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Good Morning Optimists

Greeting Us Today

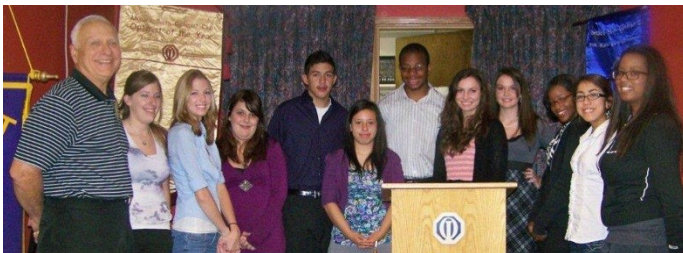
Representing the past and the present our Official Greeters this morning were President Elect **Randy Marcove** and Past President **Frank Middleton**.

Utterings from the Prez

President **Ed Collins** called our meeting to order and asked **Joe Marci** to give the invocation. Joe then led us in the pledge of allegiance to the United States of America.

Guests

Joe Marci recognized the 12 students and their parents from Thomas Jefferson High School who received the Robert Sullivan Scholarship Awards. This is the 12th year our club has given out the Awards—a total of 14 Awards this year alone and totaling more than 100 over the years. Each student got up and in-



Joe, on left, welcomes the Robert Sullivan Scholarship Award recipients, pictured, along with their parents and TJ High School staff to our meeting. Photo Don StJohn

roduced themselves and stated what their plans are to attend a University or College this next year. The schools chosen were: 2 going to DU, CCD or CU; 1 to Ft Lewis, CSU, Mines, and Metro State. Congratula-

tions to all of you! Joe also introduced Tabitha Rocha, scholarship coordinator at TJ and welcomed the principal Sandra Just. When one of the recipients shared a story about a senior sleep over on the athletic field, Joe shared that MSOC was instrumental in updating the field and seating area some years ago.

In addition to the TJ students and parents, **Randy Marcove's** guest was Jerry Hayes, who is a friend of **Jack Kitchell's** wife, Tamarac Optimist Club member Jan Collier. Thanks Jan! **Oscar Sorensen** introduced his guest and new member Tom Charters. **Fred Pasternack's** guest and also a new member is Don Kim. Don sold Fred his hearing aids. John Swick, **Bill Walters'** business partner and friend also submitted his membership application to join the club. Welcome to all of you!

Bill Walters Update

On a sad note **President Ed** reported that **Bill Walters**, who is suffering from terminal leukemia has been moved into hospice. He shared that the family has expressed their thankfulness for every ones prayers and well wishes and requested that we not try to contact Bill in his final days. Bill has a great day-to-day attitude knowing that he has so many caring friends.

Save the Date

MSOC Banquet & Installation

Saturday, September 24th at 6:00 pm

More details to follow

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

Brent's Place: In follow up to last weeks presentation by Donn Eley, president and founder of Brent's Place, **Greg Young** mentioned that we will be assisting with a fund raiser called "Urban Navigator" that benefits Brent's Place on Saturday, August 27th from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Information about this event can be found at <http://www.adventuresforcharity.org/>. More details forthcoming.

Annual Picnic: **Randy Marcove** reminded us that the clubs annual picnic is Saturday, June 11th at Magna Carter Park. Set-up begins at 9:00 a.m. and volunteers are needed, call Randy @ 303-667-3663.

MS Bicycle Ride: **Bob Avery** said he will be gone the next three weeks and we should send our pledge money for the MS bike ride to **Greg Young** in his absence. As you know, we have several members riding in this event. This year the ride will be June 25th and 26th. Our Number 1 Ranked Rest Stop will be at the West View Middle School in Longmont on the 26th. Please see **Robert Wardlaw** or **Michael Chavez** for additional information and now to participate in this great cause.

HOBY Leadership Seminar: **Paul Bernard** encouraged us all to assist with the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation's (HOBY) annual leadership seminar on June 3rd, 4th, & 5th at the Colorado School of Mines. Approximately 180 high school students from around

Colorado will be attending. These kids will have just finished their sophomore year. During this 3-day event they will engage in many activities designed to open their minds to ideas and possibilities that most of them are not aware of. The program emphasizes the real meaning of leadership, the value of volunteerism, the ethics of leadership, the recognition of their potential, and the pursuit of excellence in everything they do. More information can be found at <http://www.hoby.org/>. If interested in volunteering see Paul.

Accelerator Reader Program: **Karl Geil** announced that the Accelerator Reader Program will provide a \$100 saving bond for each student who completes the program.

Junior Golf Program: **Joe Marci** needs more players for the May 25th Junior Golf Tournament at the Flat Irons Golf course in Boulder. Start time is at 7:30 a.m. The cost to play is \$110 with a \$50 pure donation to the Optimist Junior Golf Program. See Joe if you can play.

Wyatt McCallie Update: **Oscar Sorensen** reports that **Wyatt McCallie's** proctologist says his recovery is complete, but will be setting on a donut for awhile.

May 27th Speaker: At next weeks meeting come to hear our own **Frank Middleton** talk about, *How to make tax deductible contributions to Monaco South*. He will be discussing some great tools to make tax deductible donations to Monaco South using the *Pass Through Account* and the *Grant Program*. "Several members have shown interest in wanting to make a donation to our club as a way of giving back for all they have gotten out of Monaco South," Frank says. So come and learn how it can be done.

Happy Bucks: For a mere dollar in the old MSOC spittoon you could express to the club why you are so happy this morning. So here are some



of the happy people:

- **John Wachter** was happy for the accomplishment of the TJ students this morning.
- **Kathy Sullivan** was happy for the help our club has given TJ over the years.
- **Phil Perington** was happy because he has someone in Grand Junction that will work with us to build a new club in Zone 4.
- **Ron Cisco** was happy that he will have the last procedure on his knee this next week.
- **Gary Strowbridge** was happy because it was his birthday. Of course he got MSOC's version of Happy BD!
- **Paul Bernard** was happy because he woke up this morning and hopes to tomorrow.
- **Bob Avery** was happy for all the rain we have recently received and doesn't have to run his lawn sprinklers.

Drawing

This week we had \$30 in the "big" pot, and our one cup winners were:



- ◇ **Kent Gloor**
- ◇ **Bryce Slaby**
- ◇ **Karl Geil**
- ◇ **Randy Marcove**
- ◇ A TJ student
- ◇ A 2nd TJ student

And guest Jerry Hayes drew for the winning card and the \$30 pot, but to no good. The drawing for wearing your name badge was **Gary Laman** who struck out, but led us in the Optimist Creed.

Pictures of Sullivan Scholarship Recipients



Photos Don StJohn

A Bit Of Humor

A Dog Story: An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and his well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.



An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: "I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3. And he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"

Palm Sunday: It was Palm Sunday and, because of a sore throat, five-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. The boy asked what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his mother explained.

"Wouldn't you know it," the boy fumed, "The one Sunday I don't go, he shows up!"

Children's Sermon: One Easter Sunday morning as the minister was preaching the children's sermon; he reached

into his bag of props and pulled out an egg. He pointed at the egg and asked the children, "What's in here?" "I know!" a little boy exclaimed. "Pantyhose!"

Support a Family: The prospective father-in-law asked, "Young man, can you support a family?" The surprised groom-to-be replied, "Well no – I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves."

First Time Ushers: A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed around the offering plates. When they came near his pew, the boy said loudly, "Don't pay for me daddy I'm under five."

Prayers: The Sunday school teacher asked, "Now, Johnny, tell me, do you say prayers before eating?" "No sir," he replied, "We don't have to, my mom is a very good cook!"

Climb The Walls: "Oh, I sure am happy to see you," the little boy said to his grandmother on his mother's side. "Now maybe daddy will do the trick he has been promising us." The grandmother was curious. "What trick is that honey?" she asked.

"I heard daddy tell mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit again," the little boy answered.

The Water Pistol: When a three-year-old boy opened his birthday gift from his grandmother, he discovered a water pistol...he squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink. His dad was not so pleased. He turned to his mom and said, "I'm surprised at you. Don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with our water guns?" His mom smiled and then replied, "Oh yes, I remember quite well!"

Grandma's Age: Little Johnny asked his grandma how old she was. Grandma answered, "39 and holding." Johnny thought for a moment, and then said, "And how old would you be if you let go?"



Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
5/27/11	Doug Arnold & Robert Wardlaw
6/3/11	Pat Sullivan & Craig Eley
6/10/11	Jim Rumer & John Oss
6/17/11	Nick Newey & Leo Hagele
6/24/11	Fred Pasternack & Ron Cisco
7/1/11	Frank Ross & Mark Metevia

May Super Citizen & Korsoski Presentation's

23 @ 5:30 pm	Slavens	Tom Hoch
25 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Jim Easton
26 @ 11:00 am	MPB	Pat Sullivan
26 @ 2:30 pm	Univ. Park	Eldon Strong
27 @ 8:30 am	Samuels	Kent Gloor
27 @ 9:00 am	Holm	Donlie Smith
27 @ 9:15 & 10:15 am	Bradley	Randy Marcove
27 @ 1:00 - 3:00 pm	McMeen	Don Thomson

Monaco South Calendar

May 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Frank Middleton, How to make tax deductible contributions to Optimist Club of Monaco South

June 3 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Nathan Wannlund, Young Americans Center for Financial Education

June 3-5 [Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference, Colorado School of Mines-Paul Bernard](#)

June 10 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Nathan Wilkes, Health Issues & House Bill 168

June 11 Sat 9am-5pm [PICNIC at Magna Carta Park—Phil Perington, Jon Wachter](#)

June 15 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
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
Bill Walters	1991-92	Phil Perington	2008-09
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ron Cisco	2009-10

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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.