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Good Morning Optimist It is Camaraderie Day

We were greeted this morning by the OI Junior Golf Executive two some of **Ron Cisco** and **Joe Marci**, who were passing out 12 packs, in egg cartons, of rescued golf balls to a few lucky members. **Russ Paul** was the recipient of a box of bright lime colored golf balls.

In the background **Frank**, mix them up **Middleton** was handing out random playing cards and reminding us to sit at a designated table. On camaraderie day, Frank likes to make it more difficult for the attendance takers. Editor, *I think he succeeded.*

Breakfast Menu

This summer Friday morning, we were served another delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, sliced Virginia ham, bite sized Tater Tots, fresh sliced cantaloupe, mini Danish, oatmeal and juice. **Gary Miller**, cleverly disguised as **Noel Hasselgren**, was taking care of business at the Pay Station this morning.

First Bell

President **Michael Chavez** gaveled the gathered together at 7:00 a.m. and asked everyone to stand and spend a moment of silence in reflection and remembrance of our passing brother **Doug Morton**.

Invocation & Pledge

Harry Fegley then led the Invocation, "To think only the best..." The Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag followed with hopeful cheers of "Play Ball!"

From the Prez

Prez Michael requested anyone who would like to hand out Nolan Arenado Gold Glove Miner Bobble head at the upcoming Rockies game on Sunday, August 21st to please sign up. The Club receives \$700 from the Rockies for the effort.



Guests

Ron Gustas introduced his granddaughter **Ellie** and son-in-law **Aaron Knox** who are back from Diabetes Kids Camp. Our sister Club TI-DOC supports and provides camp scholarships for them. Aaron thanked everyone, especially **Dick Cohen**, **Donlie Smith**, **Phil Perington** and **Greg Young** for their efforts in building and supporting TI-DOC and all the volunteers who participate in the program and promulgated helping of kids with Type 1 Diabetes.



Aaron & daughter Ellie
Photos Don StJohn

Ellie did a wonderful job in sharing how much fun she had at Camp. Her favorite experience was the Lake "Blob." A giant inflated plastic "Blob" that had a big person jumping on one end while a small person sitting on the other was sent flying into the air and splashing into the water!



Ellie is also the Captain of *Ellie's Diabetes Busters Walk Team* that walks and raises money at every annual JDFR Family and Friends Fun Walk. Her team has raised over \$65,000. OCMS members **John Oss** and **Paul Simon** are regulars at the walk. Monaco South has also been contributing over the years. It costs \$1500 to send each child to Summer Camp and with financial support from JDRF the cost is reduced to \$600.

TI-DOC steps in and pays half the cost and as a result 30 kids were able to attend this year. Note: A Medical Staff is also on site for assistance as well. Over \$50,000 has been raised by TI-DOC to date and untold hours by volunteers have been added to the ongoing effort to help kids with diabetes. The OI Foundation Pass through program can be used to donate as well. See **Frank Middleton** for more details. We are all so grateful to Ellie and her Diabetes Busters for everything they do to help their friends and pals!

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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******

Guests Continued

Jon Wachter then introduced this friend **David Mindock** who is with the University Hills Neighborhood Association and is now busily working on their annual Picnic. Here's hoping David considers joining us every Friday in the future.

July Birthdays

Prez Michael asked all to provide a singalong for the following birthday boys: **Bill Anderson, Pat Bush, Lee Claymore, Kent Gloor, John Greene, Tom Hoch, Lynn Jones, Steve Kady, Jack Kleinheksel, Jim Leuschner, Randy Marcove, Wyatt McCallie, Mark Metevia, Paul Simon and Donlie Smith**. This was followed by another excellent rendition of *Happy Birthday* in screeching monotones only an owl could appreciate.

Announcements

Super Citizen School Principals to Breakfast:

Robert Wardlaw reminded everyone of the upcoming Principles to Breakfast on August 12th. School representatives should make contact with their assigned school to confirm attendance.

Brent's Place Annual Pancake Breakfast: **Paul Bernard** is passing around a signup sheet for the Brent's place Pancake Breakfast with the Tamarac ladies in two weeks, on Sunday July 30th.

Palisade Peaches: Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** announced "*The peaches are coming; the peaches are coming!!*" Same price as last year \$30 for a perfectly ripened box of Western Slope peaches. The peaches are brought over the mountains in a refrigerated truck to Bob's house on the day after they are picked. Unlike peaches bought at the grocery store or sold by other groups to be picked up on a decimated date these peaches are picked a little riper and handled by hand the old fashioned, or in an "artisanal" way. A donation of \$7 per box comes back to either Monaco South or Tamarac Optimist Club, depending on sales. Give Bob a call, or find the sign-up sheet next week. Anticipated delivery date is the second week of August, it all depends on the weather and "mother nature."

CO-WY District Convention: CO-WY Governor **Curt Merrill** reminded everyone the deadline for early-bird registration is fast approaching for the Annual Convention in Ft. Collins on August 26-28. Governor Curt also shared that two new proposed Clubs, one in Colorado Springs (Kids Diabetes) and the other in Englewood (Jr. Golf) are making progress and will hopefully Charter by the end of September or sooner.

Doug Morton Celebration of Life: As a reminder it was shared that **Doug Morton** Celebration of Life service would be held on Monday, July 18th at 10:00 a.m. at Fairmount Cemetery, 430 South Quebec Street.

Tom Mauro detailed the generosity of Doug Morton who provided the seed money for the **Charley Korsoski Super Citizen Program**, paid



for the Club's and the District Directories, and purchased large amounts of King Soopers gift card for his employees during the holiday season. Also there is a room at the Colorado Historical Society and National Museum of American History Museum dedicated and named for "*the Doug Morton and Marilyn Brown Family.*" Doug was the founder of Morton Publishing, which publishes college level textbooks in the areas of health, physical education, and recreation. He started his company in 1977 and it has grown to over 26 employees.

Joe Marci followed Tom's comments with recognition to Doug for his lifetime of generous giving to the Optimist International and District Junior Golf Program.

40th Year of Monaco South

This week the Optimist Club of Monaco South has it is official OI birthday day on Wednesday, July 20, 2016.



The Celebration & Installation will take place on **Saturday, September 24th at Maggiano's Little Italy, 7401 South Clinton, Englewood, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

Happy Bucks

Being camaraderie day the Happy Buck Spittoon was passed around for all to share a "happy."



John Young was happy for his wife Claire, who's broken leg will be out of the cast in two weeks and he is looking forward to a happy recovery.

Jim Easton is thankful for the golf balls and will do his best to lose them as quickly as possible

John Oss was happy to see **Harry Fegley** at his car dealership this past week and shared some one-on-one camaraderie.

Paul Stratton said that he is happy since his kids are at camp and are having a great time.

Noel Hasselgren was just happy to be here and help with the *pay station* this morning.

Steve Kady was happy celebrating another birthday and was having fun showing off his entry into next years' ugly Hawaiian shirt contest.

Karl Geil said he was delighted that his son and daughter-in-law have new professorships in the same state, for a change at the University of California. Riverside and the University of California. San Bernadino, which are only a two-hour drive apart.

Tom Overton was not sure if he was happy or not since he was headed to Water World with his two grandkids from Missouri and now show off his new pet caterpillar thinly disguised sort of a mustache.

Donlie Smith just proclaimed that table #2 is just filled with happiness and camaraderie and he was happy.

Happy Bucks Continued

Jack Kleinheksel reports this is the first time he has sat with **Bryce Slaby** for breakfast and is disappointed Bryce would not share any of his food.

Robert Wardlaw is happy to predict an epic 2nd half for the Colorado Rockies.

Greg Young and wife Diane are going to sunny Florida to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, and reported later that \$58.00 was raised from Happy Bucks for our Childhood Cancer fund.

Robert Duval was happy to contribute his OI Magazines for promo distribution at Optimist events knowing that people will be impressed with the fact that Robert Duval is a member of our Club.

Ron Gusts shared that he was pleased that Ellie and Aaron joined us for breakfast and were also guest speakers.

Frank Middleton was happy that he will be able to send a child to camp next year using the OI foundation.

Craig Eley wearing his new shirt and was happy it does not say past president—quite yet.

Drawing



The Three of Diamonds was the card to find this week for \$30 big draw pot. However before the \$30 dollars disappeared cups went to **Oscar Sorensen, Jack Kleinheksel, Frank Middleton**-with 2 lucky cups, and **Dave Peck**. The drawings went Paul Bernard and Phil Perington. However, your editor (Phil) was the lucky one who drew the 3 of Diamonds and presented the money to Ms. Ellie.



Some Friday Humor How to Start a Fight

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift. The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!" And that's how the fight started.

My wife and I were watching *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire* while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, "Do you want to have Sex?" "No," she answered. I then said, "Is that your final answer?" She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, "Yes!" So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend." And that's how the fight started.

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. "I'll have the rump steak, rare, please." He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?" "Nah, she can order for herself." And that's how the fight started.

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?" "Yes", she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" And then the fight started.

Sharing Camaraderie



Photos Don StJohn

Weekly Greeters

7/22/16	Bill Morgan & OC Larson
7/29/16	Jack Kleinheksel & Curt Merrill
8/5/16	John Young & ?
8/12/16	Steve Kady & Tom Glazier

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

July 21 Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
July 22 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Paula Mitchell, Traveling through Colorado Wine Country
July 29 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: US Representative, Mike Coffman
July 30 Sat	7:00 am	Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast, General's Park, Colfax & Peoria
Aug 5 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Frank Francone, Amendment 69, Colorado Care Needs to be Stopped



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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
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Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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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
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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.