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Editor for this Issue—Ralph Pederson



Good Morning Optimists!

Craig Eley (the old guy; should have said “veteran member”) and **Kale Smith** (the young guy; should have said “comparatively new member”) were at the door today with their wide smiles and personal greetings. Kale repeated from last week; he really likes the job! And he and Craig did a great job as usual. Thanks guys!

Invocation & Pledge

Jack Phillips addressed the God of Encouragement to help us be sensitive to the needs of others, and continue to HELP THE ROCKIES! He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America AND to the Republic for which it stands.

Guests

Ed Collins introduced his brother-in-law, Frank, from Casper, Wyoming.

Utterings from Prez Phil

President **Phil Perington** read the names of those having birthdays in June; precipitating the rendition of Happy Birthday, but it was hardly recognizable. TRADITION!

El Presidente reported on the board meeting recently held. We are keeping expenses close to the budget. New programs passed for club participation and sponsoring: Top Gun, involving motorcycle

cops; and The U Hills Picnic, a neighborhood social event. He read several “Thank You” notes from:

- Hamilton Middle School,
- Sullivan Scholarship, Tom Sall,
- U Hills Picnic participation, Neighborhood Association.

President **Phil** presented the **Jim Brown** Memorial Patch and **Greg Young** did the honor of placing the patch on our club banner. I suggest that, if you haven't already taken a look at the banner; very interesting.

Installation of New Member

George Vassilaros (my childhood friends called me "Vaseline") was duly inducted by **President Phil**. **Fred Pasternack** is his sponsor. George is an insurance agent for Farmers' Insurance, with an office in Centennial, CO. He is already an active member, helping at both Jr. Golf Tournaments last weekend.



Photo by Don St.John

WELCOME, GEORGE!

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

Announcements

Coors Field Update

Ron Carlson announced that milk is now available at Coors Field at gate #106; no sales after the 7th inning. Ed.: *I guess that's better than beer!*

In the Hospital

Tom Mauro gave us an update on **Jim Piccinelli**. He is expected to go home today! We are thankful, along with wife Margaret. He has a long way to go, managing pain and getting comfortable. Send a card to Jim and Margaret Piccinelli, 5228 South Kenton Way, Englewood, CO 80111-3833. Visitors can call Margaret at 303-721-1470.

Tom also reported that he had a visit to the beautiful city of Pueblo (his home town). He toured a cement factory where there was no dust; he was very impressed and so were we. He then offered Rockies tickets for July 4th at \$35 each, a bargain for seats going for \$70! Call Tom, but hurry.

MS 150 Ride Pledges

Bob Avery reminded us to pay up; cash or checks to Bob are due. He is cycling for donations to Multiple Sclerosis. Former riders are **Fred Pasternack, Jack Rife, Eldon Strong**. Ed.: *There are probably more that I can't remember.*

MSOC Volunteering for MS 150

Bob Avery and **Don St.John** reminded us to help at the Bike MS Rest Stop in Longmont, Sunday, June 28th, starting at 7:00am. Put up tents, eat Three Tomatoes Catering food, and operate the Optimister (misting the cyclists as they pass by). Riders love it! All in a days work! We also will be passing out Three Tomatoes food to the 3,000 riders who are raising funds for Multiple Sclerosis.

Optimist International Junior Golf

Jr. Golfers Shine in 2009 reported **Joe Marci** and **Ron Cisco**. 164 young golfers played in the District tournaments this year. The scores were fantastic!! The 16-18 winners were Clay LeBrec (boys) with a 68, and Somin Lee (girls) with a 75. The 14-15 winners were Cole Nygren (boys) with a 70, and Shenwoo Lee (girls) with a 73. The 12-13 winners were Kevin Wohlfarth (boys) with a 69, and Jenni Chun (girls) with a 99. The 10-11 winners were Tyler Zhang (boys) with a 75, and Elizabeth Wang (girls) with a 76. Unfortunately Elizabeth is only 9 years old and cannot by rule play in Florida for the International Championships until next year when she reaches the minimum age requirement of 10.

We thank all the Optimists who helped conduct the two tournaments at Flatirons and Fitzsimmons golf courses. You guys were great! A special thanks to **Don Thomson** who captured some fantastic

photos of the fantastic golfers. We truly appreciate the financial assistance provided by our club and its generous members. We couldn't have done it without your help.

Some Golf Shots are Difficult

Related Story from field reporter **Don Thomson**, Flatirons Golf Course, June 12, 2009.

Brad Shumway (pictured on the left), a student from Peak to Peak School, was not able to locate his ball after teeing off on the #11, par 3 hole. Fellow golfers helped him look for his ball around the large tree (see the picture below). My wife Joyce and I were taking pictures of Optimist hole sponsors when she noticed Brad climbing up the tree with a golf club in hand. Sure enough the ball lay in the crotch of the tree and he proceeded to play the ball from there. To his



surprise the ball landed on the green and he two putted for a bogey 4. Brad jumped down before I could take his picture in the tree. His fellow golf partners and those waiting on the #11 tee-box were totally amazed.

Brent's Place

Paul Bernard reminded us of our commitment, along with the Tamarac Club, on July 26th at Washington Park to provide a pancake breakfast to the runners/walkers in this event to raise funds. Brent's Place is the primary program of the Brent Eley Foundation. Vision: *to make a difference in the lives of children with cancer and their families.* Mission: *help those living with cancer by providing housing and programs through partnerships in our community.*

Linda a Donn Eley established the foundation in 1997 in memory of their son Brent who lost his battle with cancer at the age of 14. They opened Brent's Place in November 1998 to meet the growing need to house kids with cancer and their families traveling to Denver for cancer treatment. Since that time, more than 450 unique kids have stayed here from all over the Rocky Mountain region.

Children with cancer have special needs in terms
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Brent's Place continued

of housing. In particular they need to be protected from common bacteria and molds as well as limit their exposure to other people and inadvertent infection. Brent's Place is the only place in the region that provides this "safe clean" housing. They currently offer temporary apartments for kids with cancer and their families on a campus of private apartments, all fully furnished and equipped. In addition, they provide supportive services such as weekly family night dinners, a fully stocked resource center with videos and Internet access, sibling support activities, as well as outings and activities safe for the entire family.



Brent's Place operates two houses, one within walking distance of Presbyterian St. Luke's Rocky Mountain Cancer Center; and the second, since February of this year, near the new Children's Hospital/Anschutz Medical Campus. With the expansion they will now be able to welcome even more children and adults who will benefit from its services.

Kamaradary Day

From editor Ralph, **Dick Zolman** was my spel chekr today. How did he do?

In the absense of a speakr, this tipe of meeting always provides some interesting anouncements, see **Ron Carlson's** about milk at Coors. And then this from **Bill Walters**: He was siting in a restaurant in Lake Tahoe resently when in walked **Eldon and Roxie Strong**. "Thank God I was with Sharon!," Bill explained. "Wow, what a surprise!"

Cy Regan's Report

Gangbusters! **Cy Regan** reported whoping Supermarket sales of \$1,675; may be a rekord!

Final Bell

\$20 was on the table for a corect pik of the cards. The pot was down due to Harry Johnson's win last week of \$50. Congratulations!



Photo by Don St.John

ONLY IN AMERICA

- ...do drugstore prescription department's make the sick walk all the way back in the store to get their prescription.*
- ...do people order double-cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet soft drink.*
- ...do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counter.*
- ...do we leave our cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.*
- ...do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.*
- ...do we use the word "politics" to describe the process so well—"polo" in Latin means "many" and "tics" means "bloodsucking creatures."*
- ...do we park our cars in driveways and drive on parkways.*

Monaco South Calendar

Jun 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Eddie Bryan, Union Station Past & Future
Jun 28	Sun	7:00 am	Bike MS Rest Stop - see Don St. John
Jul 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Debbie Reinking, Eldercare Dispute Mediation
Jul 8-11			Optimist International Convention, Kissimmee Florida
Jul 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
Jul 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Jul 21	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar, Room 102
Jul 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Craig Eley, Beekeeping
Jul 26	Sun		Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast, Washington Park
Aug 27-30			Colorado/Wyoming District Convention, Colorado Springs
Sep 11-13	Weekend		Honeymoon/Getaway Weekend-Colorado Arlberg Club-Winter Park
Sep 26	Sat	6:00 pm	Monaco South Year End Banquet— SAVE THE DATE!

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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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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