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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimists!

President **Ron Cisco** called our meeting to order at 7:00 am sharp and gave the morning invocation followed by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Another morning without a guest. We need to just ask and guests will come.

Official greeters this morning was Vice President **Frank Ross** and yours truly OC Larson, substituting for **George Buzick**.

Pres **Ron** read a thank you letter for our member **Richard Kerr** who organized a donation of 28 cases of water, obtained by **Rich Wagner** from the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, for the Dinosaur Ridge a non-profit organization located on West Alameda Parkway in Morrison. Dinosaur Ridge founded in 1989 with the purpose of preserving the fossils on Dinosaur Ridge. They have preserved over 300 dinosaur tracks and many dinosaur bones which are displayed. You can learn more at <http://www.dinoridge.org/>.



Announcements

Update on Cy: **Cy Regan** is doing well with his hip replacement. He is in room 4105 at Porters Hospital. Give him a call, let him know we miss him.

Brent's Place: **Paul Bernard** reminded us that Sunday, July 25 at 5:30 am. We will be flipping and serving pancakes for Brent's Place, Kids Cure for Cancer, Washington Park. Paul could use a couple more volunteers. See Paul.

Mudd Volley Ball Tournament: **Joe Marci** said we will be parking cars for the Mudd volley ball March of Dimes fundraiser, Saturday, August 7th. You need to be there from 6 to 9 am. The club will buy breakfast.

CO/WY District Convention: Greg Young announced the will be August 20-22, see attached. The club will pay registration fee and lunch.

This Weeks Super Market Sales: **Donlie Smith**,

sitting in for **Cy**, announced super market sales of \$1,450. Good job guys! Keep it coming!



Drawing: Due to a mysterious force our guest speaker won the \$60 jackpot this week, thanks in kind to **John Young** who made the donation out of his own pocket. Thanks John! Next week the pot will be \$70.

The following members had their lucky number's called: **Ron Cisco, Ron Carlson, Tom McKee, Robert Duvall, Phil Perington, Ron Carlson** (again), **Bryce Slaby**, and lastly **Ron Carlson** (that's just not right - three times). *Mix those tickets up—darn it!*

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****

Guest Speaker

Dan Hugo introduced our guest speaker this morning. Shari Shink she is the founder of the Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center (<http://www.rockymountainchildrenslawcenter.org/>) that represents children who are the victims of extreme child abuse.



The Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center was founded in 1981 to address the lack of quality legal representation for abused and neglected children in Colorado. Without effective legal advocacy, these children were drifting in foster care for years on end, not receiving the physical and mental health care they needed, and often subjected to dangerous living conditions.

The Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center is appointed by the court to protect the best interests of our child clients, most of whom have been removed from abusive homes. We go beyond typical legal advocacy to guarantee our child clients' lives are safe and stable by ensuring they are not in state care for more than a year, unnecessarily moved from one home to another, separated from their siblings, denied crucial mental health treatment or forced out of the system without anyone to rely on as they transitioned to adulthood.

In its 29 years, the Children's Law Center has:

- *Saved the lives of 9,526 children*
- *Provided resources to more than 29,743 crisis callers*
- *Recruited 1,030 volunteer attorneys to advocate for children*
- *Achieved dramatic systemic reform through four dozen public policy initiatives*
- *Trained and empowered 3,840 foster parents to advocate for their foster children**

*Taken from Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center's website @ <http://www.rockymountainchildrenslawcenter.org/>



Photo Don StJohn

Update on Peaches

From the Denver Post last week. The grower is planning his first trip over to Denver in mid-August. If interested in placing an order, please contact **Bob Finkelmeier**. An order form with the box/lug price will be available next Friday.

Peach crop to be late but great

GRAND JUNCTION Western Colorado peach growers say this year's harvest will be late but plentiful.

Cold nights during springtime slowed the peaches' development, so the initial harvest of some varieties will be smaller. But growers expect the fruit to be larger and more plentiful as the harvest progresses.

Some orchards expect to begin harvesting 10 to 15 days later than normal. Z's Orchard says it began picking a few peaches this week.

Charlie Talbot of Talbot Farms says he expects this year's crop to be about 90 percent of potential, compared with about two-thirds in 2009.

Colorado is the No. 7 peach-producing state in the nation.

Federal statistics show Colorado produced 14,000 tons of peaches worth \$185 million in 2008, the most recent statistics available.



now he seems afraid to even get out of his wheel chair. Perhaps his lack of desire to walk is another reason New Dawn does not encourage him to do that. Jackie Dobrovolny.

Should anyone like to visit Gerald, he is at New Dawn of Aurora, 2000 South Blackhawk Street, Aurora, CO 80014.

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
7/30/10	Terry Shroyer & Russ Paul
8/6/10	Phil Perington & Al Perington
8/13/10	Frank Ross & Les Larson
8/20/10	Robert Wardlaw & George Vassilaros
8/27/10	OC Larson & Jon Wachter

From Gerald Davis' Daughter: Attached is a photo of Dad. He is looking at a scrap book Mom put together to save all of the cards from her wedding showers. The activities director at New Dawn had a wedding week with lots of related activities and she asked families to bring in wedding "stuff." I took over



some wedding pictures and the scrap book. Janet, Dad's caregiver, is finding it more and more difficult to get Dad in and out of her car. He is very stiff and inflexible. Last week she reported, "His right knee is

contracted to about minus 70 degrees of being able to straighten, the left knee maybe 35 degrees from straightening." Unfortunately, New Dawn does not provide any formal physical therapy. When Kaiser prescribed it, the physical therapists seemed to have trouble with Dad as he did not trust them or want to participate. New Dawn is reluctant to get Dad to even walk because they are afraid he will fall and they have decided he is a "two person lift." It used to be Dad wanted to walk but

New Wine for Seniors

I kid you not....New Wine for Seniors. California vintners in the Napa Valley area, which primarily produce Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a new hybrid grape that acts as an anti-diuretic.



It is expected to reduce the number of trips older people have to make to the bathroom during the night.

The new wine will be marketed as **PINO MORE!**

I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE
I just could not help it.

Monaco South Calendar

- Jul 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Kathy Groth, Vice Chair, Aurora Public Library
What public libraries can do for you.
- Aug 6 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Andrew Romanoff, *Candidate US Senate*
- Aug 7 Sat 6:30 am March of Dimes MUDD Volleyball Assist with Parking, Majestic Center, Aurora
- Aug 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Bob Finkelmeier, *Optimist Internet Safety Program*
- Aug 18 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Aug 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Aug 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Mike Befeler, *Aging and Other Minor Inconveniences*
- Sep 3 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
- Sep 10 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Curt Huber, *American Lung Association*
- Sep 15 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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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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