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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimists

This meeting of The Optimist Club of Monaco South began with greetings by **Tom Charters** and **Gary Strowbridge**. At precisely 7:00 a.m. the meeting was called to order by **President Ed Collins**.

Invocation and Pledge

One of our lead optimistic members, **John Young**, provided the invocation and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. **Ron Gutru**, our newest Friend of Optimist member, lead the group in a great rendition of “America the Beautiful” as he served as accompanist on the piano.

Since veteran photographer **Don StJohn** was attending the COWY District Convention, **Donlie Smith** took over and captured Ron’s picture behind the Optimist banner. Good shot Donlie!



Guests

John Oss introduced his neighbor Richard Thomas, who is a graphic artist. **Russ Paul** introduced an individual with whom many are already familiar, a past president of the club (1983-84), **Pat Bush**. Pat hasn’t been around for a while, but we hope he decides to rejoin the club.

Super Citizen School Principals

Don Thomson gave a brief history of the Super Citizen program, which began in 1982 with three schools and has now grown to 10 schools in the southeast metro area being served by MSOC. Each



month during the school year representatives from our club present awards to students who have been picked by their teachers as “Super Citizen.” Students receive a certificate and

a T-shirt and recognition from the nominating teacher as to why they were chosen. In addition to the Monaco South member, who makes the presentations, a photographer is assigned and pictures of the students are made available. A show of hands of those at today’s meeting reflected that almost every member has participated in this activity at some point.

Although this is a busy time for administrative staff of the schools, several principals were able to attend our meeting this morning including:

- Bradley International – Steve Wera, principal, and Sue Williams, assistant principal. MSOC rep: **Randy Marcove**.
- Slavens Elementary – Kurt Siebold, principal. MSOC rep: **Tom Hock**.
- University Park Elementary – Dana Williams, principal. MSOC rep: **Jack Rife**.
- Hamilton Middle School – Barbara Nash. MSOC rep: **Tom Mauro**.
- Samuels Elementary – Pam Kirk. MSOC rep: **Kent Gloor**.
- Most Precious Blood – Colleen McManamon, principal. MSOC rep: Pat Sullivan.
- Lowry Elementary – Becky Bicha, principal. MSOC rep: **Paul Stratton**.

FOR THOSE WHO ORDERED PEACHES

*Peaches won't be here until after Labor Day.
See attached article to email.*

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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****

Special Guests Continued



Don Thomson

All of our guests stressed the importance of the Super Citizen program within their schools and that the award was much sought after by all the students, who looked forward to the Super Citizen assemblies. Special recognition was given to **Don Thomson**, who does a wonderful job of coordinating the presenters and photographers and to Dr.

Bob Finkelmeier, who supplies all the certificates for the events.



Some of our school principals talk about their school and current Super Citizen programs.

Photos by Donlie Smith

Announcements

MSOC Cub Scout Pack: Frank Middleton

thanked the representatives from Bradley International School for their support in forming a Cub Scout Pack at the school.

Brent's Place Activities: President Ed announced that the painting at Brent's Place had been postponed indefinitely, due to some conflicting events.

MSOC Installation Dinner: Don't forget the Installation and Recognition Dinner to be held at Blossom's in Heather Gardens on Saturday, September 24th. Tickets are \$26 per person. Please pay in advance to **Greg Young**.

Memory Walk: A fund raiser to further Alzheimer research will be held September 17th in Washington Park. MSOC members will be marshals for this event. See **Joe Marci** for details and sign-up sheet.

Sullivan Scholarship: Those who would like to help raise funds for the Sullivan Scholarships, which are given each year to students at TJ should help **Joe Marci** sell *Entertainment Books*. See Joe to obtain books.

Hand Out Tulowitzki T-shirts: Reminder, help **Curt Jefferies** handout T-Shirts at the Rockies Sunday afternoon game on September 18th. Participants need to be behind the "Rock Pile" (North side of field), by 10:15. You might want to consider car pooling, since the Broncos are also playing that day and parking will be at a premium. Minimum of 25 are needed,

so if you know anybody who would like to see the game for free, invite them to help. The Club makes \$500! Contact Curt to get on the list.

2011-12 Budgets: **Greg Young**, our money man, reminds us that anyone who has a project for the next fiscal year (Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2012) needs to submit information to him or plan to attend the budget session planned for September 16th. Also, anyone wanting to do a new project next year is encouraged to submit or present a description and budget to President-elect **Randy Marcove** (copy Greg) for consideration at the September Board meeting and during the budgeting process in September. Any member who wishes to be on the Finance/Budget committee should contact Greg. See Greg for details.

2011-12 Dues: Additionally, **Greg Young** reminds us that annual dues billing will go out in October. Dues will remain the same next year as this year: \$122 for regular members and \$88 for life members, but anyone paying the full year in October/November will get a \$5 discount! Anyone wanting to pay quarterly will be billed each quarter for 1/4 of the full annual dues. If you have been paying quarterly you will continue to be billed thusly. Last, any member who is in arrears for dues/fees must pay up in full or schedule a time payment plan by September 29, 2011.

August Birthdays

Due to space limitations earlier this month the August Birthdays were left out; so here they are:

- Bud Black
- Marc Goodbody
- Bob Hugo
- Bill Jaynes
- Les Larson
- Mike Miller
- Matt Nelson
- Fred Pasternack
- Dean Sotiriou
- Greg Young

Some of these BD guys we haven't seen for awhile. Come back and enjoy the fun!

District Convention Update

The Colorado/Wyoming District Convention was held in Breckenridge at the Great Divide Resort this weekend. In addition to other activities, our own **Phil Perington** was elected as Governor-Elect for the 2011 - 2012 administrative year, which begins October 1st. In this capacity, Phil will prepare to take over the job of Governor for the year 2012-2013. **Donna Priester** of the Colorado Springs Academy Club was installed as the Governor for the coming year and will work closely with Phil in developing ongoing programs for the District.

Monaco South members who attended the convention, in addition to **Phil**, were **Greg Young** (current District Secretary Treasurer), **Paul Bernard**, **George Buzick**, **Ron Cisco**, **Ed Collins** (President), **Randy Marcove** (President Elect), **Tom Overton**, **Paul Simon** and **Don St. John**.

Quotes on Optimism

Chauncey Depew: A pessimist is a man who thinks all women are bad. An optimist is one who hopes they are.

Mark Twain: Optimist: Day-dreamer more elegantly spelled. It's better to be an optimist who is sometimes wrong than a pessimist who is always right.

Walter Winchell: Optimist: A man who gets treed by a lion but enjoys the scenery.

Zig Ziglar: Life is too short to spend your precious time trying to convince a person who wants to live in gloom and doom otherwise. Give lifting that person your best shot, but don't hang around long enough for his or her bad attitude to pull you down. Instead, surround yourself with optimistic people.

Helen Keller: No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit.

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope or confidence.

Gil Stern: Both optimists and pessimists contribute to our society. The optimist invents the airplane and the pessimist the parachute.

Unknown Author: Fear less, hope more; Whine less, breathe more; Talk less, say more; Hate less, love more; And all good things are yours.

Identifying Characteristics of Optimists

By John Young

- ◇ Optimists know that if they want to change their life, they must change their minds.
- ◇ Optimists know that to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.
- ◇ Optimists know that the great end of education is to discipline rather than to furnish the mind: to train it to the use of its own powers, rather than fill it with the accumulation of others.
- ◇ Optimists know that to worry about tomorrow is to fail of devotion to the tasks of today, and thus to spoil both days.
- ◇ The Optimist knows that the loudest dog in the pack is rarely the smartest, only occasionally the toughest, and never the most important.
- ◇ The Optimist knows that time is irreplaceable.
- ◇ Optimists know that all men die but not all men live.
- ◇ Optimists know it's hard to give up everything but that's the only way to have everything.
- ◇ Optimists know they can alter their lives by altering their attitudes.
- ◇ Optimists know that after a lifetime of choosing between comfort and risk, they are left with the life they currently have.
- ◇ Optimists don't rob tomorrow's memories by today's economies.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
9/2/11	Don Thomson & George Buzick
9/9/11	Ron Carlson & Tom Hoch
9/16/11	Doug Arnold & Jim Easton
9/23/11	Joe Marci & Robert Wardlaw
9/30/11	Leo Hagele & Russ Paul



MSOC Banquet

Saturday, September 24th at 6:00pm
Blossoms Restaurant at 2888 S.
Heather Gardens Way in Aurora

Monaco South Calendar

Sep 2 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
 Sep 9 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Maximize Social Security Benefits
 Sep 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Sep 21 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Sep 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Ann Rowe, DPS Board
 Sep 24 Sat 6:00 pm Monaco South Installation Banquet, Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way
 Sep 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Don Mares, CEO of Mental Health America of Colorado

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
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Walters	1991-92	Phil Perington	2008-09
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ron Cisco	2009-10

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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.