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Good Morning Optimists!

Greeter Coordinator **Dick Cohen** and able assistant **Vice President Frank Ross** wished all arrivals a “Big Hello” as they strolled in. Thank you, gentlemen!

Invocation & Pledge

Todd Olson, read the invocation, encouraging us in our Optimism. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

President Phil Presides

Not wanting to be late this week, **President Phil** was at the podium before the sun came up. He regaled us with more History facts:

- 1850—Zacary Taylor, who never voted in his life, died and was replaced by Millard Fillmore
- 1900—the Paris subway opened (not a Hilton sandwich shop)
- 1925—The Scopes Monkey trial begins
- 1965—The Rolling Stones score with their first hit, “*Satisfaction*”
- The most important birthday: John Quincy Adams was born on July 11, 1767. He was a U.S. President.

Guests

Two guests today: Greg Jackson, introduced by **Les Larson**, and John Scott, returning after long absence, a friend of **Phil Perington** and **Fred Pasternack**. Welcome, men!

Inductions

New members were inducted last week and this week. Assuming the mantle last week was **George Vassilaros**, who is a Farmers Insurance

Agent. Another member sponsored by **Fred Pasternack**!!



This week we added **Mark Andringa**. Mark is currently looking for employment in warehouse management, with a 15 year background of experience there. Mark's sponsor is **Robert Wardlaw**. Make it a point to introduce yourself to these new members.



Announcements

Update on convalescents: Coy Horton

hopefully continues to improve, while **Jeff Carter** is on the mend from a severe infection. Keep these guys in your thoughts and good wishes. We want to see you at a meeting, guys!!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

KIDS CURE FOR CANCER



Paul Bernard repeated our commitment to provide 2000+ pancakes at Washington Park for runners/walkers raising funds for Brent's Place on Sunday, **July 26th**. Be there at 6:00am for set up. Breakfast starts at 8:30. The Tamarac Optimist Club will be joining us on this project. Sign up now as we need at least 15 guys from Monaco South. Finding a Cure for Kids' Cancer is a main Optimist International focus, and Brent's Place operates two houses with temporary apartments for children with cancer and their families. We are proud to pick up the slack when the Kiwanis dropped out. If you cannot participate in person, go the website and donate: [Donate to Brent's](#) or www.kids cure.org:



MUD VOLLEYBALL—MARCH OF DIMES FUNDRAISER:



Cy Regan is again spearheading this project to park cars early on. Put Saturday, August 1st at 6:00am (in the cool of the day) on your calendar. Breakfast follows at V.I. around 9:30 for those who decline to stay for lunch and join or watch the fun (see above). Let Cy know if you want to car pool from the Legion Hall. Or get directions here: [Mud Volleyball](#)

Or <http://www.muddvolleyball.com/news.php>

DIME A DAY

Have you sent day contribution **Jimmie Brown??** it today...just one of the Optimists the club Get the form or [Dime a Day](#) or at



in your dime-a-yet in Honor of It is easy, so do \$36.50 to honor greatest has ever known. donate online at

<http://www.oifoundation.org/donate/index.htm> or ask one of the Monaco South Officers or Directors for the form.

THE FINAL BELL

No one won the drawing today—the last face card. Next week: \$70! Buy those tickets!!



Cy reported Sooper market card sales at \$1,175 today...not bad, but we can do better. Bring your checks and buy the cards!

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****

OUR SPEAKER TODAY

Today we enjoyed the magic and humor of Keir Mather. Keir started out by asking if anyone knew



the secret to the Rubik's Cube. Of course before anyone could answer, he held up a solved cube that was done in an instant. How did he do that???

Keir then proceeded with his magic show, which he said was the way he overcame a severe learning disability. While unable to understand many subjects in school, he understood that entertaining people with magic and humor could bring him enjoyment and a career. He told the story of how he often said or inferred the wrong thing in class, but as he learned magic tricks, he also learned he could communicate and build his self confidence with people as never before.

One of the stories Keir told was the story about the pilot of a Cessna who landed the plane in an emergency without first putting down the wheels. Of course the plane ended up upside-down. As the emergency crew approached the plane, they saw the wheels deploying. The pilot missed a critical point...do things in order!!

What do you see??



Doug Morton, (who is called Doug by his friends), saw a duck. **Phil Perington** saw a rabbit. It's all in how you tilt it...lesson learned: "LIFE is 10% of what happens to you, and 90% of how you react to it."

Mather proceeded to do several more astonishing tricks with **John Young**, **Bryce Slaby**, and **Don Thomson** as foils...each trick better than the last; but at least he showed how several were done. His last trick was that after audience members picked number 67 randomly, all numbers on a grid he drew added to 67...not sure how he did this one...it's still a secret. Bravo Keir!!

More useful life sayings:

- We are all faced with a series of great opportunities, brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.
- One day at a time—this is enough. Do not look back and grieve over the past, for it is gone; and do not be troubled by the future, as it has not yet come. Live in the present and make it so beautiful that it will be worth remembering.
- Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Monaco South Calendar

Jul 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Jul 21	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting , District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar, Room 102
Jul 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Craig Eley: Beekeeping
Jul 26	Sun	6:00 am	Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast , Washington Park
Jul 31	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Mike Hanbery: Twitter and Facebook
Aug 1	Sat	6:00 am	Mud Volleyball - parking crew and breakfast after
Aug 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Robert Case, Story Teller and Writer
Aug 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - East High School Constitutional Scholars
Aug 27-30			Colorado/Wyoming District Convention , Colorado Springs
Sep 11-13	Weekend		Honeymoon/Getaway Weekend - Colorado Arlberg Club, Winter Park
Sep 26	Sat	6:00 pm	Monaco South Year End Banquet—SAVE THE DATE!

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John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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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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