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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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 Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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### Good Morning Optimist

This second Friday in April, we were greeted by **Terry Shroyer** and **Greg Young**, who were bright eyed and bushy tailed. After the invocation and pledge led by **Mark Metevia** was completed, **President Paul** called for the introduction of guests. A frequent guest, Past Governor **George Mills** was given 30 seconds to speak, which he did nicely. Next **Art Erickson**, formerly of the Castle Rock club, who is also a repeat visitor, was introduced by President Paul. Guest of **Terry Shroyer** was Alan Malask. **John Young** introduce his guest, Lon McCarthy. President Paul also recognized a prodigal son, **Bud Black**, who was making his annual visit, but is already a member of the club. Also in attendance was **Al Perington**, whom we haven't seen for a while. Welcome all!

### From the Prez

**President Paul** read a letter of thanks from the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Science, Dan **NHD** Howard, for the donation the club gave to support National History Day. Several of our members acted as judges for a preliminary round of the contest held last week at Hamilton Middle School. Volunteers included **John Oss**, **Cap Herman**, **Jack Rife**, **Tom Hoch**, **Paul Bernard** and **Karl Geil**. Winners of these contests will participate in the statewide competition to be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Paul also read a letter from Robin Johnson, whose children have benefitted from numerous Monaco South projects. The note reads:

*Dear Gentlemen, I just wanted to say "thank you" for your support of students in our community. Our 3 children attended schools in which you sponsored the "Super Citizen" program, and the "Outstanding Readers" at Hamilton. Our daughter Jessica received a scholarship from*

*you, as well, 3 years ago. Our community is blessed to have you. Thank You.*

*Sincerely, Robin Johnson.*

Though we do not go into these projects for praise and glory, notes like this reinforce our dedication to working with (and for) the youth of our community. Our thanks to Robin Johnson for the note.

### Super Citizen at McMeen

Article and pictures by John Oss

We did Super Citizen at McMeen last Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Petite Nayonni Singleton takes the day when she received her certificate. The presentations at McMeen are very



dear for **Don Thomson**, since he personally serves as school coordinator along with his Chief SC role. Nayonni Singleton's smile can fire a lot of smiles from others for years.

### Our Speaker Coordinator

Our speaker coordinator **Paul Bernard**, who is recovering from recent surgery and working his tail off on a contract in Arvada, has not been able to make meetings, nevertheless he is alive and well. In spite of all this, Paul continues to come up with good speakers for our meetings. Paul would appreciate any suggestion you might have regarding future speakers. You can e-mail him at: [pxbernard@gmail.com](mailto:pxbernard@gmail.com).



**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\*\*\*\***

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## Announcements

**Rockies Baseball:** Michael Chavez announced that he needs 45 bodies to help pass out bobble-head dolls at the Rockies vs. Giants game on Sunday, May 19. For a couple of hours of work, you can get a free ticket to the game and the club can make \$750, but only if we can come up with 45 people, including spouses, friends, and kids over 16, who are willing to show up Sunday afternoon for a few hours. If you are not a big baseball fan you do not have to stay for the game, but this is easy money, so sign up and participate. See Michael Chavez for details.



**Roundup Fellowship:** Jim Vander Kamp announced that Roundup Fellowship, of which he is Executive Director, would be holding an open house this Saturday from 1 - 4 p.m. at their headquarters, 2421 South Monaco. All are welcome!

**New No Brainer Program:** On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Monaco South and Tamarac Optimist clubs will be sponsoring a "No Brainer" competition. This is modeled after the Brain Bowl, but is designed for 5<sup>th</sup> graders students. The competition will be held at Hamilton Middle School. The competition is currently pretty well staffed with readers, but could use some volunteers for other duties, like scorekeepers, timers, etc. Please be there by 8:15 a.m. if you would like to volunteer or just come and watch these kids demonstrate why you are probably not as smart as a 5<sup>th</sup> grader. Contact Don Thomson for details at 303-918-4595.

**Polar Plunge:** Mike McMahon is looking for volunteers to staff water stations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bradley International School 5K and Fun Run to be held on Sunday, April 21, (rain or shine) from 9 - 11 a.m. Bradley is one of our Super Citizen programs and deserves our support. Please give generously of you time. Thanks!



**Directory Update:** Last call for new pictures in the semi-annual directory, which is going to press in the not too distant future, according to Craig Eley, ace photographer. Tom Mauro still guarantees a million dollars worth of business you can be realized for placing a business card size ad in the directory. What a deal! See Craig or Tom.



**Sullivan Award Scholarship Committee:** Joe Marci announced that he would be holding a meeting of the Sullivan Award Scholarship Committee immediately after today's meeting to evaluate the scholarship applications.

**2013-14 MSOC Officer Election:** Oscar Sorensen announced that in addition to those members who have already volunteered for office, such as Jon Wachter, Gary Miller and Jack Kleinheksel he needs volunteers to fill two of the four director posi-

tions currently vacant on the Board. This is good opportunity to get in on the internal workings of our club and help make decisions regarding the future direction of the club. Check with Oscar or Kent Gloor, if you are interested in running for the board.

### **JDRF 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Dream Gala: Dick Cohen**



made a last plea for help in setting up for the JDRF gala on Friday April 19 at the Hyatt downtown. The event is scheduled for Saturday evening the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. If you can assist, please contact Dick.

### **Ol's Personal Growth & Involvement Passport:**

Past Governor George Mills challenged Distinguished Past Governor Ron Cisco to produce the credentials that Ron asserts would put him at the highest level of the PGI program. Ron indicated that the information is "in the mail." Good luck with that! George suggested that any person who could not produce a "PGI Passport" should be fined fifty cents, to which most members responded with less than rabid enthusiasm. To learn more about the PGI Passport program see the GUMS distribution email.

**FRACSOC Meetings:** President Paul, an avid supporter of the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club (FRACSOC), announced that the club would be meeting at the Perkins Restaurant at 1995 S. Colorado Boulevard, corner S. Colorado and Buchtel, on Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. To which Ron Gustas, replied that the new Juvenile Diabetes club meets at the same place on Wednesday, April 17. Check out these two new special interest clubs.

### **Do We Have A Drawing!**

Just when it was looking like it was going to be another dismal day for the winning of the pot, Berry Barker managed to pull the King of Diamonds from the pack; thus winning the \$60 pot and, no doubt, causing a decrease in participation in at least the next few weeks, until the pot gets built up. Nice going Berry!



### **Some curious things you might not know about Colorado**

- ⇒ **Highest Climb.** The highest vertical climb is not on a mountain but up the north side of the Black Canyon. Rising 1,700 feet, this sheer rock face is even higher than the famous Diamond on Longs Peak and was not conquered until 1969.
- ⇒ **Deepest Snow.** In 1899 Crested Butte recorded 254 inches of snow near the top of Kebler Pass. That year, snow buried a train near Leadville and left only stove pipes showing above cabins at many mountain towns. Usually, Wolf Creek Pass near Pagosa Springs gets the most snow in Colorado.
- ⇒ **Oldest Hotel.** The Peck House in the little town of Empire, near Berthoud Pass, is Colorado's oldest hotel. It was built in 1859 by James Peck. Early guests included President Ulysses S. Grant and other famous people.

**Erin McKay**  
H.E.A.R. Project



Our speaker for today was introduced by **Jon Wachter**. Ms. Erin McKay is the Vice President of Development for the “helping children in Colorado hear through early intervention, amplification and rehabilitation (H.E.A.R.). Their mission is dedicated to providing financial assistance to Colorado children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Funding is provided for amplification, rehabilitation and associated services.

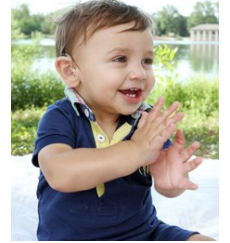
Erin first thanked the members of our club who had participated in their fund raiser last Halloween (including **Jon Wachter, JR Gieck**, and others). Erin explained that their organization is strictly local and deals with kids within the Denver Metro area. The organization provides financial assistance to Colorado children who are deaf and hard of hearing and do not qualify for public funding.

Erin said about 30,000 children in Colorado have significant hearing loss. It is estimated that 2,500 to 3,000 children have hearing loss that requires hearing aids or a cochlear implant. Research indicates that

children who receive hearing care early in life may develop language on par with their hearing peers.

Hearing aids cost up to \$6,000 per child and are typically not fully covered by health insurance, leaving families with significant bills. Public funding for hearing care is only provided to families with extremely limited incomes without appropriate amplification

The H.E.A.R. Projects goal is to ease the family’s financial burden to assure that children receive the hearing care that they need to thrive developmentally, socially and academically The Project is a 501(C)3 organization, which means that gifts are tax deductible. For further information please visit their website at: [www.hearproject.org](http://www.hearproject.org).



Erin mentioned two upcoming fundraising events, one at California Pizza Kitchen on May 7, 2013 and another at Beau Jo’s Pizza on June 4, 2013 (you can download flyers [HERE](#)). Each of these restaurants will donate 20% of your bill to the H.E.A.R. Project if you print the flyer and present it to your server. Please join supporters at these restaurants to support Colorado children with hearing loss!

**What is Success?**

- To laugh often and much;*
- To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;*
- To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;*
- To appreciate beauty;*
- To find the best in others;*

*To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;*

*To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived;*

*This is to have succeeded.*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



Super Citizen Presenters for April		
Apr 19 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	John Stoffel
Apr 19 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45 am	Holm	Steve Kady
Apr 26 @ 1:30 & 1:45	McMeen	Joe Marci
Apr 26 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Howard Fry
May 3 @ 9:45 & 10:15	Samuels	Gary Miller

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
4/12/13	Terry Shroyer & Greg Young
4/19/13	Aaron Berry & George Buzick
4/26/13	Michael Chavez & Pat Bush
5/3/13	Nick Newey & ?

**Monaco South Calendar**

- Apr 17 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Apr 19 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Apr 26 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - The Art of Butlering, Perry Allen
- May 3 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- May 10-12 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter District Conference, Denver Marriott West, Golden, CO  
Make meal registration by May 4, 2013



**Past Presidents of the  
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Safe	1995-96
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
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
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ron Cisco	2009-10
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Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Randy Marcove	2011-12

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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.