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Good Morning Optimists!

Today's Greeters

Tom Hoch and new member **Lynn Jones** (my he's big) greeted us today with those ever present smiles and vigorous handshakes. Lynn looks more like a bouncer than a greeter, but he performed very well as he welcomed us. Good job, Tom and Lynn!

Invocation and Pledge

Ed Collins invoked the God of Hope to show us how to solve our problems, rather than worry about them. He then led us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Guests

Members who brought guests were: **Paul Simon**, **Pat Sullivan**, **Randy Marcove** (Randy brought two. That's the way to do it!), Randy introduced his new boss, and State Representative **Joe Miklosi**. **Ron Carlson** brought his wife Louise.

Best Wishes

Todd Olson will be having a hip operation in the near future. All the best to you! **Marc Goodbody** had a bad fall, but is recovering and appeared today!

Club Recognition

President Phil announced that we have received an award for serving as a rest stop sponsor at the MS 150. The **Tamarac Club** joined with us in providing

sandwiches and water for cyclists in this fundraiser for MS, a 2-day trip of 150 miles.

President Phil's History Lesson

1922 - Women's right to vote passed
1939 - Supreme Court decided on sit-down strikes
1963 - Micky Mantle signed for \$100,000 per year!
1985 - Farmers stormed Washington
1991 - Gulf War ends
2009 - Rocky Mt News closes. Today is the last issue of the Rocky. On April 23, 2009, the Rocky will mark its 150th birthday. See a deserving tribute at, <http://www.rockymountainnews.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

Announcements

Boy Scout Eagle Awards

MSOC made awards possible for each Scout District and for the entire Council consisting of 7 districts. The Council winner was Chad Vorwaller who constructed a helipad for Flight for Live and AirLife in the Parker, Franktown, Elizabeth, and Kiowa area. He spend 144+ hours organizing and executing this project which took him 10 months to complete, working mostly with the FAA, Centennial Air Port, Flight for Life, AirLife, and Colorado Division of Aeronautics. Truly an amazing project.

Overall the award winners' projects took 2,637 hours to complete, which is over 1 and quarter years of work (40 hour work weeks). We can consider our own club and imagine the work it takes to organize and complete new projects and these projects are lead by young boys!

The selection committee was: **Donlie Smith, Bob Avery, Doug Morton, Tom Overton, Frank Middleton, Jack Kleinheksel, and Greg Hurd.** And **John Young**, who supplied and made up the beautiful awards. **Phil Perington** made the presentation at the Eagle Banquet with over 400 people in attendance. Thanks to all!

Wine Tasting Fund Raiser

Karl Geil was the announcer today regarding the Denver Tech Center Optimist Club Wine Tasting, March 29th, 3:00-5:00pm, to be held at the Citron Bistro, 3535 South Yosemite Street. The cost is \$30. (Karl is that \$30 per couple or per person?) This year they will be featuring wines of South Africa.



Tri-star Basketball

Jack Rife reminded us that the regional competition will be held tomorrow, 8:00am until 12:00 noon at Wilfley Boys and Girls Club. The finals are March 14th at the Pepsi Center.

Honeymoon Weekend

Howard Fry announced a change in dates to September 11-13th. It will be held in the same place in Winter Park, and the cost is \$138 per person (all inclusive: 6 meals and two nights). More details will be forth coming.

Super Market Sales

Cy Regan reported good sales today from both King Soopers and Safeway Cards.

King Soopers cards = \$725

Safeway cards = \$625

For a total \$1,350. Not bad!

From Don Thomson, one of our Golfers

Tiger Wood's career earnings (tour earning) is \$82,364,376. *The Wall Street Journal*, dated February 24, 2009, states, "Mr. Woods has been the top-earning American athlete on SI's Fortunate 50 list for several years, raking in about \$128 million annually from winnings, endorsements and appearances. Mr. Woods earned close to \$800 million over his 13 year career, and should become the first billion-dollar athlete in the next two years."

I think Don wants to be his caddie. You go Don!

From Ron Gustus, Club Finances 101

Unlike many service clubs no portion of weekly breakfast, coffee, or roll costs are included in annual/quarterly member dues. For each meeting the objective is to break-even on these costs and member charges are variable based on their choice. Charges are as follows:

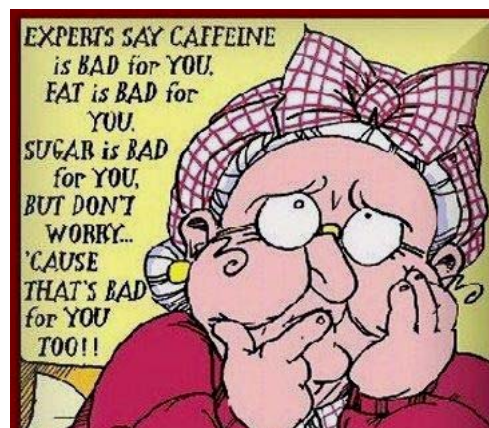
- Full breakfast, plus tax and room charge = \$7
- Coffee only and room charge = \$2
- Roll only and room charge = \$2
- Coffee, roll, and room charge = \$3
- Orange Juice and room charge = \$2

Members attending and not having anything to eat or drink should pay \$1 to the cashier to cover the room charge. The Club pays costs for project guests, potential new members, and speakers. Non-potential member guest costs are to be paid by the host member. Remember **Don St. John** has meal tickets available for members wanting to pay for multiple week charges.

From the Editors of GUMS

You can certainly make our editorial job easier as well as get the facts correct if you would place your announcements in writing and present them to the editor of the month. This can be in a hardcopy or in an email. You can also get them to Bob Finkelmeier, our chief newsletter layout guy.

GUMS Humor



Our Speaker this Week Congresswoman Diana DeGette

Paul Bernard introduced our First Congressional District Representative in Washington, D.C., Diana DeGette. Paul pronounced her last name correctly, which has been difficult for President Obama, according to Diana DeGette.

Representative DeGette chose to speak on her favorite subject and project, stem cell research. There have been numerous ethical issues, slowing the progress of research over the years. Stem cells are cells with the potential to develop into many different types of cells in the body. There are two main types of stem cells: embryonic and adult. Doctors and scientists are excited about stem cells because they have potential in many different areas of health and medical research. Studying stem cells may help explain how serious conditions such as birth defects and cancer come about. Stem cells may one day be used to make cells and tissues for therapy of many diseases, including Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, spinal cord injury, heart disease, diabetes, and arthritis.

Moral treatment of embryos; the end that scientists hope to achieve is the relief of human suffering. That this is a humanitarian and worthy end is not in dispute. The controversy is about the means, namely the consumption of donated embryos.

Congresswoman DeGette is calling for more funding and more people researching because we are on the verge of breakthroughs. The challenges are huge. A lively question and answer session ensued, during which Ms. DeGette reported that Congress has not voted a pay increase for themselves.



Photos by Don St. John

Chief Deputy Whip Diana DeGette is serving her 7th term in Congress as the Representative for the First District of Colorado. As the Vice Chair of the powerful Committee on Energy and Commerce, an exclusive congressional committee with vast jurisdiction over health care, trade, business, technology and consumer protection, she is one of the leading voices in the health care debate in this country. As leap whip, she played a vital role in the reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program, has fought for tough food safety legislation, and was a key player in crafting a comprehensive consumer product safety bill. More is available on her website at: <http://degette.house.gov/>.

Monaco South Calendar

Mar 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Jack Rife, <i>Africa Trip</i>
Mar 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Susan Gustin, <i>Colorado History Day Competition</i>
Mar 14	Sat	7:00 am	St. Patrick's Day Parade - MSOC Pooper Scoopers
Mar 17	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Dist. 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Mar 18	Wed	1:15/2:00 pm	Super Citizen, McMeen Elementary School - Mychael Dave
Mar 18	Wed	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood - Kale Smith
Mar 19	Thu	9:00 am	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary School - Phil Perington
Mar 19	Thu	5:30 pm	Super Citizen, Hamilton Middle School - Nick Newey
Mar 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Mar 20	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International School - Steve Kady
Mar 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker pending

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bob Safe	1995-96
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Tom Overton	1996-97
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Pat Bush	1983-84	Cy Regan	1999-00
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Jack Rife	2002-03
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Karl Geil	2003-04
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
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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.

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