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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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Good Morning Optimist

Those who rose early on this beautiful Colorado morning were greeted with a smile from both **Bryce Slaby** and **Jon Wachter** and a wonderful burrito breakfast by **John Marinos**. **Ed Collins** gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Guest Only Birthdays

There were no guests today, but we did get to sing "Happy Birthday" to those with June Birthdays.

Although there were scouts from the Mormon

Tabernacle Choir secretly recording this magnificent cacophony of sound, apparently they decided not to extend invitations to join their group to any of the participants in today's debacle. Those honored

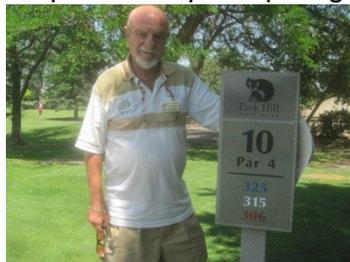
this morning included: **Ed Collins**, Dr. **Ed Fankhauser**, Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier**, **Greg Hurd**, **David Lazaroff**, **Todd Olson**, **Michael Prete**, **Terry Shroyer**, **Bryce Slaby**, **Jason Sunahara**, **Bill Wells**, **Gerald Whitman**, and **Allen Yockey**.

President's Corner

President **Randy Marcove** presented **Joe Marci** and **Ed Collins** with a framed picture for participating



Golfers Ed Collins, left, and Joe Marci show off their framed pictures.



Monaco South and Gateway Optimist member Fred Pasternack served as one of the officials.

in the Gateway Optimist golf tourney at Heather Ridge Country Club.

Prez Randy also announced that the club directory would now be available on the club website:

www.monacosouth.org. For those who have concerns, the site will be password protected. Randy also mentioned the new 30-30 membership drive from Optimist International. Any new member under 30 years of age will be charged only \$30 to join our club. Randy urged us to bring in younger members.

A onetime fee of \$30 is due along with the completed application. Write '30/30' on the traditional hard-copy application or Club officers may click the designated checkbox onoptimistleaders.org for online '30/30' roster additions.

Announcements

HOBY Leadership: **Paul Bernard** thanked the club for their support of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Forum and said that some of the money the club had donated went to pay for a translator for a hearing impaired participant at the camp. This is the first time that this has been done and allowed a student who would not otherwise have had this experience to participate.

MS 150 Rest & Photo Stop: **Michael Chavez** said that it looked like we had sufficient volunteers for the Colorado MS Bike Ride rest stop which we will be staffing on July 1st in Longmont. Michael said that he would have maps and waiver forms at our next meeting and that the Tamarac Optimist ladies would also be there to help. Four of MSOC's finest will be riding: **Randy Marcove**, **Brian Williams**, **Eldon Strong** and **Howard Fry**. There is still time to pledge, so get out

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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****

Announcements Continued

out your checkbook. Michael also mentioned that he needed some people to help load all the equipment on the truck, graciously provided by **Bryce Slaby**. This will happen next Friday, after the meeting, so plan on being there to help out!

Liberty Day at OI Convention: **Andy McKean** gave us an update on Liberty Day happenings, including the fact that there will be a Liberty Day booth at the Optimist International Convention in Milwaukee, July 12-14, 2012. See <http://www.optimist.org> for details. Andy needs some people to help him staff the booth. If you are planning on attending the convention and have some time, see Andy or give him a call at 303-333-3434. For information about Liberty Day go to <http://www.libertyday.org/>.

Andy also urged each of the members to take time to read the *Declaration of Independence*, preferably with a young person, so you can refresh your memory regarding this foundation document of our government. You can read the *Declaration of Independence* at USHistory.org, <http://www.ushistory.org/declaration/document/> and get a *Liberty Day Constitution Booklet* from Andy. Thanks Andy for all you are doing!

Annual Mudd Volleyball Tournament: **Cy Regan** reminds us that the March of Dimes Annual Mudd Volleyball tournament will be held on August 4th and held at the Majestic Center in Aurora (east of I-70 and Tower Road).

This fund raiser for the March of Dimes challenges over 300 coed teams comprised of 8-12 players each, knee deep in mud, and welcomes nearly 1,000 spectators. Our volunteers will be parking cars early (very early) that morning. The good news is that we will be done by 9:00 a.m. and Cy may spring for breakfast afterwards. Sign-up sheets to follow. Save the date! For more information on this event go to: <http://www.muddvolleyball.com/index.html>.

Called for Volunteers: OCMS President Elect, **Paul Simon** called for volunteers to chair the many events in which our club participates. He stressed the importance of new members becoming involved in these activities, so we are not solely dependent on one individual who has historically chaired this activity. See Paul if you would like to chair any of next year's activities. For a complete list of the many projects and actives we are involved with click here: http://www.monacosouth.org/MSOC_PROJECTS.

Looking for Optimist Magazines: **Greg Young** asked those of us who are receiving more than one Optimist magazine to bring our read copy to a meeting to be shared with prospective members. Sharing the magazine can provide prospec-



tive members a feel for what Optimist International is all about and of course it is better than throwing in the recycling bin. Greg also reminded us that he is recycling used ink cartridges through Staples. This is a great way to save the environment, as well as make a few bucks for our club.

OI Junior Golf Championship: **Joe Marci** reported that the qualifying for the younger golfers for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship (OIJGC) was held on Monday, June 18th at Fitzsimmons Golf Course. Thirty-eight young golfers (age 10-14) participated in the tourney, with 7 of them qualifying to go to the International tournament in Florida. The girl winner actually outshot the boys with a round of 73.

There was great volunteer support for the event, including 10 ladies from the Tamarac Optimist Club, who kept score for the younger kids, **Eldon Strong** assisting on the course, and **Don Thomson**, with his trusty camera taking shots of golfers at the hole sponsor signs.

Twenty-four golfers will be representing the Colorado/Wyoming District at the PGA International Course in Florida next month. **Ron Cisco**, **Joe Marci** and **Bob Meyer** of Castle Rock Optimists, the co-chairs of OIJGC thank all of you who generously contributed their time (and money) to make this event the great success it continues to be.

Rockies vs. Pirates Tickets: While Joe had the floor, he reminded us of the Rockies game on Monday, July 16th, which will be a fund raiser to defray the cost of the kids' trip to Florida! Tickets are \$19 for upper infield section 327 behind home plate or Mezzanine section 206 above the scoreboard on the second level. And \$30 for outfield box section 116. You can order tickets from Joe by phone at 303-771-3748 or email marcifrog@aol.com.

Newsletter Staff Addition: **Ralph Pedersen** reported via email that last week's newsletter was mailed by **Cy Regan** and himself, in the absence of **Jim Piccinelli**, who is in Paris, France, and **Dick Zolman**, who was in California for some graduations. Cy was conscripted and gladly complied in the production of the mailed newsletter edition. Therefore he reports we are making Cy Regan an honorary member of the newsletter staff for his assistance last week. Welcome, Cy!



Closing Bell

For this weeks pot, "many are called, but few are chosen." Though many numbers were called, nobody chose the 8 of spades; therefore the pot for next week will increase to \$70.



Speaker, Dave Tancer and Judy Poulson American Cancer Society

Dave Tancer and Judy Poulson, representing the American Cancer Society, were here to talk about the "Relay For Life," which "represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated." The *Relay For Life* will be held on July 28-29 at the Salisbury Equestrian Park in Parker. This event, which is essentially an all night team walk has been held in many venues since 1985 and is the major fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. With over 4 million participants in the United States and 19 foreign countries each year, this event is truly international. It has raised nearly \$2.7 billion since its inception.

Because "Cancer never sleeps," the race is run throughout the night and each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times during the night. Each team member is asked to solicit at least \$100 in pledges. More than 3000 communities in the US have hosted this event annually, with 25 or more in Colorado. Funds raised go for Cancer Research and the American Cancer Society is second only to the US Government in funding this research. Because of the research being conducted in Colorado, researchers ac-



Dave Tancer, left, with President Randy Marcove, and Judy Poulson.
Photo Don StJohn

tually receive more than what is actually contributed within the state.

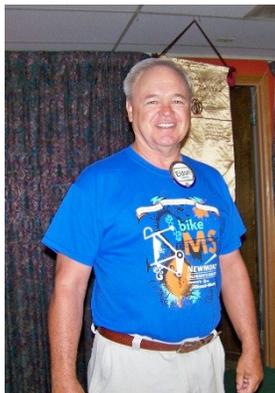
More can be learned about the national *Relay For Life* events at <http://www.relayforlife.org/>.

Some of the programs funded by Relay For Life include:

- Comprehensive Cancer information is available 24/7 by calling 1-800-ACS-345 or visiting www.cancer.org.
- The Society is the largest source of nongovernmental cancer research funding the US, having invested more than \$3.2 billion in research since 1946. To date, the Society has funded 42 Nobel Prize-winning researchers.
- Fight for lifesaving laws to increase federal research funding, reduce tobacco use, promote early detection of cancers, improve access to care and support cancer patients.
- Services to cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and the people who love them include transportation to treatment, peer support group programs and resources for practical assistance.

If you are interested in participating in the *Relay for Life*, contact **Paul Simon**, who will be a team captain. For further information log on to www.relayforlife.org

Colorado MS Bike Ride T-shirt



To let everyone know what the MS-150 bike riders will be wearing **Eldon Strong** modeled his latest edition to his wardrobe—a Bike 150 t-shirt. Thanks to all riders for your support. Be safe out there!

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
6/29/12	Karl Geil & Mike McMahon
7/6/12	Bob Avery & Eldon Strong
7/13/12	Paul Stratton & Art Erickson
7/20/12	Ed Collins & Aaron Berry
7/27/12	Jim Tapp & Russ Paul

"Fear less, hope more; Whine less, breathe more; Talk less, say more; Hate less, love more; And all good things are yours." – Author Unknown

Monaco South Calendar

June 27 Wed 7:30 am Junior Golf Fundraiser at Flatirons - see Joe Marci
 June 29 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Marie Connolly, Guiding Light, Patient Advocacy
 July 1 Sun 7:00 am MS 150 Rest & Photo Shoot Stop in Longmont - See Michael Chavez
 July 6 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
 July 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
 July 18 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 July 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence
 July 29 Sun 7:00 am Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast

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Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
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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.