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Good Morning Optimists

It was another great day in the neighborhood. However, **Bob Finkelmeier** learned by dropping his pants, that on this day May 20th in 1873 Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis receive a patent for blue jeans.

For this editor, *"I could hear the birds chirping, dogs barking, and people scurrying as I rode the bicycle along the Highline Canal on my way to the meeting. To end the pleasant ride in, I found the smiling faces of **Jim VanderKamp** and **Elton Strong** were at their post greeting all members entering the Hall."*

Invocation and Pledge

MSOC president elect **Craig Eley** opened the meeting with the invocation talking about how one person can bring a smile and like a stone dropped into a pond send ripples of smiles radiating outward. As more and more stones are dropped, those ripples build into waves and soon all of those around are having a day just a bit brighter. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.



First Bell

President **Michael Chavez** called the meeting to order and proceed to with the agenda.

Guests

Bill Morgan introduced his daughter **Kaitlyn Morgan** once again. As you will remember Kaitlyn was our speaker on April 1st and will be starting her leg of



Bill Morgan and his daughter Kaitlyn.
Photo Don StJohn

the MS relay across America in just a few days. Kaitlyn will be running from Steamboat Springs to Denver. She wanted to come by and thank all the members who have supported her with donations. President Michael also reminded the membership that we will be setting up a tent at City Park on Sunday, May 29th at 11:00 a.m. to welcome Kaitlyn at the end of her run. Kaitlyn's team will have a camper stationed, so look for that when you arrive.

From the Prez Member Updates

Peter Dimond: Peter has shown much improvement in his bout with double pneumonia. He is still in intensive care and cannot yet receive any visitors, but his wife Karla reported he is getting stronger and should be in a shared room in the next few days.



Doug Morton: In an email from Doug's wife Marilyn, Doug now has been moved to hospice care because fluid in his brain is building up faster than the shunt can take care of it. This is causing a balance problem as well as deterioration of other brain functions. At the present time, he is rapidly declining and the Hospice people say he will last only a matter of weeks.



Michael asks that we keep them both in our thoughts and prayers.

Board Meeting

Some of the business conducted at the Board Meeting last night included the approval of donating another two hundred dollars for the school supply drive this coming fall. The additional funding will be directly targeted to Samuels Elementary to help a group of particularly needy students in a special program that reaches out to the children that are often passed over. Also, it was announced that **Jim VanderKamp** will be appointed club secretary for the **Craig Eley** administration during the 2016-17 year. Thank you Jim for accepting the task of keeping Craig on the straight and narrow.

Third Quarter Conference

The third quarter district conference was held last weekend at Maggiano's in Englewood. We learned that Monaco South will be grouped with DTC, U-Hills, Denver South, Civic Center, and the Classic Car Club in Zone 6 next year. Our own **Jon Watcher** will be the Zone 6 Lt. Governor.

CO-WY Casino Night

The CO-WY District Optimist Casino Night was held

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******

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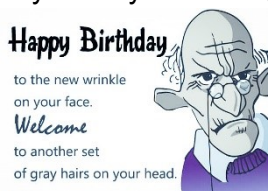
last Friday for the Childhood Cancer Campaign. District Governor Elect **Paul Simon** announced that they raised \$4,800 for the campaign. Paul also thanked **Paul Stratton, Phil Perington** and the Monaco South Optimist Club for sponsoring tables at the event. Card sharks **Don St. John, Ed Collins, Governor Curt Merrill, Greg Young, Paul Simon** and **Kent Gloor** attended the event. It was said that Kent pulled a couple of Aces out of his sleeves during the card games.



These players look like they belong at the World Series of Poker.
Photo Paul Simon

May Birthdays

Prez **Michael** read the names of the May birthday boys. They are **George Buzick, Robert Duvall, Harry Fegley, Keith Gallaway, Al Gapuzan, Karl Geil, Tom Mauro, Curt Merrill, Dave Peck, James Riley, Gary Strowbridge, Mike White, and John Young**. Of course we honored them with the long standing tradition of the singing of *Happy Birthday* to those boys. I heard that some guys will do anything to get their names in the newsletter.



Announcements

Rockies Road Trip: **Phil Perington** reminded all members that the Colorado Rockies are on the road this week. He made the bold prediction that they will come out on top of the Pittsburgh Pirates 2 games to 1 and will top the Red Sox 3 games to 0. So far the Rockies are 1-1 with the Pirates so Phil is in the ballpark (so to speak) thus far.

DTC Wine Tasting: **Tom Overton** reminded us that the DTC Optimist Club Wine Tasting and Auction will be at the Citron Bistro Restaurant from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 21st. However, if you are just learning about this event, save your pallet until next year because May 21st was yesterday.

Junior Golf Fundraiser: The District Junior Golf program is conducting two fundraisers in the near future. **Joe Marci** said the long ball player in his foursome for the senior (and we mean SENIOR) golf tournament is this Tuesday, May 24th. See the schedule attached to *GUMS* distribution email. Due to a late drop and they need a replacement player. The tournament will be at Park Hill where your editor has heard all the holes are downhill. The replacement player could be a short ball hitter as long as the ball is closer to the hole after it he hits it. The other fundraiser is a Rockies game on Sunday, June 12th. Joe has plenty of tickets left so if you want to bring some friends and family, don't hesitate to ask them. The seats are very good and cost just \$15.

T1DOC On-Line Auction: This editor errored last week when he reported that the On-Line Auction was for the JDRF. It is actually for T1DOC. The money

raised will be used for sponsoring "camperships" to this year's Diabetes Summer Camp. The camp is for diabetic kids only and gives them one of the very few opportunities to spend time away from their family. The camp is staffed with full time medical personnel to monitor the camper's medical conditions. The auction ends tonight at 9 p.m. so there is still some time left but you need to get your bids in now. So stop reading this newsletter until you have submitted your bids at www.32auctions.com/diabetes2016.

Hugh O'Brian & Brent's Place: **Paul Bernard** announced that the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Conference will be held at the University of Denver on Saturday, June 11th. He is looking for members that are willing to speak to the youngsters about the value of volunteerism. He will be sending around a sign-up sheet over the next couple of weeks. Paul also let us know that the Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast will be on Saturday, July 29th. If you a good pancake flipper or sausage fryer, keep that date open on your calendar.

Super Citizen: The Samuels Elementary School's May Super Citizen awards were made last Wednesday. Monaco South members **Joe Marci, Don Thomson** and **Michael Chavez** were in attendance. **Tom Mauro** also announced that the Hamilton Awards were last Thursday.

Speaking of Super Citizen presentations, **Greg Young** who takes pictures at the University Park SC program got this shot of **Olivia Jones**, center, her mother on the left and teacher **Sarah Webb Smith** on right, on May 19th. As Greg points out, "One very happy Super Citizen from University Park."



Charlie Korsoski Awards: Super Citizen Program Coordinator **Robert Wardlaw** reports that the year ending Charlie Korsoski Awards will be presented over the next few weeks in the ten schools that Monaco South is associated. The **Charlie Korsoski Award** goes to each school's Super Citizen of the Year. They are presented with a framed certificate, a \$50.00 award and their name is engraved and mounted on the school's Charlie Korsoski Awards plaque. If you would like to see these presentations look at the end of this newsletter for the school of your choice. The history of the Korsoski Award program is attached to *GUMS* distribution email.

Jimmie Brown Perfect Attendance Award: Many of you might know that MSOC will be presenting perfect attendance certificates to fourteen (14) students at Lowry Elementary and eight (8) students at Bradley International. **Jimmie Brown**, a former member who passed away in 2009, had a perfect attendance record from kindergarten though his senior year in high school. **Paul Stratton** and **Randy Marcove** created this award program six years ago in his memory. This award fits well with our goal of *Bringing Out the Best in Kids*.

Excellence in Education Award Jennifer Wilson 2015-2016 Recipient from University Park Elementary

Tom Mauro announced this morning that the 2016 Excellence in Education Award was being presented to Jennifer Wilson. Jennifer is a third grade teacher at University Park Elementary School. She has been teaching for 25 years. Jennifer received her bachelor's degree from Baylor University in Texas and her master's degree from the University of Colorado. She has also taken classes at Colorado State University.

Jennifer loves reading and would be a librarian if she did not teach. Her principal, Grant Varveris, describes her as energetic and optimistic every day at school. Jennifer has



Bob Avery, left, Super Citizen representative to University Park Elementary to Jennifer Wilson. Principal Grant Varveris is on the right.
Photo Don StJohn

her national teaching certification meaning she may teacher anywhere in the country. One of the interesting comments she shares on her school bio page when asked, "If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?" She states, "If I could only eat one food for the rest of my life, I'd be sad thinking of all the foods I couldn't have. But I'd still enjoy my grilled steak." Jennifer thanked the club for this award saying that while teaching young students is rewarding, be recognized for the work you do is always appreciated.

Announcements Continued

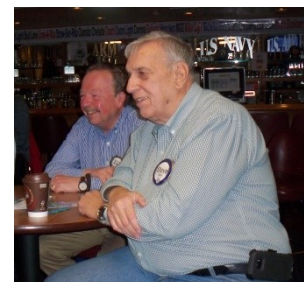
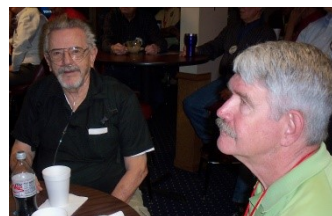
Special Olympics Meet: **Jim Easton** said that he went to the Special Olympics Denver Area Athletics Meet last weekend at Brighton High School. He reports that it was fun helping out but that it was really cold. Jim was looking a little blue around the gills this morning.

Morning Drawing

This morning your editor wasn't sleeping so he did record today's drawing winners. The cup winners were **Everett Gardner, Tom Mauro, Jim Easton, Bill Morgan, Paul Gibson** and **Phil Perington**. Those taking a stab at the \$100 pot were **Al Gapuzan**, and **Robert Wardlaw**. **John Stoffel** also got a free chance for wearing his name tag, but he too didn't pull the correct card.

Look Who is Here Today

Photos Don StJohn



May Super Citizen Presenters

May 26 @ 9:00	Lowry	Paul Stratton
May 26 @ 1:00	McMeen	?
May 27	Highline	Cancelled

Weekly Greeters

5/27/16	Bob Avery & Kent Gloor
6/3/16	Ron Cisco & Casey Funk
6/10/16	Don Roth & Joe Marci
6/17/16	Jack Kleinheksel & Mike McMahon

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40th Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

May 27 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Martha Sipeki, FasTracks
Jun 3 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Joe Marci, Junior Golf
Jun 10 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Jun 11 Sat	5:00 pm	HOBY Leadership Seminar picnic at DU, chat with the kids about community service
Jun 17 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day



**Past Presidents of the
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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
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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.