again) were all winners. **Tom Mauro** hit the jackpot for \$60 having worn his name badge.

Closing

Gary Strowbridge led us in the Optimist Creed.

Robert Sullivan Scholarship Program

Report & photo Greg Young

Thursday evening, May 5th, at Thomas Jefferson High School, 14 seniors were awarded \$500 scholarships by President, **Ed Collins** and Treasurer, **Greg Young**. The recipients were: Chidiebere Kelechi Agwu, Layla Alizadeh, Gianoula D. Andrianakos, Danite Arefaine, Amber Beren, Katherine Boyer, Nicole Brown, Marelle Davey, Emilio Hernandez, Megan Gonzales, Jennifer Holman, Hanna Kazlouskaya, Breyonna Marshall, and Esther Turcios.



The Robert Sullivan Scholarship program was established in 1999. Over the past 11 years there have been over 100 scholarships awarded.

Bob Sullivan was not only a member of Monaco South, but served T.J. as president of the booster club for many years, until he tragically passed away. He was a true friend of youth and was seen regularly at all T.J. events. Bob knew the names of almost every student and like a true Optimist, always greeted them with a smile. He will always be remembered for his support of this great school! As members of Bob's club, your hard work and support of the Tree Lot makes this Friend of Youth project possible!

Harry Johnson Heading to Washington

It was recently learned that **Harry Johnson** will be traveling to Washington D.C. later this month with the Honor Flight program. The Honor Flight is a group that flies WWII veterans to Washington for a long weekend of touring monuments and memorials like the WWII memorial. Congratulations Harry and safe travels!

Consumer Fraud Alert!!

Phony Debt Collectors Make Menacing Threats

The Denver area is receiving a rash of phone calls from so-called "debt collectors." In fact, they are con artists alleging that the person owes money on a past debt. They claim to represent a bank or other business, and will harass the victim by continuously calling back. These callers are specifically targeting older persons and are using scare tactics such as the loss of the home, or jail time if the individual doesn't immediately pay up. There have also been reports of debt collection scams over the Internet—most likely the result of on-line accounts that have been hacked.

Commercial: For the Gearhead in All of Us

Shared by Don StJohn

Here's a link to a Shell commercial shown in Europe. Ostensibly, they're selling gasoline, but the cars used in this video steal the show. Ferrari pulled several of their race cars from various ages out of storage, flew them around the world, and filmed them running through the streets of Rome, Rio, New York, Hong Kong, Honolulu, and Monaco.

No CGI (Computer-generated imagery) —these are the original cars on the original streets. The best part is the sound—from the basso-profundo notes of the early, front-engine era, each scene cuts to a later generation, ending with the wail of a modern F1 car. Even if you're not a gearhead, this video will stir the soul. There's just something about 3 liters and 14,000 RPM! [CLICK HERE](#).

2010-11 Super Citizen Program Coming to Close



Photos taken by Don StJohn and John Oss.



WHAT CONFUCIUS DIDN'T SAY

- Man who wants pretty nurse, must be patient.
- Man who leaps off cliff jumps to conclusion.
- Man who runs in front of car gets tired, man who runs behind car gets exhausted.
- Man who eats many prunes get good run for money.
- War does not determine who is right, it determines who is left.
- Man who drives like hell is bound to get there.
- Man who stands on toilet is high on pot.
- Man who live in glass house should change clothes in basement.

Stacey Pendleton, Colorado History Day

Karl Geil introduced Stacey Pendleton, Assistant State Coordinator who reported on Colorado History Day. The mission of National History Day is to improve the teaching and learning of history in elementary and secondary schools so that students become better prepared, knowledgeable citizens. The State History contest is tomorrow, Saturday, on the Auraria Campus. Students must first compete in their regional contests and then regional winners are then eligible for the State History contest. Ten districts compete in Colorado. Two winners go on to national completion.

National History Day is held in June, this event is the culmination of the year's research and practice. Individuals and teams from around the country converge for four days of competition.

There are two divisions:

- Junior Division (grades 6-8)
- Senior Division (grades 9-12)

Students research a historical topic of interest to them that relates to a broad annual theme. They then create a project to convey the results of their research and analysis, in one of five categories:

- dramatic performances
- imaginative exhibits
- multimedia documentaries
- research papers
- interactive web sites

These projects are then evaluated at local, state, and national competitions.

President Ed presented Stacey with a \$300 check from Monaco South towards Colorado's History Days fund raising efforts. More information can be found at: <http://www.coloradohistoryday.org>.

Remember Emma Whitehead?

Emma was our guest speaker back on December 3rd 2010. She spoke about *Up with People* and was about to embark on a journey with more than 100 international youth from over 20 countries to perform and do global impact community service projects for non-profit organizations worldwide.

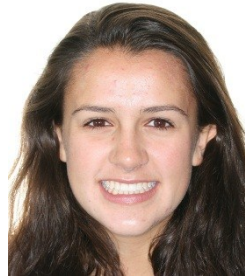


Photo Denver Post Your Hub

Emma has written MSOC twice now letting us know what she has been doing. In March she wrote from Belgium telling about some of the projects she was working on and the many experiences she was enjoying. Then again in April she wrote from The Netherlands. You can read her "journal type" letters on the MSOC website. Go to <http://www.monacosouth.org> and you will see two links on the left that will bring them down. You also can read a profile of Emma at the *Denver Your Hub* website by [Clicking Here](#) and see the *Up with People 2011 Tour* at <http://uwpontour.com/>.

Colorado Wyoming District Website

Speaking of websites, have you been on the District Website recently? If not [CLICK HERE](#). Stay up on what our District is doing, catch a glimpse of what other clubs are doing by visiting their websites. It's fun and it may just give you an idea on how to attract a new member for MSOC.



Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
5/13/11	Fran Middleton & Doug Arnold
5/20/11	Paul Gleditsch & Harry Johnson
5/27/11	Phil Perington & Robert Wardlaw
6/3/11	Pat Sullivan & Craig Eley
6/10/11	Jim Rumer & John ?
6/17/11	Nick Newey & Leo Hagele
6/24/11	Fred Pasternack & Ron Cisco

May Super Citizen & Korsoski Presentation's		
12 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Tom Mauro
19 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Paul Stratton
23 @ 5:30 pm	Slavens	Tom Hoch
25 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Jim Easton
26 @ 11:00 am	MPB	Pat Sullivan
26 @ 2:30 pm	Univ. Park	Jack Rife
27 @ 8:30 am	Samuels	Kent Gloor
27 @ 9:00 am	Holm	Donlie Smith
27 @ 9:15 & 10:15 am	Bradley	Randy Marcove
27 @ 1:00 - 3:00 pm	McMeen	Don Thomson

Monaco South Calendar

May 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Donn Eley, President & Founder of Brent's Place
 May 18 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 May 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 May 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Frank Middleton, OI Foundation
 June 3 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Nathan Wannlund, Young Americans Center for Financial Education

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.