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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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first day of  
**SUMMER!**

### Good Morning Optimist

**Bryce Slaby** and **Ralph Pedersen** greeted us this warm first day of summer with a true Optimist welcome. President **Paul Simon** called on **John Swick** to give the invocation and lead us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.



### Guests

**John Swick** also introduced his son, Trey as his guest this morning. Trey is transferring to Metropolitan State University of Denver for his junior year and works with his father during the summer break. He has heard a lot about the Monaco South Optimist Club and decided to visit us this morning. Welcome, Trey and we hope that you will join us again soon.

### From the Prez

Four — Count'em 4 New Members **Prez Paul** announced that the Board of Directors has approved 4 new members at their meeting last Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. The newest Monaco South Optimists are **Rob Gardner, Alan Malask, Norm Coon** and **Jeff Johnson**. Paul indicated that a formal induction will be held once he gets the materials back from OI. In the meantime, welcome aboard guys. Paul asks that all members make an effort to introduce themselves to our new members and that new members work on a project as soon as possible to get active within the club.

### Optimist(s) of the Quarter

**Frank Middleton** was called up to the podium and **President Paul** announced that for Frank's work on

forming three new cub scout packs, setting-up our camaraderie days, coordinating the holiday party and the western square dances, he was named "Optimist of the Quarter" for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Paul presented Frank with



Frank Middleton, left, and Michael Chavez both recognized as MSOC Optimist's of the Quarter.  
 Photo Don StJohn

a nice wood plaque. After looking at the plaque, Frank exclaimed the name on the plaque was Michael Chavez. A red faced Paul quickly traded plaques with Frank and called **Michael Chavez** up to receive the "Optimist of the Quarter" award for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Michael has chaired the Know Brainer, MS 150 Comfort Station, the Christmas baskets, and the Rockies bobble-head give away. Both Frank and Michael thanked those members who have supported their project. Frank also wanted to say he misses **Doc Gardner** but Doc opens the Target store on Friday so he cannot make the club meetings. *Congratulations!*

Quiet Please



**Quiet Please:** There is concern once again regarding chatter and noise from the audience when guests and others are speaking. Please be considerate of those holding the floor. Thank you!

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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\*\*\*\*

## Please! A Little Respect

**President Paul** again reminded the membership to show respect by not talking during the guest speaker's presentation or stacking chairs during the reciting of the Optimist Creed. After thinking about it he added, or laughing when the President mixes up the plaques.



## Happy Bucks



The infamous spitoon was passed around so that members had a chance to express something they were happy about for a one dollar donation to the American Cancer Society.

Some of the happy thoughts were:

- **Greg Young** who was excited that the Community Picnic was this coming Saturday.
- **Paul Bernard** who was happy that his daily work commute to Arvada was finally over.
- **John Swick** who had his son with him for breakfast this morning.
- **Jon Wachter** was happy that Bill Hanzlik had agreed to be a guest speaker.
- **Bryce Slaby** is excited that next Friday he will be retired.
- **Steve Kady** is happy that he was made a grandfather for the seventh time.
- **Andy McKean** is happy on his first anniversary.
- **Tom Glazier** was happy that **Alan Malask** had become a new member.

Editor: There were other happy members out there but I don't write fast enough to capture all of their happy thoughts.



## FRACSOC

Or, Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club. All Monaco South members are invited to attend the next meeting of the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club. It will be held on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at Perkins Restaurant, 1995 S. Colorado Blvd. starting at 7 p.m. Come a little earlier if you would like to order dinner first. For the June meeting the guest speaker was a 12 year old boy who formed a foundation called "Comfort for Kids" that helps kids deal with cancer. Paul made a special appeal for us to support this newly formed club.

## Announcements

**National MS Society 150:** **Bob Avery** pointed out



A rider from last years event.

Photo Craig Eley.

that **Eldon Strong** was a better model for the MS 150 Bikathon shirt than he was. Unfortunately the picture did not come across. He reminded us that the event is next weekend but there is still time to sponsor him or any of the riders from Monaco South with a donation pledge.

## HELP US TO HELP YOU

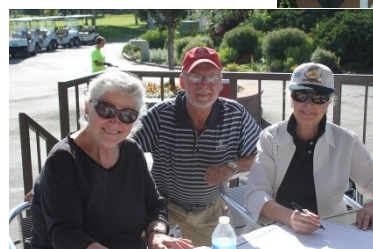
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Thank you in advance, your editor, Pat Bush, Paul Stratton, John Oss, George Buzick, Robert Wardlaw, and Robert Finkelmeier.

**Optimist Junior Golf:** **Joe Marci** reviewed the Optimist Junior Golf tournaments that were held last week. The younger competitors played at the Fitzsimmons course in Aurora on Tuesday and the older players competed on the Flatirons course in Boulder on Thursday. Joe announced the winners; Sam Taylor in the 12-13 age group, Tyler Zhang in the 14-15 age group and Donny Kinnamen in the 16-18 age group all shot par golf. In fact Donny won his age group in a playoff with three other boys after also finishing with par (70) rounds. A total of 22 players will be sent to the Optimist International Junior Golf Tournament in Florida from our district.

Joe gave his thanks to all who worked the tournaments including **Gary Miller, Pat Bush, Eldon Strong, Barry Barker, George Buzick, Kent Gloor, Russ Paul, Greg Young, Gary Strowbridge, Phil Perington, Ron Cisco** and **Joe Marci**. We also had as our great photographer **Don Thomson**. Joe also thanks all members who sponsored holes. Their financial support is invaluable. **On a side note:** Tonia Hardman was with her son, Austin, a regular competitor at the Optimist tournaments. See the picture below — Tonia on left, Austin, and a tournament official. Tonia is the daughter of former Monaco South member **Bill Walters**. Austin shot a 78 in this year's tournament.

Photos Don Thomson



Tournament scorekeepers who cheerfully volunteered.



Two of the young girl competitors standing next to one of the many hole sponsor signs.



## Announcement Continued

**Brent's Place Breakfast:** Paul Bernard informed the membership that the Brent's Place Breakfast will be held the last weekend of July at Washington Park. He also indicated that he has a big problem with his sausage. Normally, the sausage is pre-cooked the day before the breakfast and is warmed up on the day of the breakfast. This year, the restaurant that pre-cooks the sausage will no longer do that as their policies have changed. We must find another source to pre-cook the sausage or cook the sausage ourselves. Paul would welcome any suggestions.

**Hanzlik to Speak:** You won't want to miss this week's meeting. Ex-Nugget, Bill Hanzlik will be our guest speaker at the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. He will talk about the Gold Crown Foundation that he co-founded in 1986 and what they do for the community youth. Of course the foundation has had a lot of help through the years and Bill will tell us all about it. Monaco South will be sponsoring some scholarships for kids that couldn't otherwise be able to participate. Let's fill the place to hear from one of Denver's true sport hero's.

**National MS Society 150 Lunch Station:** Our club sponsors the lunch station for the MS 150 Bikathon on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> in Longmont. **Michael Chavez** indicated that he still needs some help especially early to help set up tents. Please contact Michael if you can

help out.

**Thank You Note:** President Paul read another very nice thank you note from a recipient of the Charlie Korsoski Award winner. Christi Vick is from Hamilton Middle School. She also thanked us for sponsoring the Brain Bowl and the 500+ point readers program. She has participated in both. She thinks it is wonderful that our club provides so many opportunities for young people. Attached distribution email.

## Camaraderie Day BD Recognition

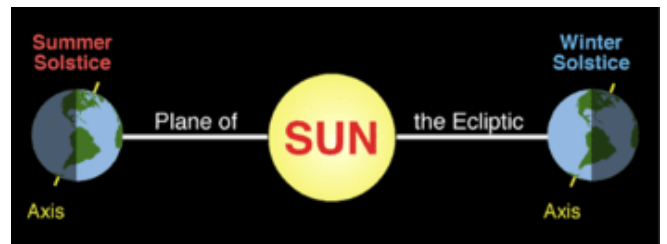
Since it was camaraderie Day, we stopped to blend our voices in *Happy Birthday* to our June birthdays: **Perry Allen, Ed Collins, Dr. Ed Fankhauser, Dr. Bob Finkelmeier, Greg Hurd, David Lazaroff, Todd Olson, Mike Prete, Terry Shroyer, Bryce Slaby, Jason Sunahara, Bill Wells, Jerry Whitman, Allen Yockey.** Those who were not present missed just one of the better harmonies.

## Drawing Winners

The lucky winners this week were **Allen Yockey, Ron Gustas, Ed Collins, Harry Johnson, John Oss, Greg Young, Cy Regan and Tom Glazier.** Jon Wachter's name was drawn for a chance at the big pot but his luck ran out with the drawing of the card. The bonus drawing for a *Dante Bichette bobble-head* went to CO-WY Gov. **Phil Perington.**

## Summer Solstice

The summer solstice occurs on June 20<sup>th</sup> this year (come and gone by the time you read this article). The word *solstice* is derived from the Latin word *solstitium*. Breaking it down, *sol* meaning sun, plus *stitium* meaning to stop, reflecting the fact that the sun appears to stop. At this point the sun's track across the sky is the furthest north of the equator creating the longest day of the year for us in the northern hemisphere. Hereafter, the days will gradually become shorter. The summer solstice officially starts the summer season. The question often asked is if the summer solstice is the longest day with the sun's rays at the most direct angle to the earth, why isn't it the hottest day of the year. The answer is simple. The land masses and oceans are still warming up meaning they are still absorbing the sun's energy. It isn't until late July and August that they reach their highest temperature and start shedding the stored energy (rather than absorbing the energy) back into the atmosphere causing the warmest air temperatures or hottest days. So the summer lies just ahead; enjoy it.



## Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
6/28/13	Russ Paul & Ron Carlson
7/5/13	Pat Bush & Les Larson
7/12/13	Frank Ross & Bob Avery
7/19/13	Leo Hagele & Barry Barker
7/26/13	Mark Metevia & Fred Pasternack

## Monaco South Calendar

June 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Bill Hanzlik, Sports Broadcaster & former Nuggets player  
 June 30 Sun 7:00 am MS 150 Rest & Photo Shoot Stop in Longmont - See Michael Chavez  
 July 5 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA  
 July 12 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA  
 July 17 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102  
 July 19 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

**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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**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.