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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

Greeters **Jim VanderKamp** and **Barry Barker** extended their hand of Optimist friendship as our weekly meeting began promptly at 7:00 with **President Paul “Rhymin” Simon** striking the bell. We heard an invocation on “health, happiness and prosperity” from Claire Young, our own **John Young’s** better 3/4 (way better than half!). Claire and their daughter Tricia were John’s guests today.

Other Guests

Jon Wachter introduced Del Walker, a Bradley parent who has been helping with the Cub Scouts troop there. Del is the father of three kids who were Super Citizens, and spoke very highly of the program. **Ralph Pedersen** introduced Bill Bruno, and architect he met at the Chili Cook-off. **Ron Carlson** introduced his friend Al Jensen. Al lives in the same complex that Ron and his wife Ann Louise live. **Tom Overton** introduced his wife Sheryl, who also was encouraged to hear our speaker this morning, and we were joined by Jeanette Thompson, our Zone 8 Lt. Governor. Welcome all!

From the Prez

The meeting in two weeks, February 15th, will be our bring your sweetheart to breakfast in honor of St. Valentine’s day. **THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING AT THE AMERICAN LEGION!** The breakfast will be at: Citron Bistro, 3535 S Yosemite (Yosemite south of Hampden), \$16.50 is the per ticket price, which includes breakfast and entertainment - please sign up and get your check to **Greg Young**.

Our own **Barry Barker** won the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club (FRACSOC) chili cook-off. This was



Valentine Breakfast

All members are invited to bring their significant other to breakfast on Friday, February 15th @ Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite Street.

Keep in mind there will NOT be a meeting at the Legion Hall.

FRACSOC first club’s fundraiser. Great work Barry, and thanks to all participants!

We have 58 members in the Dime-A-Day program, thanks to the passionate efforts of **Freddie Pasternack**. The proceeds of the dime-a-day program go toward OI Foundation’s program for scholarships, child Internet safety, and more. Our club has the highest number of participants — not just in Denver, not just in our district, and not just in the U.S., but the highest in Optimist International! *That’s outstanding!* If you have not signed up yet, please complete the Dime-A-Day form attached to GUMS’ distribution email and talk to Freddie.



Russ Paul leads the way in picking up after our Friday meetings and could use a few more hands at the conclusion of meetings to get the chairs and tables in order, so try and stay a couple of minutes afterwards and help out.

Announcements

Tri-Star Basketball: **Jon Wachter** reminded us that Tri-Star Basketball is Thursday, February 28th 3:30 - 6:30 p.m., at the Boys and Girls Club (Ninth and Inca) and he and **Michael Chavez** could use some help. To sign up see Jon or Michael!



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

Brain Bowl: Karl Geil announced that the Central Region Brain Bowl was held last Saturday was staffed by 128 volunteers, 30 from our club (the highest of any club!).



The South Region Brain Bowl will be Saturday, February 9th is at Carson Middle School on Fort Carson, an Army post ten miles northwest of the city of Fountain, Colorado. Volunteers will need ID and car registration if driving. Go to <http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org/carson.html> for directions to Carson Middle School and to learn the right gate to get onto base. A carpool will leave at 5:30 a.m. from the American Legion parking lot to arrive in time for coffee and donuts, since the competition starts at 7 a.m. Competition ends at 11:30 and lunch will be provided. The playoff rounds should end around 2:30 p.m. So for those who stay the day, they should be back by 4:30 or so. See **Karl Geil** or **Paul Simon** for details.

MSOC Member Directory Update: Craig Eley

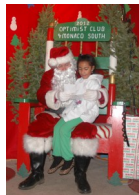
says we are about six weeks away from a new directory update. As you know the last directory was published in October 2012. He is willing to take photos for new members or those looking for an upgrade. Also, Craig passed along thanks to all of the Santa's who worked the tree lot.



486 photos of kids with Santa were taken this holidays season, and the following Kris Kringle's logged 52 hours of work: **Don Iley, Don Thomson** (shown at left), **John Oss, Kent Gloor, Bob Avery, Mark Metevia, Keith Galloway** (shown



at right). He also received a "Dear Santa" letter, shown below), **Russ Paul, Tom Hoch, Tom Glazier, Eldon Strong, Ed Collins, and Phil Perington.**



JDRF Optimist Club Building: Ron Gustas

let us know that the JDRF club is getting closer to full formation. On Tuesday night February 5th, there will meeting at the American Legion starting at 6:30 p.m. Ron is looking for new members, both current Optimists and non-



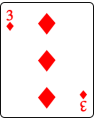
Optimists, so help get the word out! All you need to do is, "JUST ASK."

Craig Eley's Bronco Poem: Mark Metevia contributed a belated "Happy Buck" for **Craig Eley's** Bronco poem from a few weeks back. Editor: It is still available from the link on the GUMS distribution email. He also shared a rafting photo from 20 years ago, which he likes to call "4 Presidents in a tub".

CO/WY District Conference: Our guest **Sheryl Overton** and District Conference Chair, reminded us that anyone who wants to attend the Saturday luncheon at the District Conference needs to get their reservation in by Sunday, February 3rd. See registration form attached to GUMS transmittal email. Send registration form and fee to Sherry Pearn by February 3rd. Give a copy of your registration to Greg Young by February 15th for reimbursement from the Club.

Closing Bell

We had a drawing! The 3 of Diamonds was what you needed to claim \$80. Our winners were: **Aaron Beery, Don St.John, Ron Carlson** (x2), **John Stoffel, and Joe Marci** who all took the cash in the cup. Those that went after the \$80's were: **Jack Kleinheksel, Pat Bush, and Scott Walker.** However, alas, no dice! Next week \$90.



Optimist Creed

We closed out the meeting with the reciting of the Optimist Creed. **Promise yourself**

A Bit of Humor

Here are some luminaries:

- ◇ "America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked." *David Letterman*
- ◇ "Men are like linoleum floors. Lay'em right and you can walk all over them for years." *May West*
- ◇ "You know you're a redneck if your home has wheels and your car doesn't." *Jeff Foxworthy*
- ◇ "Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself." *Harrison Ford*



◇ "If life were fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead." *Johnny Carson*



The Joy of Optimism

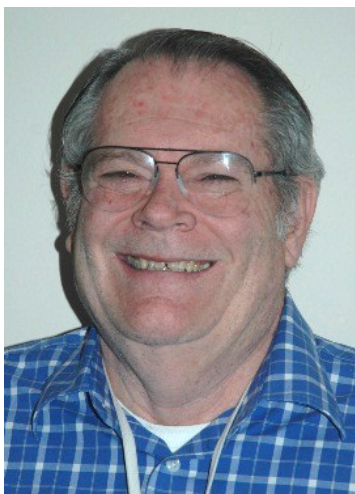
Our own, John Young

Our speaker today was one of our club's 43 charter members from the 1976 formation, and one of the 8 still active — **John Young!** A member of Monaco South since July, 1976.

John took the opportunity to give some history of the club and the impact it has had on his life. He shared that we have 33 club members who have been with us less than two years, so this presentation was timely!

John passed out a list of 25 of his favorite quotation topics, so that members could select topics of interest and John would share the collection he has developed over the years. John gave what he felt was the profile of a MSOC member - a man with a big heart, who is caring and trying to make the world better place, has a "there you are" instead of "here I am" attitude, and is inspired by our creed. John estimates he's recited the creed 1,859 times at meetings since he joined.

John took his opportunity to present a gift to a



John Young, charter member since 1976 and has fostered the true meaning of the Optimist Creed.
Photo Craig Eley

member he acknowledged as a huge club contributor - **Joe Marci**. John presented Joe with a Louisville Slugger baseball bat emblazoned with "Joe Marci: Grandslam hitter MSOC." Joe happily received the gift while noting that those from upstate New York preferred Adirondack bats!



Over the years John has sponsored 54 new club members, and encouraged us all to be on the lookout for the next new one — that is the greatest gift you can give back to Monaco South! The club changes lives with a magical power. John shared how meaningful his participation in the club has been to him and his family over the years. Dr. **Ed Fankhauser**

founded the club, and John developed a genealogy of club for the first 20 years with sponsors recognized. John concluded his presentation by unveiling his T-shirt - one of the 12,359 Super Citizen shirts that he has orchestrated getting printed over the years!

Identifying Characteristics of Optimists

Compliments of John Young — Note all of John's handouts will be shared once they are assembled.

The Optimist ...

- ... lives well, laughs often and loves much, looks for the best in others, gives the best he has, and leaves the world a better place than he found it.
- ... knows that happiness does not depend on who you are or what you have: it depends solely on what you think.
- ... knows that regrets don't come from trying and not succeeding. Not trying your hardest to do something you dream of is what makes you have

regrets.

- ... in honor and integrity so that their self-esteem is not miserable.
- ... goes after creating their highest goals and visions, and does not wish and dream they will just happen on their own.
- ... knows that a good life has a fair amount of fun, adventure, play, and love mixed in with hard work, self-discipline, routine, and chores.

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
2/8/13	Keith Gallaway & Fred Pasternack
2/15/13	Harry Johnson & George Buzick
2/22/13	Gary Strowbridge & Tom Seaman
3/1/13	John Oss & Dick Cohen
3/8/13	Bob Avery & ?

Super Citizen Presenters for February		
Feb 6 @ 8:30 am	Highline	Frank Middleton
Feb 15 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45 am	Holm	Joe Marci
Feb 20 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Bob Avery
Feb 22 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Dick Cohen
Feb 22 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Al Gapuzan

Monaco South Calendar

- Feb 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Place Bridge Academy
- Feb 9 Sat 7:00 am South Region Brain Bowl, Carson Middle School, Colorado Springs
- Feb 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Sweetheart's to Breakfast, Citron Bistro
- Feb 15-17 Fri-Sun CO-WY District 2nd Quarter Conference, Stanley Hotel, Estes Park, CO
- Feb 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Feb 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - American Presidential History, Lisette Clemmons
- Feb 23 Sat 7:00 am Brain Bowl Championship, Douglas County High School, Castle Rock
- Mar 1 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado History Day, Kendra Black

**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
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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.