



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Have a Safe and Happy 4th

[America the Beautiful Tribute by Ray Charles \(CLICK HERE\)](#)

Good Morning Optimists Greeting Us Today

The morning began with greeters **Frank Ross**, **Greg “Choo-Choo” Hurd** and past Prez **Mark Matevia** waving in the crowd. The gathered were upbeat considering the previous day Rockies defeat that included leaving the bases loaded THREE TIMES! We're the Optimists so we're still giving our Rocks the benefit of the doubt. Master Chef **John Marinis** eased some of the pain with delicious Omelet ala' Mexicana, hash browns, Texas toast, and juice. Liberty Day President and Founder **Andy McKean** provided a Thank You to members by donating American Flag Lapel Pins.



First Bell

President **Ed Collins** gaveled at 7 a.m. sharp and invited past Prez **Ron Cisco** to present the invocation, a thank you and prayer to the American spirit. The Pledge followed with a Rockies cheer and July 4th hurray for the Red, White and Blue.

Ed acknowledged new member **Bruce Siegrist** and asked **Frank Middleton** to introduce his guest Ryan Thompson, Frontier District Director of the Boy

Scouts of America. The Prez then requested Sponsor, **Oscar Sorenson** and our new member **Tom Charters** to come forward and be officially inducted into the membership of MSOC. After the please say your name, I do's and pin ceremony Tom was warmly cheered into the Club and immediately assigned to watching Oscar and reporting back to the Santa Claus committee. Ed then reported that the *Aurora Sentinel* had printed a recent article featuring are one and only **Fred Pasternack** and the social impact of Pawn Shops in the neighborhood and community. Everybody raise your hand who watches “Pawn Stars” on the History Channel.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the full article on Fred by

Brandon Johansson titled, *15 MINUTES: Pride of the pawnbroker, The Aurora Sentinel*, June 24, 2011 edition.



Photo Heather L. Smith, *The Aurora Sentinel*

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

MS 150 Bike Ride: Michael Chavez thanked everyone who helped make this year's MS-150 a success. He listed the names of hard working volunteers (that included members of the Tamarac Club) starting with our own president **Ed Collins, Paul Bernard, Craig "The Camerman" Eley, Cy Regan, Bryce Slaby, Pat Sullivan, Robert Wardlaw, Howard "Howdy" Fry, Marc Goodbody, OC Larson, Don St.John, Frank Ross, Donlie Smith, John Young and Phil Perington.** This was Michael's first year as Chairman of the 150 and he did an unbelievable job. Cheers and hurrahs to Michael. It should also be noted that without the use of Bryce's truck we would never have been able to get the equipment on site. *A special thanks to Bryce as well.*



Photo Don St.John



Photos Craig Eley

More of **Craig Eley's** photos from the MS-150 event, plus riders can be seen at [CLICK HERE](#).

A Joke?: Oscar Sorensen told an incredibly complicated joke involving the Queen of England, President Obama, VP Joe Biden, and Sarah Palin, plus an assortment of parents and children and who knows what else.... Oscar did somehow escape a fine. Some murmured the fix was in.

Related Story-Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

Michael Chavez, who did an exemplary job in his first of what we hope will be many years of heading up the Bike MS Rest Stop project, made a mysterious reference during Friday's meeting to the loss of three tables during that project. I felt compelled to clear up the mystery, but did not have time at the meeting, due to the precedence of a five-minute Obama-Biden joke (to be fair, it did have two funny punch lines, as opposed to the usual single non-funny punch line that we have, alas, grown used to).

As usual for the MS project, it was a hot day. We took down all the canopies, with the unwelcome assistance of a strong, hot wind. Due to a death in the family, Bryce Slaby was unable to attend the rest stop, but he graciously allowed us the use of his large, open air, stake-bed truck. We loaded all the cinder blocks, tents, chairs and tables onto Bryce's flatbed truck, and Howdy Fry, accompanied by Michael, drove all of our equipment to the

Club's Denver storage locker.

The trip south on I-25 from Longmont was frustrating, due to a traffic back-up that added about 45 minutes to the trip. Eventually, though, traffic eased and we were able to proceed at a normal 10 miles above the speed limit clip. I was riding with Frank Ross, and we decided to go to the storage unit to help unload the truck. We were not looking forward to unloading, because we were tired from a long day in the sun, and it was still pretty hot. But Howdy and Michael were extremely accommodating, because it turned out when we arrived that there were three fewer tables to unload than we had loaded. Less work for us!

We were told that on the trip down I-25, three of the tables blew off the truck. Although Frank and I were some distance behind the truck, we never saw any tables on the roadway. Robert Wardlaw, however, who also came to the storage unit to help unload, reported that he had seen one table up against the median on I-25.

As far as we know, no one was killed or maimed from the flying tables, so it turned out to be a satisfactory ending to a great event!

Craig Eley

Announcements Continued

Denver Police Department Support: Steve Kady reminded everyone of the public show of support scheduled for 10 a.m., July 5th at South High School relating the ongoing issues concerning the Denver Police Department and the Mayor's office. MSOC member **Police Chief Whitman** will be making a statement and urged those interested to please attend.



Brent's Place Update: New member **Bruce Siegrist** announced the upcoming Urban Navigator fundraiser for Brent's Place. Bruce said he was dressed in a pink tutu last year as a crowd getter and it worked, sort of. Bank of America is the major sponsor.

Junior Golf Scholarship Fund: Joe Marci proudly informed the Club that a check for \$15,000 has been delivered to the Junior Golf Scholarship Fund in behalf of the District and MSOC. Once again **Joe and Ron Cisco** have come through in flying colors.

More on MS 150 Bike Ride: Annual Rider, **Bob Avery**, seen on right, added on to MS-150 kudos by acknowledging fellow riders Cathy and **Jack Rife, Eldon Strong and Brian Williams.** He also reported that the \$4 million goal had reached \$2.75 million and was still climbing. Over 4,000 people registered to be a part of the event. To which he reminded us to please pay our pledge. Bob ended with a heart felt comment on the pride we all feel this 4th of July as Americans and gave thanks to everyone for the work we do as Optimist members.



Update on Support for Coeur D'Alene Idaho Ironman: **Dick Nickoloff** brought us up to date on his daughter-in-law



Emilie, and her performance in the most recent triathlon that included a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride, and 26.2 mile run which she completed in 14hrs. 41 min. What a great story! Congratulations Emilie! [CLICK to See Channel 7 Story.](#)

Our Speaker: Joanne Kelley, Editor of "POTENTIAL CREATING CHANGE"

for the Colorado Association of Funders

Joanne walked us through the organizations work in helping distribute funds from Foundations and gift-givers throughout Colorado. Last year 700 million dollars from the principle base of 10 billion dollars was granted to non-profits and community organizations all across Colorado. Major Foundations including the Daniels Foundation (Children's Bank), El Pomar and Piton Foundation (at The Broadmoor), The Colorado Trust, Boettcher, Rose Family and Gates Foundations among many other major corporate givers are involved with this united effort to pool and distribute funds.



Photo Don StJohn

Over 31 million dollars was allocated last year for seed money used in establishing programs for the homeless and children at risk. It was noted that Colorado Health One has been responsible for generating 3.21 billion dollars used for education in the health care industry. One of the most successful projects has been the creation of white lines on the perimeter of highways in Colorado. It was discovered that most accidents are caused by drivers not being able to gauge the edge of the road and the addition of these white lines on the outside edge of the highway has reduced accidents tremendously. Little things save lives. Project Angel Heart provides food and resources from Chefs and restaurants to the terminally ill, medically disabled and displaced indigent families.

Private ownership money earned from the acquisitions of the Hot Pockets Food Company and Qwark Industries are now being used to fund early childhood development programs. FedEx is making funds available for a program, BE-THE-MATCH, matching organ and bone donors. In fact, Joanne was a donor for her sister and was involved with the program. Another successful program is METRO VOLUNTEERS, hooking volunteers up with organizations dear to their heart.

It should be noted that Foundations are only required by law to donate 5% of their principle base to operate within the law. The good news is that most usually contribute more than that amount. Every year over 1,000 people attend the annual Colorado Philanthropy Awards luncheon and ceremony. Every major funder and assorted recipients attend. There is an award for the best Service Club and Joanne showed us how to make an application. The due date is July 22nd. We thanked Joanne for her excellent presentation and she in turn thanked Paul Bernard for all his hard work as Speaker Chair. More can be learned at the Colorado Association of Funders at <http://www.coloradofunders.org/>.

Closing

Drawing: The 5 of Clubs. The pot was a robust \$20. **Ron Carlson** and **Terry Shroyer** each won twice but opted for the cups. Others with cups included **Craig Eley**, **Randy Marcove**, **Lynn Jones**, and **Jack Kleinheksel**.

The plot thickened. **Donlie Smith's** name was drawn from the poker chips and he adroitly snatched the 5 of clubs from the deck and walked away with the big money. *Yo Donlie, you go Bro!!*



Ron Cisco with Donlie Smith who was the big winner today.

Photo Don StJohn

Final Bell: **Oscar Sorensen** was asked led the closing. *Promise yourself to be so strong....*

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
7/8/11	John Oss & Michael Chavez
7/15/11	Bob Hugo & Tom Wos
7/22/11	Greg Young & Tom Charters
7/29/11	Terry Shroyer & Jon Wachter
8/5/11	Phil Perington & James Riley

Colorado/Wyoming District Convention
Breckenridge, Colorado
August 26-28, 2011
 For Convention Registration, [CLICK HERE](#)
 For Convention Agenda, [CLICK HERE](#)

Monaco South Calendar

- July 3-5 Sun-Tues 93rd Optimist International Convention, Baltimore, MD
- July 5 Tues 10:00 am Support the Denver Police Department and Chief Gerry Whitman, South High School parking lot, 1700 East Louisiana, south of Washington Park
- July 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Phil Hahn, Building the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge
- July 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- July 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- July 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Andrea Mauro, Legacy Videos, A Gift for Your Family
- July 24 Sat 6:30 am Brent's Place Fund Raiser - Pancake Breakfast at Washington Park
- July 29 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA

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
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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.