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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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Good Morning Optimist

Wow, a beautiful morning in our fair city. **Jim VanderKamp** and **Bob Avery** have the privilege of being our greeters this morning and do a great job of welcoming everyone.

First Bell

V.P. **Jon Wachter** is sitting in for **Prez Paul Simon** and rings the bell to begin our meeting. He asks **Jim VanderKamp** to read the invocation. Jim's message this morning asks for help from the almighty to give each of us the disposition to spread goodwill and being able to help others in their time of need. Jim then leads us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

CO-WY Optimist of the Quarter

Jon then asks **John Oss** to approach the stage. John has been recognized as the Colorado Wyoming District Optimist of the Quarter. Having been a MSOC member for just over two years, John's contribution and quick response to becoming involved are an example of what members can do when they decide to become enthusiastic members of the club.



From right, John Oss, Jon Wachter, and CO-WY District Governor Phil Perington. John was recognized as the District's Optimist of the Quarter.

Photo Don StJohn

From the Vice Prez

Jon reads a *Thank You Note* from **Neal Alderson**, Monaco South Optimist and Executive Director of Schlessman YMCA, for the club's recent donation of \$300 to the Y's mission. Neal will be here next week to give us an update on the Schlessman YMCA's capital improvements.

Dottie Jefferies also sent a *Thank You Note* for the club's donation of \$700 in the fight against Childhood Cancer. Dottie visited us two weeks ago and highlighted the Optimist International \$1 Million campaign partnering with John Hopkins Hospital to help this extremely worthwhile cause.

Guests

Guests today include **Rob Gardner**, who came as guest of **Freddy Pasternack**. Rob moved here from Southern California with his family and operates a hearing aid business. **Jim Easton** introduces his son **Evan** who is visiting us this morning and points out that he is **John Oss**'s sponsor, thus having benefited the club in abundance. **Bill Wells** is here this morning and introduces his guest, **John Melton**. John has heard of Optimists and been meaning to come to breakfast, and is glad to be here. **Jeff Johnston** is also here and is the guest who filed out an application for membership during last week's meeting. *Welcome all!*

South Monaco is happy to welcome new member **Bob Coulson**. Bob comes to us with extensive experience in Youth Services and counseling. He is a former Air Force Officer and currently serves as an administrator with Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Welfare. *Welcome to the club Bob!*

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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****

Welcome Back



Doug Morton is in attendance this morning after an extended stay in the lower altitude region, great to see Doug!

Photo Craig Eley

Announcements

Application for Membership: **Greg Young** tells the club that **Norm Coons**, President of Norco Home Improvements has filled out an application.

Family Community Picnic: Greg also reminds us to mark your calendars for June 22, the club will be sponsoring a picnic at Bible Park, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and he is looking for volunteers to assist with kid games and some light clean up duties after the fun.

Reloadable Grocery Cards: **Cy Regan** talks with the club regarding the *King Soopers* and *Safeway* reloadable grocery cards he sells every meeting. These cards need be purchased from Cy once and can be used at each stores many locations, once they are used up simply go to customer service desk and pay in advance for the next allotment. South Monaco Optimist Club earns a percentage back from the transaction. Get on board members; this is an easy, painless way to help South Monaco earn some quick cash. It's for the kids!



Rockies Baseball: **Mike Chavez** says he still needs a couple more volunteers to work the upcoming Rockies game. Volunteers will be assisting during Sunday's Rockies game and the club receives money back for this event. We look forward to hearing how it goes.



OJ Junior Golf Championship: **Joe Marci** tells us about the tournament for Jr. Golf that will take place May 29th. The club has committed to 60 golfers and so far, Joe has only forty-something people signed up. Dust off the sticks and swing it for a good cause—should be a fun day.

Also, Joe has some great seats for the **Rockies Game** June 9th, with the stipulation you be a senior citizen or at least look like one. Editor: A quick glance around the room and the options appear to be many.



Bradley International & Childhood Diabetes: **Ron Gustas** announces a fun upcoming event at Bradley International School. Kids will be walking in the fight against Childhood Diabetes and he is looking for some volunteers to cheer them on. If you can clap, encourage, and smile you are qualified to attend. Ron just needs to let the school know who is coming, so if you would like to attend please contact Ron.

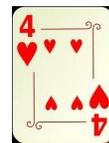
National MS Society 150: **Bob Avery** makes the initial call for bike riders for the upcoming Bike MS in June. The club will once again put on the lunch stop

for the Sunday portion of the ride, but Bob is looking for those interested in riding it. Those now expected to ride include **Howdy Fry**, **David Telpner** (who will be riding in his 17th event) and of course Bob. Editor: *How many will this be for you Mr. Avery?*

Aurora Rangeview Optimist Golf: **Fred Paster-nack** presents **Al Gapuzan** with two bottles of wine. Fred is also looking for golfers for a tournament sponsored by the Rangeview Optimist club. Fred said details to follow and something about an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, but he did not give us the details.

Call for the Drawing

V.P. Jon Wachter asks for the drawing to commence. The **4 of Hearts** is the lucky card this morning. Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** announces the \$50 pot with **Doug Morton** drawing a winner, **Terry Schroyer**, and **Allen Yockey**. No members win the pot big today.



Got Your Name Tag?

Craig Eley calls **Bryce Slaby** (no joke) for the name tag drawing but Bryce's luck is no better. Let's try again next week.

Nomination for John Oss CO-WY Optimist of the Quarter

Just 2 1/2 years after joining the Optimist Club of Monaco South, John has become an outstanding example of why we belong and what true commitment is all about. John participates in most of the club programs and also volunteered at the district's Brain Bowl events this year along with his wife, Ruth. He takes pictures at club events, rotates as one of the club's newsletter editors, and serves on the club board of directors. He also stepped up to run for one of the club's two vice presidential positions and was elected for a term that begins in October. When the club's longtime chair for its acclaimed, 10-school Super Citizen program recently announced his retirement from the position, John recruited a member to take over in the new year. John is one of the most enthusiastic, easiest members to work with and he's made my job as president that much easier. I'm honored to nominate him for this award.

Paul Simon, President OCMS



**Rockies Helper's
Those at the game
today who handed out
bobbleheads.**

From Paul Simon
aka, Mr. Popcorn Hawker

Our Speaker, Chuck Stout

Colorful Coloradans in Aerospace History

V.P. Jon introduces our speaker this morning, Chuck Stout who is here to speak about the History of Space and Aeronautics in Colorado. Chuck invites members to the [Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum](#), there are lots of interactive displays that are fun for the entire family with lots of interesting exhibits. Colorado stands rich in the history of space exploration both in our nation and around the world.

Before there were airplanes there was the balloon with one of the first being an act at the old Elitch Gardens. Will Ivey was the boy who ran away from home at 12 and joined the circus and came to be the entertainer who used the balloon to mesmerize patrons with his high flying act. He later went on to walk the tightrope across El Dorado Canyon and lived well into his seventies.

In 1910, the first airplane flight occurred at the now Overland Park Golf Course, which at that time was a racetrack. Frenchman Louis Palhan becomes the first person to fly an airplane in Denver at the sight that drew and estimated 40,000 to 50,000 people. On a cold February day, the large crowd amassed to witness the event and after an initial 15 second flight, which many believed was "all there was" and left, he flew again to the delight of the crowd. The first flight in this state by a Coloradan is believed to be in Lamar where 3 mechanics pooled their resources and built a plane that was able to fly.

Chuck tells us the story of brothers that wrote to a French company for instructions on how to build a plane. They enlisted the help of a local French teacher to translate the instructions, which were written in French and they were able to build the frame but found no details relating to the engine. The 3 then designed and built the engine which actually flew!

He then tells us the story of a young Fred Libby who grew up in Sterling Co and was the first American Flying Ace. Fred was an excellent cowboy and could ride any horse. Times turned hard and he found himself desperate. He joined the British Army during WWI, eventually finding his way to the trenches and the terrible conditions that existed there. He came upon a notice advertising positions for "Flying Services," leading to the position of "Observer." These duties included standing in front of the pilot



Chuck Stout
Photo Don StJohn

just behind the propeller and operating a machine gun point back towards enemy planes in an unbelievable show of daring and bravery. Unfortunately returning to Denver after the war, young Mr. Libby suffered the effects of post traumatic syndrome, he struggled until a fateful flight with Charles Lindbergh which helped him overcome the trauma and turn his life around.

After WWI there were many excess planes about with one coming into the possession of Elrey Jeppesen who was working as a pilot for Varney Airlines at the time. He began to take detailed notes and charts of areas that he had flown over, other pilots found these notes to be quite useful. Young

Jeppesen began to sell the notebooks for \$10, a large sum at that time, but well worth the cost. Varney Airlines and several other airlines merged to become United Airlines, and they became the one of the first airlines to begin using these charts and detailed navigation information. After a time, chart making became so popular and demanded so much of Elrey's time that he quit his job as an airline pilot and went into the chart making business full time. Today, Jeppesen employs 3200 people and is headquartered in Inverness.

In 1927, the city leaders of Denver decided it was time for Denver to become an important destination for the burgeoning airline industry. The close proximity of the mountains had up to that point, made airline travel to the city very difficult. A State of the Art facility was constructed just before the crash of the stock market and the city struggled to keep it open. By 1949, the facility became known as the Denver Air Terminal and featured fuel service and indoor public restrooms, and extravagance at that time. By 1958, a clock tower had been added and the facility was renamed for Ben Stapleton, and Stapleton Airport was one of the 10 busiest in the country.

Chuck has a tremendous amount of interesting information regarding the early days of the aviation industry and the important role Colorado and Denver played in its development. Members interested in more details should plan to visit the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum in the Lowery development for a wonderful experience, you are sure to learn some interesting history.

Super Citizen Presenters for April		
May 20 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	George Buzick
May 23 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Mike Mauro
May 29 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Frank Rowe
May 31 @ 1:00 & 1:45 pm	McMeen	Mark Metevia

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
5/24/13	Harry Johnson & Mark Metevia
5/31/13	Al Gapuzan & John Oss
6/7/13	JR Gieck & Ed Collins
7/14/13	Frank Middleton & John Oss

Monaco South Calendar

May 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 May 31 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim White, Volunteers of America

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
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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.