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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist

This morning we were greeted by warm handshakes from **Randy Marcove** and **Les Larson**.

First Bell

The meeting started with a prayer delivered by **Doug Morton** who then he led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. This is the last meeting for Doug for awhile. He will be visiting Virginia for a couple of months. Have a good trip Doug, we will see you on the flip side. **Craig Eley** read a humorous poem that he wrote about the Denver Broncos loss to Baltimore. It was quite entertaining. A copy is attached to the GUMS transmittal email.

Guests

Tom Mauro introduced Cap Hermann as a guest this morning. This is the second week that Cap has stopped by. We later received Cap's membership application. Once approved by the board, Cap will officially become Monaco South's newest member. Welcome Cap!

Freddy's Sellout

Freddy Pasternack showed up this morning wearing a Kansas City Chief's shirt and hat. He said he was protesting the Bronco's loss. Your editor figures that he froze his brain at the game. It was like 12 degrees. He should be okay once it thaws. Actually Freddy said it was one of the most exciting games he has ever witnessed; except the ending. Well Freddy, there is always next year.

Board of Director's Meeting

The MSOC Board meeting was held this past Wednesday evening. In addition to the regular board

business, two new board members were endorsed. **President Paul** welcomed **Barry Barker** and **Pat Bush** as new directors. Welcome! Thank you for serving our membership!

More on Gary Leman

Cy Regan reported that **Gary Leman** will be home this weekend. He said Gary would receive visitors. Gary is due back in the hospital after the weekend for treatment. We still do not have much information on what treatment Gary will require. Go by and see Gary, or give him a call, if you get a chance. Gary, our thoughts and prayers are with you!

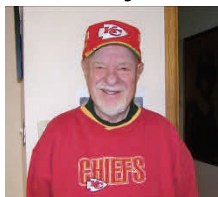


Announcements

Dime-A-Day Program: The checks keep rolling in. We received a thank you email from **Donna Priester**, OI Foundation Representative, for our participation in the Dime-A-Day Program. The Colorado/Wyoming District is leading Optimist International in Dime-A-Day donations and Monaco South is leading the District. Keep it up gentleman!



Polar Plunge: **Mike McMahon** is still collecting pledges for his Polar Plunge for Special Olympics on Saturday, February 23rd at the Aurora Reservoir, 5800 South Powhaston Road. He has found two others who are willing to become human popsicles by taking the plunge. He has not announced any names to protect the insane. If you can help support Mike in his march to the big chill, please let him know at the next meeting. He is also collecting financial contributions. Check out all the latest info at www.SpecialOlympicsCO.org.



Announcements Continued

Brain Bowl Northern Region: Karl Geil reported



that 83 teams competed in the northern region Brain Bowl last weekend. That is down slightly from last year. The Erie A Team won the 6th grade division; Eldorado C Team topping the 7th grade group and Centennial A Team bested the 8th grade—results are attached to the transmittal email.

Monaco South had several members there making up over 10% of the volunteer force. Karl thanked **Phil Perington, Harry Fegley, Frank Ross, John Oss** and his lovely wife, Ruth, **Marc Goodbody, Don Thomson, Randy Marcove, Allen Pierce, Joe Marci, Michael Chavez, Paul Bernard, Paul Simon** and his lovely wife, Debbie Reinberg, plus a friend.

The Central Region Brain Bowl will be held at Littleton High School, 199 E. Littleton Blvd, Littleton, next Saturday. Paul Simon, volunteer coordinator, says, *“volunteers are still needed. This is a fun, wonderful event in which middle grade students face off in classrooms in answering knowledge/trivia questions. We need timers and scorekeepers for the rooms. About 450 kids compete, and we’re short of the 140 or so volunteers we need. No advance training necessary.”* If you can work all or part of the day, please notify **Paul Simon** as soon as possible.



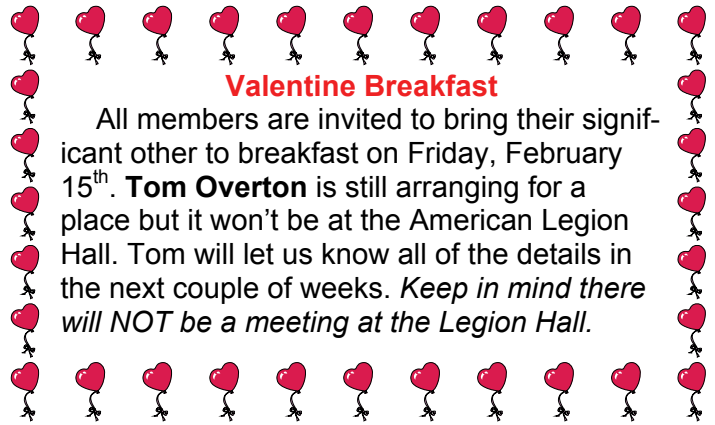
If you don't believe that the Brain Bowl isn't hard work, here is Monaco South past president Randy Marcove and current president Paul Simon returning home from the northern regionals in Louisville, CO. Note who is having the most fun.

Oratorical Contest: Keith Gallaway announced



that the high school oratorical contest is set for Friday, March 1st at Thomas Jefferson High School. He will need about 12 Optimist volunteers to help conduct the competition. Let him know if you are available. Additionally, if you know any high school student who is a gifted orator, encourage them to enter. **Keith Gallaway** and **Frank Rowe** are project co-chairs.

JDRF Optimist Club: **Dick Cohen** thanked all of the Monaco South Optimists who came out to the first informational meeting for the JDRF Optimist Club. There were about a dozen Monaco South members at the meeting with about 5 potential new members, 3 JDRF staffers and several district Optimists. We need at least 15 non-optimist to start the new club. Another informational meeting is set for Tuesday, January 22nd at the JDRF office at 8055 E. Tufts Avenue, Suite 770. If you know anybody who has been touched by Type I Diabetes, please invite them to attend these meetings or to talk with **Ron Gustas** or **Dick Cohen**.



Valentine Breakfast

All members are invited to bring their significant other to breakfast on Friday, February 15th. **Tom Overton** is still arranging for a place but it won't be at the American Legion Hall. Tom will let us know all of the details in the next couple of weeks. *Keep in mind there will NOT be a meeting at the Legion Hall.*

Super Chili Bowl: The Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club

(FRACSOC) is sponsoring the Super Chilly Bowl on Sunday, January 27th at the American Cancer Society Building, 2255 S. Oneida Street (entrance on lower back). President Paul asked that we support the new club by entering your chili and/or coming out to taste. There will be a silent auction and other activities during this event. Rumor has it that one of the auction items is a Cam Am Synder Lesson & Demo Ride! A \$75 value.



Golf Expo & Junior Golf: Junior Golf will have a booth at the 2013 Golf Expo starting Friday, February 8th through Sunday, February 10th at the Merchandise Mart. **Joe Marci** is seeking Optimists and friends to help staff the booth. We will be talking to the expo attendees about the Junior Golf program, Joe explained. You can also talk about being an Optimist.

CO/WY District Conference: **Donlie Smith** announced that the 2nd Quarter District Conference will be held February 15th – 17th in Estes Park at the Stanley Hotel. Any Monaco South member who registers for the conference can have the cost of the Saturday Luncheon reimbursed by the club. Preregistration is required —see registration form attached to *GUMS* transmittal email. You must send registration form and fee to Sherry Pearn by February 3rd. Your request for reimbursement and copy of your registration fee must be given to **Greg Young** by February 15th.

Closing Bell

The call was made for the Drawing and the winners this week were: Gov. **Phil Perington, Harry Johnson** and **O.C. Larson** have two week winning streaks, while **Doug Morton, John Oss, Craig Eley, Mike Miller, Don Thomson** and **Robert Wardlaw** joined them in the winners circle taking away a bit of cash

Optimist Creed

Jim VanderKamp closed out the meeting by leading us with the reciting of the Optimist Creed. *Promise yourself*



Education for Women in Morocco
Chris Stanton

Our speaker this week was Chris Stanton. Chris who is known as a "Friend of Morocco," found himself at a point in his life in his early 40's where he could do anything he wanted. So he traveled the world and eventually found himself in Morocco where he spent the next 17 years of his life. His mission became to help the people of Morocco to build better lives for themselves.

Morocco is the poorest of the Muslim countries but it is the most free. The government is a constitutional monarchy where the king shares power with a congress. The current king is a very benevolent king but his father who preceded him was not so. For hundreds of years, the Muslims have been living peacefully with Jewish neighbors. Most

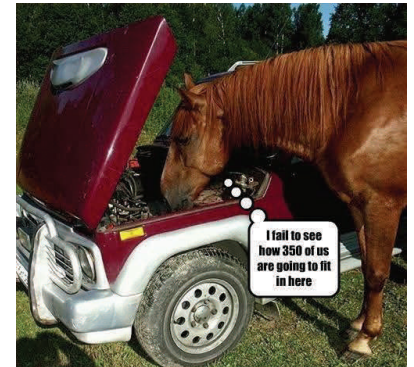
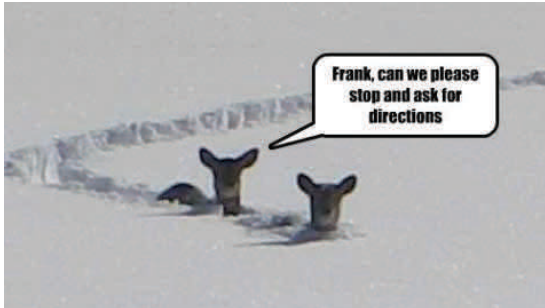


Chris Stanton has travelled to 42 countries and presently serves the nation of Morocco, travelling there five times a year, as the founder of a Christian humanitarian organization. Taking medical supplies, organizing medical clinics, supplying schools with computers, and working among Moroccan youth are a few of these works.

Photo Don StJohn

of the people in Morocco can speak English, French, and Arabic. The women can be out in public without veils and can hold professional jobs. Chris put together the first National Women's Conference in Morocco and is about to hold the second such conference. Most of the women in the country are too poor to afford the cost to attend the conference and Chris is back in the U.S. to raise scholarship funds to cover the costs for the women to attend free of charge. A \$50.00 donation will provide a scholarship for one woman. If you can help sponsor one or more women, you can do so by contacting him through **Jim VanderKamp**. See Chris' PowerPoint Presentation attached to the Constant Contact transmittal email.

A Bit of Humor: Animal Thoughts



| Weekly Greeters | |
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| Date | Greeters |
| 1/25/13 | J.R. Gieck & Joe Marci |
| 2/1/13 | Jim Vander Kamp & Barry Barker |
| 2/8/13 | Keith Gallaway & Fred Pasternack |
| 2/15/13 | Harry Johnson & George Buzick |

| Super Citizen Presenters for January | | |
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| Jan 18 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45 | Holm | Phil Perington |
| Jan 23 @ 2:30 | MPB | Gary Strowbridge |
| Jan 25 @ 3:00 | Bradley | John Young |
| Jan 31 @ 1:00 & 1:45 | McMeen | Jack Kleinheksel |

Monaco South Calendar

- Jan 22 Tus 6:30 pm 2nd Meeting JDRF Optimist Club, JDRF DTC Office, 8055 E. Tufts Ave., Suite 770
- Jan 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Jan 26 Sat 7:00 am Central Region Brain Bowl, Littleton High School
- Jan 27 Sun Noon - 3 pm FRACSOC Super Chile Bowl CookOff, American Cancer Society Building
255 South Oneida Street (Enter on lower back)
- Feb 1 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Feb 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Feb 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Sweetheart's to Breakfast
- Feb 9 Sat 7:00 am South Region Brain Bowl, Carson Middle School, Colorado Springs
- Feb 23 Sat 7:00 am Brain Bowl Championship, Douglas County High School, Castle Rock

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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.