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Good Morning Optimist

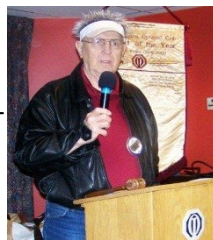
Greeting us this event filled morning and spreading Optimistic Cheer were **Ron Carlson** and **Michael Chavez**. It's a great way to start our day, unless you were up real early to watch the Royal Wedding? Does **Frank Middleton** have new In-laws?

Call to Order

With a full agenda in hand, President **Ed Collins** rang the first bell at 7:00 AM sharp, and warmly ushered a dearly missed and familiar face **Bill Walters** to read our morning Invocation and guide us in our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. More on Bill to follow....

Guests

Guests of **Bill Walters** were his son John Walters, brother John Walters, and racquetball partner Roger Goesen. President/CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver, John P. Arigoni, was a special returning guest of **Ron Cisco's**. MSOC guests as part of the Respect for Law award presentation were Manager of Safety, Charlie Garcia, Director of Neighborhood Relations for the Mayor, Tony Young, and Sgt. Randy Steinke from DPD District 3. Welcome gentlemen! It was noted, **Fred Pasternack** had no guests!

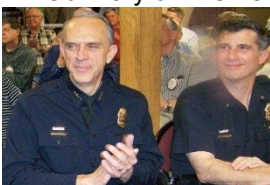


Bill Walters welcomes us all and reads the invocation.

Photos Don StJohn

Seen in the Crowd

Our very own Chief **Gerald Whitman** and FOO member Commander **Kris Kroncke** joined in the festivities. It was great to see you both again!



Gerald Whitman, on left, and Kris Kroncke help us recognize three Resource Officers from District 3.

OCMS Respect For Law Presentation

The Respect For Law program dates to its beginnings in July 1965, when a discussion between Past Optimist International President **Carl Bowen** and former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover resulted in the birth of the Respect for Law program. This is the fourth most popular program with more than 1,500 Clubs participating last year.

Recognized for this year's award were the three High School Resource Officers from DPD District 3. They were South High School's Technician, Ryan Barnes; Thomas Jefferson's HS's Technician, Tim Cueva; and George Washington HS's Technician, Phillip Mitchell.

The Denver Police High School Resource Officers have a complex and diverse assignment requiring numerous talents and skills. They often employ counseling and mentoring skills to students within the school. Additionally, they provide advice and act as a positive role model which makes them an invaluable liaison for both their department and for our schools.

Their constant contact and involvement with students often in a non-threatening circumstance, builds bridges between the police department and the entire community they serve. They frequently become involved in school activities which extends well beyond the role of a police officer.

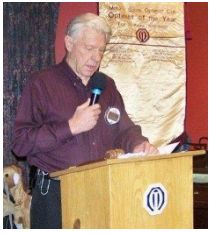
We at the Optimist Club of Monaco South are proud of our High School Resource Officers and view them as a tremendously valuable resource for law enforcement, crime prevention, and as **Friends of Youth!**



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****

2011-2012 Election

Organized by **Oscar Sorensen**, our Officer and Director



MSOC election officer Oscar Sorensen.

Photo Don StJohn

elections for the new fiscal year were completed. Elected for President was **Randy Marcove**, Vice Presidents **Frank Ross** and **Howard Fry**, and for Directors, **Paul Gleditsch**, **John Oss**, **Allen Pierce**, and **Jim Tapp**. Joining them for their second of two years as Directors will be **Harry Fegley**, **Wyatt McCallie**, **Frank Middleton**, and **Brian Williams**. Current Treasurer **Greg Young** and Secretary **Jack Rife** have both agreed to carry on in their present capacities into the next year as well. Congratulations gentlemen, may you continue on the path as those before you!

Announcements

President Ed provided an interesting anecdote about a dog, his next door neighbor Felicia, and a muddy rabbit. Ask him for the punch-line next time you see him.

Ridgeview Optimist Club: **Fred Pasternack** reminded us that Saturday, April 30, is the fund-raising breakfast for the Ridgeview Optimist Club. It will be at the Applebee's on Iliiff in Aurora, from 8:00 to 10:00 AM. Please come and attend a fellow club if you can!

DDFL's Furry Scurry: **Phil Perington** reminded us that our volunteer services for the DDFL's Furry Scurry are no longer needed, but our very own **John Marinis** will still have a booth there. He will be selling his delicious Egg McMuttons, and could use our help in setting up. If you can make it to the American Legion club by 6:30 AM on Saturday, May 7th, John will be very appreciative!

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation: The JD RF is in need of our help at 10:00 AM on Friday May 6th to move materials from their office in the Tech Center to Invesco Field for the "Fund-A-Cure Dream Gala" to be held on May 7th. These research funds support the Barbara Davis Childhood Diabetes Center here in Denver which treats 2-3,000 kids. Please contact **Ron Gustas** at 303-770-9640 or rgustas@earthlink.net to sign up and help.

Great West Life Bike MS Bicycle Ride: The ride will be this June 25th and 26th. Organizer **Robert Wardlaw** passed around a sign-up sheet looking for individuals to man the *Number 1 Ranked Rest Stop* for the two past consecutive years for this event. We will be meeting at the West View Middle School in Longmont. Please see **Robert** or **Michael Chavez** for additional information, and participate in a great cause.

In A Related Story: Speaking of the bicycle ride, **Bob Avery** provided a great deal of history and information about the event and Multiple Sclerosis. It is an autoimmune disease that affects the brain and spinal cord (the central nervous system). Bob told us that the disorder is most commonly diagnosed between ages 20 and 40, but can be seen at any age, and seems to be more prevalent in Colorado. Bob himself has been riding in this event since 1990 ("seems like yesterday"), and will be joined by a back-in-the-saddle **Eldon Strong**, **Jack** (and **Kathy**) **Rife**, and **Randy Marcove** this year. Your support is greatly appreciated!



The Cherry Creek Theatre: *Side by Side* by Sondheim is coming to the new Shaver-Ramsey Theatre located at 3rd Avenue and Josephine Street. **Dick Cohen** reminded us that there is a Group Rate discount available for MSOC members for the May 14th showing. If you need to make it another evening, please speak with Dick to get the group discount. Showings are on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. You may purchase tickets by calling 303-800-6578 or on line at: www.cherrycreektheatre.org.

Duck Drop: The 7th Annual Denver Duck Drop is Sunday, May 1st, at George Wallace Park (northeast juncture of Belleview and DTC Boulevard). **Greg Young** is sold out of duck tickets, but some may be available at the event. On that day, 3,000 sponsored rubber ducks will be dropped into Goldsmith Gulch and race for fabulous prizes. All Duck Derby proceeds benefit five Denver Public Elementary Schools: Bradley International, Samuels, Holm, Slavens, and Southmoor Elementary. Great prizes for the top 100 finishing ducks, as well as the very last one! See you there.

Robert Sullivan Scholarship: **Joe Marci** told us that President **Ed Collins** will speak at the TJHS Senior Awards Assembly on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7 PM. He will present scholarship certificates to these fourteen outstanding seniors: Chidiebere Kelechi Agwu, Layla Alizadeh, Gianoula D. Andrianakos, Danite Arefaine, Amber Beren, Katherine Boyer, Nicole Brown, Marelle Davey, Emilio Hernandez, Megan Gonzales, Jennifer Holman, Hanna Kazlouskaya, Breyonna Marshall, and Esther Turcios. Each scholarship is for \$500 and will be mailed to the student's school for crediting to their college expenses. We will have the students attend the May 20th meeting for recognition at our club meeting. Congratulations to these fine youngsters! Special thanks to this year's committee members, **Gary Miller**, **Ed Collins**, **Greg Young**, **Tom Mauro**, and **Joe Marci**.

Super Citizen Program: The Super Citizen program has almost come to an end this academic year with presentations by **Howdy Fry** at Bradley International and **Bob Avery** at University Park Elementary, both on April 29th. University Park had an additional Super Citizen recipient named Barklee that did not have a certificate, but appeared to be very happy with the recognition and T-shirt. **Don Thomson** has informed us that all of the *Charles Korsoski Award Winners* have been selected, and will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and their name added to the school plaque. Each of these Super-Super Citizens will be honored and recognized in front of their peers at their school's final assembly at the end of May. *Congratulations kids!* A special thanks to **Don Thomson**, all of our School Representatives, Presenters, and Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** for making this flagship program so successful!



Barklee, seen above, is managed by Dr. Jack Rife. He has been making the rounds lately as he was the main star at the Project Breathe presentation earlier this month. He has also made several cameo appearances at numerous Super Citizen programs through the year.

Today's Drawing

The lucky card was the 2 of Spades for a pot of \$50. Cup winners were: **Ron Carlson**, **Frank Ross**, **Paul Stratton**, **Karl Geil**, **Jon Wachter**, and guest Michael Walters. Drawing for the pot, but coming up with the wrong cards were **Ron Cisco** and **Doug Morton**. The benefit of wearing his name badge went to **Joe Marci**. He came up short. Sorry!

Bill Walters Presentation

Joining us as our speaker was none other than our very own and special past president **Bill Walters**. Bill came to address the crowd and reflect on the events of his life once his Leukemia was diagnosed around Christmas time.

It all started when Bill visited his doctor because he was developing a cold. Three days and four doctors later, he received the call at 7 PM that changed his life. He was diagnosed with Leukemia, and his head went into a spin as his Odyssey began....

He checked into a hospital the next day and stayed there for three months. Bill endured three rounds of chemotherapy to battle his disease in an effort to get his blood counts to a level that would facilitate a bone marrow transplant from his highly matched tissue-typed brother John. After his final round of chemotherapy, Bill

was given the devastating news: his counts were not at the level necessary for a transplant and that the doctors can't go any further with the chemotherapy. He was told, "We'll have to let you just live your life the way you want to."

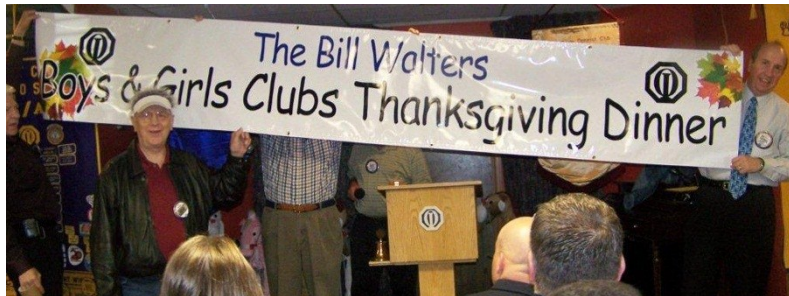
The shock would strike an ordinary man down. Yes, Bill was upset initially, but with his resolve, his daughter, his family, and support from all, he now has hope with alternative medicines, starting with acupuncture on Monday and then a visit with a nutritionist.

Bill's brother John from Chicago is a Deacon. He was asked to share two poignant stories with the group. One was regarding that we are Children of God, and the other

was about their sister's life being lost to cancer three years ago. As John put it so well, "*Sometimes life just kicks you in the head....*" It became very obvious that John is a great source of inspiration and support for Bill.

In closing, Bill said, "*Thanks a million. 'Cause I didn't come to say good bye, I came to say that I'll be back. And I appreciate all the support that everybody's given me. That's why I believe that Monaco South is so strong, and it's the greatest brotherhood around. Carry on.*" We are glad to have you back with us Bill.

There presentations were recorded both audibly and video. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to download the audio portions of Bill's presentation, John's presentation, and/or their entire presentation. Thank you **Tom Hoch** for the video. We look forward



Being recognized as a MSOC past president and founder of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Bill Walters stands before the banner that will be displayed for all future dinners. Photos Don StJohn

to having it on our website soon.

At the conclusion of Bill's presentation, the revealing of a new banner to be adorned at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver was shared with the group and aforementioned guest John Arigoni. It proudly reads, "*The Bill Walters Boys and Girls Clubs Thanksgiving Dinner.*" It was told that over 22,000 hungry children in the Denver area have been fed on Thanksgiving due to this magnificent program started by Bill. We all look forward to seeing him working the serving line this coming November!



Meeting Closing

As the meeting came to a close we were all led in the Optimist Creed by Super Optimist **Bill Walters**. *Promise yourself... To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind...., just like Bill has done!*

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
5/6/11	Fred Pasternack & Doug Arnold
5/13/11	Fran Middleton & Doug Arnold
5/20/11	Paul Gleditsch & Harry Johnson
5/27/11	Phil Perington & Robert Wardlaw

May Super Citizen & Korsoski Presentation's		
11 @ 8:00 am	Highline	TBA
12 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	TBA
19 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	TBA
23 @ 5:30 pm	Slavens	TBA
26 @ 11:00 am	MPB	TBA
26 @ 2:30 pm	Univ. Park	TBA
27 @ 8:30 am	Samuels	TBA
27 @ 9:00 am	Holm	TBA
27 @ 9:15 & 10:15	Bradley	TBA
27 @ TBA	McMeen	TBA

Monaco South Calendar

- May 6 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Stacey Pendleton, Colorado History Day
- May 6-8 Colorado-Wyoming 3rd Quarter Conference, Ft. Collins Hilton
- May 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Donn Eley, President & Founder of Brent's Place
- May 18 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- May 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- May 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Frank Middleton, OI Foundation

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Tom Overton	1996-97
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
John Young	1982-83	Cy Regan	1999-00
Pat Bush	1983-84	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Don St. John	2001-02
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Jack Rife	2002-03
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Karl Geil	2003-04
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bob Avery	1989-90	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	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.