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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist

Our greeters today were **Aaron Berry** and **Bob Avery** who met us with a smile and warm handshake.

Invocation and Pledge

Mark Metevia opened our meeting and offered a pray that we not forget the past, but that we press on to the greater achievements of the future. He then lead us in the Pledge Allegiance to our flag.



From One of the Vice Prez

Craig Eley, one of our Vice President's, stepped in for our president, **Paul Simon**, who is traveling.

Guests

VP Craig recognized former CO-WY Governor **George Mills** who had brought along a guest, **Hank Cohen**. (Editor: I did not get the spelling.) Hank, was interested in the Optimists and contacted George, who in turn invited him to our breakfast meeting. George figured it would be a good idea to have him visit a club. (Editor: George, we take your visit as a compliment. Thank you both for being with us today.)

Steve Kady introduced **Dennis Nakamura**. Steve and Dennis live on the same block. Dennis is a native born Coloradoan. His parents were moved to a Colorado internment camp during WWII. His father was in the US Army prior to Pearl Harbor and continued serving the USA during the war. Dennis' family moved to California after the war. When his father died he moved back to Colorado. He is married and retired. (Editor: I shared with Dennis that I had been a judge for the display "Japanese Internment in Colorado," presented by Nikki Gander, at the History Day Competition. Nikki's presentation emphasized the "move on" as we find in our creed. Former Colorado Governor Ralph Carr was a leader in that "moving on." We are very pleased to welcome Dennis.)

Phil Perington introduced **Jeff Gartz** who is the first

president of the newly chartered T1DOC (Type One Diabetes Optimist Club of the Rockies.) Jeff announced that the new T1 Diabetes Optimist Club was chartered a week and a half ago with 35 members. The club was co-sponsored by the OCMS and Littleton Breakfast Clubs. Additional new members are encouraged to join prior to March 13th to also be considered as "Charter Members." The count is already up to forty. **Ron Gustas** and **Dick Cohen** have worked tirelessly for the past year to get the T1DOC up and going. Jeff thanked our club for forming the this new club.



Jeff Gartz

Thank You From the Boy Scouts

A thank you letter, addressed to **Donlie Smith**, thanking our club for sponsoring the 2013 Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet was read. There were over 800 guests in attendance. Donlie says we initiated the first banquet 14 years ago. **Paul Simon** was the main presenter and Phil Perington handing out the Eagle Scout Awards. Besides financial support MSOC member participated in evaluating the various Eagle Scout projects.

Announcements

Tri Star Basketball: **Michael Chavez** expressed his appreciation for the support last week at the Tri Star Basketball competition. We have regionals this Sunday at North High School at 1 p.m. Finals will be held at the Pepsi Center on March 23rd at 1:30. Added support is needed, so if interested see Michael.

Super Citizen: **Paul Stratton** reported that the presentations at Lowry Elementary went well last week. **John Greene** was the presenter, and **Don Thomson** and **Greg Young** helped. Programs were also presented at McMeen and at Highline over the past week. **Jim Easton** and **Don Thomson**, like Paul, did the background coordination to make these programs work. See related picture on next page.

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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****

Announcement Continued



Rahffe Hema of McMeen and her father win this editors "smile of the week." Recognizing this Super Citizen are **Frank Middleton** and **Don Thomson**.

Photo John Oss

JDRF 14th Annual Dream Gala: **Dick Cohen** announced that volunteers are still needed to help staff this major diabetes research fund raising event to be held at Hyatt Regency Convention Center Hotel. Please join T1DOC member volunteers by helping to staff this event. Volunteers are needed both on the afternoon of April 19th and on April 20th. The attached "Optimist Volunteer Interest Form" describes shift times and volunteer tasks. Completed forms can be given to either **Dick Cohen** or **Ron Gustas** or returned to Sheri Kesner in the JDRF office per the form.

Rockies Tickets: Mr. Baseball, **Tom Mauro** has tickets. Buy em, enjoy em. Tom has 35 to choose from. (This editor sat right behind Marilyn Monroe last year. Read on farther to learn her real name.)

New Directory: Put your business card in the directory.

Twenty five dollars will return one million dollars, according to **Tom Mauro**. If you want a better picture, bring a better face. **Craig Eley** will begin taking pictures next week. All new members see Craig to get your best face captured. Input any address changes, etc., and email them to Tom and Craig.

Furry Scurry: **Barry Barker** says Jack Rife has signed us up to help with set up for this year's Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry to be held at Washington Park on Saturday, May 9th. We need volunteers to work 5 to 9 a.m.

Liberty Day is Wednesday: **Andy McKean** has a cast of over a hundred kids to be at the State Capital on Wednesday, March 13th. They will be opening the house session with the pledge of allegiance. Then they will be reading the declaration of independence. The kids will be carrying copies of the constitution, asking legislators and visitors questions about the constitution. The kids will be there from 8:30 until noon. Get your copy of the constitution and show your support.

Oratorical Contest: **Keith Gallaway** expressed appreciation to **Donlie Smith, Greg Young, Phil Perington, Randy Marcove, Joe Marci, John Oss, Bryce Slaby, and Frank Rowe. Freddie Pasternak, Jim Vander Kamp** and his daughter were also there. The evening was initially disappointing because of no shows. However, our two contestants gave extraordinary speeches. They bravely stood up and presented and shared intimately about themselves. . The sharing among speakers, parents, coaches and optimists was special. Two young lives have been changed because of our efforts. Both contestants will be with us next Friday to share their speeches. They are honing their skills for their next competition at zone 8. Even though it is camaraderie day, let's support them with our attention.

Brain Bowl: **Karl Geil** thanked the MSOC members who made the Optimist Brain Bowl Championship Tournament work. They were, **Paul Simon, Don Iley, Russ Paul, Ron Gustas, Greg Young, Tom Hoch, Tom Overton, Harry Fegley, Randy Marcove, Jack Kitchell** and his friend, **O.C. Larson, Joe Marci, Craig Eley, George**

Buzick, Mike Snipes, Phil Perington and Frank Ross. This represents 18 out of 69 volunteers, or just over 26%. More proof that the Optimist Brain Bowl could not possibly function without the support it gets from the Optimist Club of Monaco South members. Thank you!

St. Patrick's Day Parade: **Gary Strowbridge** wants his pooper scooper crew to wear their tuxes next Friday. It's probably a full dress inspection. To make this a true St. Patti's Day celebration, **Cy Regan** will sing some Irish songs for us.



DTC Optimist Club Wine Tasting: **Tom Overton** announced the annual wine tasting fund raiser for the Denver Tech Center Optimists Club will be on Saturday, March 16th at the Citron Bistro from 2-4 p.m. Contact **Kent Gloor, George Buzick, Paul Bernard, John Oss, or Tom** for tickets. Tickets are \$30 person, an extra \$5 at the door.

Support the Cheyenne Optimist Club: **Tom Overton** also plugged the Cheyenne Club's fund raiser on Saturday the 23rd. *The Legends* will be part of the entertainment featuring Marilyn Monroe, aka Abigail, Kent Gloor's wife.

Channel Six Recognition: **Bryce Slaby** announced that Channel Six is holding a *Thank You Party* for past volunteer participants. Also, Bryce is retiring from heading this activity. Please contact him if you would like to step up to lead event or attend the party.

History Day: **Karl Geil** says there will be two history days events Saturday's, April 6th and May 4th. The theme this year is "turning points in history." The Denver Public Schools event will be first at Hamilton Middle School. The State History Day will be held on the Auraria campus. The state director of History Day will be our speaker at the March 22nd meeting.

Closing Bell

Did we have a drawing? Oh yea! There was \$130 in the pot. **Jack Kleinhessel** won again, followed by **Jon Wachter, Barry Barker, John Stoffel, and Terry Shroyer**. All had good numbers to take some bucks, but, **Lynn Jones** took the pot.



Photo John Oss

A Bit of Humor



Dr. Kent Atkinson

Kendall and Taylor Atkinson Foundation

Our Speaker, Dr. Kent Atkinson representing the Kendall and Taylor Atkinson Foundation, or KATA, shared a dramatic story of trial and triumph. His children, Kendall and Taylor were afflicted with fanconi anemia (FA). Dr. Atkinson and his family lived through the diagnosis of the genetically based disease, treatment, and ultimate deaths of Kendall and Taylor, by following a life based on faith and a new mission. To read details, [Click Here](#).

The primary mission of the KATA Foundation is to support scientific and medical research of effective treatments and a cure for this dreadful blood disease. Research is supported through the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund. More information can be found at <http://www.fanconi.org/>.

Kent attested to his faith, by quoting from the book of Romans 5:3-5, where Paul is saying, *"We rejoice in our sufferings, because..."*, which gave him and his family hope. May we all experience hope and the optimism to press on to the greater achievements. **Randy Marcove** presented our thank you, a MSOC cup and donation of three hundred dollars.



Photo Don StJohn

Meet A Member

by Craig Eley

Mike Short grew up in a farming family in Salem, a town in southern Indiana about 35 miles north of Louisville,



Kentucky. His father was a flying enthusiast, so he not only farmed but ran the Salem airport. When Mike wasn't helping on the family farm he learned to fly from his father, and aviation became his passion. When Mike was 17 his family moved to Orlando, Florida, where Mike finished high school.

Although accepted at college, Mike heard about a U.S. Army program called "High School to Flight School." So he joined the Army in 1969 and spent a year learning to fly helicopters. Then he was sent to Viet Nam, where, although only 19, he commanded a Huey helicopter with a crew of three. Mike spent a year in Viet Nam, a tour of duty during which, he says "at times you were shot up, at times you were lucky." Mike was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Bronze Star and eleven combat air medals.

When Mike returned to the United States, he was not yet

21 and was unable to find employment as a pilot, since no one wanted to entrust millions of dollars in equipment to someone who couldn't even vote. So he worked at McDonald's for a few years until he was hired by PHI, a company that provides helicopter services to the oil and gas industry. Mike piloted helicopters to and from drilling platforms in the ocean, carrying people and supplies. For PHI and a subsequent employer he worked in South America, Africa and Australia until 2010.

In about 2010 Mike became afflicted with migraine headaches, an unusual occurrence since he had never had them before. The medicine he takes for the headaches is not approved by the FAA, so Mike was prohibited from flying. When his career prematurely ended, he was living in the Denver area, where his wife, Sheila, is employed with a mining company.

Mike and Sheila have two daughters and three grandchildren. Mike was introduced to Monaco South by Phil Perington, and joined the Club in January, 2011. He has quickly gotten involved in the life of the Club, and currently serves on the Board of Directors.

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
3/15/13	Tom Hoch & Kent Gloor
3/22/13	Mark Metevia & Don Thomson
3/29/13	Mike Short & Steve Kady
4/5/13	Frank Ross & Phil Perington
4/12/13	Terry Shroyer & Greg Young
4/19/13	Aaron Berry & George Buzick

Super Citizen Presenters for March		
Mar 18 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Miller
Mar 21 @ 1:00 & 1:45 pm	McMeen	Frank Middleton
Mar 21 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Michael Chavez
Mar 22 @ 9:30, 10:15, 10:45	Holm	Les Larson
Mar 22 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Aaron Beery

Monaco South Calendar

- Mar 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Mar 16 Sat 7:30 am St Patrick's Day Parade
- Mar 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Mar 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado History Day, Kendra Black

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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bob Avery	1989-90	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.