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Good Morning Optimists!

Ralph Pedersen and Jerry Gilbert, one of our newest members, are the greeters for this morning. It is a beautiful late summer morning and it is a pleasure to see them both.

Your Invocation & Pledge

Fellow GUMS editor, **Ralph Pedersen** provided the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



A historic moment, Astronaut David R. Scott gives a military salute to the U.S. flag during a 1971 Apollo 15 moonwalk. From the US Department of Veterans Affairs website: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/feature/celebrate/pledge.asp>.

Utterings from Prez Phil

It's camaraderie day and there is energy in the room this morning. **President Phil** calls the meeting to order asking for guests. **Donlie Smith** introduces our guest, J.R. Pinon. J.R. helped with the arrangements for **Jimmie Brown's** funeral and had the occasion to learn about Jimmie and his involvement with Optimist. He also met several members and he decided to come to a meeting for himself and see what the club is all about.

John Young comments, "This is a great place to prospect!"

Ron Roth, newest member of the club is in

attendance this morning and **President Phil** announces his presence.

September Birthday's

This being camaraderie day birthdays for the month were celebrated with a rousing and melodious rendition of the birthday song. Happy Birthday to all who celebrate their special day this month.

Prez Phil's Board Meeting

President Phil recaps the most recent board meeting. It was Phil's last meeting as President of MSOC and it was an extremely nice gesture of him to provide bar-b-que and beverages for those attending. Some of the items on the agenda included the conclusion of the long running *Goblins Calling* program, to be replaced by the fund raiser for the *Inner City Health Center*. Proposed budget for the upcoming year was discussed and recommended for the new board to approve. It appears the club will operate over budget, prompting the call for fund raising opportunities. Consider joining the new committee to lend your ideas for this and make the club more fiscally diverse. In spite of the tight economic condition **President Phil** emphasized our mission and the programs we run to help the kids. We are going to do these things because we expect a lot of ourselves and from our club.

Tamarac's Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's
3301 South Tamarac Drive
Date: Saturday, October 24th, 7:30 – 9:30am
Price: \$7:00

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****

Pres Phil's Moments in History

This day in history:

- 1793, George Washington lays the cornerstone of the capital building.
- 1851 the first edition of the New York Times was published and available for 2 cents per copy.
- 1990, a 500lb Hershey kiss was displayed in Times Square.
- 1987 the U.S. and Russia sign accord to remove mid range missiles.
- 1957, the TV series Wagon Train debuts.
- Birthdays on this day include pitcher Jim Abbott and Matthew Perry as well as Twiggy Lawson.

Announcements

Bryce Slaby talks about what a fantastic time he had at the 2nd Honeymoon Weekend last weekend in Winter Park. Members who recall Pat Mendoza should know he has suffered a serious stroke, see Bryce for more details.

The MSOC lunch stop was recognized by the Colorado Ride, formerly the MS150, as the #1 rest stop for the weekend event. Well done to Bryce and all the volunteers from MSOC and the Tamarac Club who helped out. Bryce and Sue traveled recently to Australia to watch their son participate in a rugby tournament. Also, the **Tamarac Optimist Club** is hosting a breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's on October 24th, between 7:30 and 9:30am. You can buy a great meal for \$7 with most of that going to the club, so get out and get your appetite filled while helping out the Tamarac ladies.

Eldon Strong also has high praise for the honeymoon weekend and the fun he and Roxie enjoyed. He also told the members that **Howard Fry** should be addressed by his more user friendly moniker of Howdy, so we say hello to Howdy.

Howdy then addresses the group and says that the 29 people who participated had a wonderful time with biking and hiking and enjoying Colorado's high country. We look forward to next year's event!

Kale Smith announces that next Friday our speaker will be an administrator with the Social Security Administration. This is a particularly pertinent topic for many of our members, so plan to attend.

John Young called for a quick meeting of other Eagle Scouts in attendance this morning.

Ron Cisco announces plans to build a new Optimist Club in the area of 1st and Sheridan. Those

YEAR END BANQUET
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26TH
BLOSSOMS RESTAURANT, 6:00 PM
Get your \$25/person to Greg Young

interested in helping out with this project are advised to see Ron. There will be some canvassing of the areas' businesses and neighborhoods that will be coordinated. Also, for the year end banquet, Ron hopes to see as many members as possible—he reminds us, it's for those members with or without spouses, or those looking for spouses, or for those who may not want a spouse, but perhaps a warm smile to talk with, or even just for a couple of nips on the old bud and a good meal. You get the idea, just show up will you please! He also wants to focus on a fund raising committee for MSOC to start generating some much needed revenue coming in to the group.

Don Thomson has the schedule for the upcoming year of the Super Citizen program. Presenters are needed for most of the schools. **Steve Kady** signed up to present at Bradley on Friday, Oct. 23rd. **Tom McKee** is the school representative for Bradley. Contact **Joe Marci** or the school representative: **Tom Mauro**, Hamilton; **Donlie Smith**, Holm; **Paul Stratton**, Lowry; **Don Thomson**, McMeen, **Pat Sullivan**, Most Precious Blood; **Kent Gloor**, Samuels; **Tom Hoch**, Slavens; or **Jack Rife**, University Park. This is a fun event for all involved, so give one of these gentlemen a call and help out.

Frank Middleton reports on the condition of members who are recovering. **Jim Piccinelli** is at home and has gained some weight since being released from the hospital. **Curt Jefferies** had his aorta replaced during a 6½ hour procedure in which he also received a quadruple bypass. Though sore, he tells Frank that he is doing well. **Bob Hugo** is home and sporting a back brace in his recovery from surgery. Our best wishes for speedy recovery for these members, our thoughts are with you!

Ralph Pedersen reminds members about the upcoming Memory Walk to supply Alzheimer's research. It will be held at City Park and volunteers are asked to report by 7 just west of the Museum of Natural History.

Don St. John also reports having a great time at the 2nd Honeymoon Weekend, and thought the whole package was above and beyond the price of admission. He also has spoken with **Curt Jefferies** and an aspect of this club that inspires your editor, is the way members look out for others in their time of fellowship.

On that note, **Jack Kitchell** took the microphone and spoke of support that he and his wife are embracing in these troubling times. When economic downturns affect us, we all need that support and help that our friends can offer. Take the time to reach out to those who can benefit from what we have to offer. And be thankful for the gifts that we have been given!

Camaraderie Ensues

We have a drawing and with 2 cards remaining **Ron Gustas** draw the winner, congratulations Ron!

Cy Regan reports on a new low for Grocery Card sales this week, with a total of 425. Let that one pass and work for a new week and come back strong!

Ron Roth leads us in the Optimist Pledge and we leave the meeting ready for the day ahead.

Fun at the 2nd Honeymoon Weekend



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Monaco South Calendar

Sep 19	Sat	7:00 am	Alzheimer's Memory Walk, City Park – see Joe Marci
Sep 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker from Social Security Administration
Sep 26	Sat	6:00 pm	Monaco South Year End Banquet —Blossoms Restaurant
Oct 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Oct 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Sally Bonkrude, <i>Leap Into Life: Letting go of the fear of change</i>
Oct 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Oct 20	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102

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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bob Safe	1995-96
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Tom Overton	1996-97
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Pat Bush	1983-84	Cy Regan	1999-00
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Jack Rife	2002-03
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Karl Geil	2003-04
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
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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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