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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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TODAY' SPEAKER

Frank Middleton introduced our speaker, the Colorado Secretary of State, **Mike Coffman**. Mike served as an Infantryman in the U.S. Army and as an Infantry Officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. Always active in politics, he was elected to his present position in 2006.

Mike spoke to us about his experiences in Kuwait and Iraq; described the situation in Iraq; and, talked about the major issues he is confronting as Secretary of State.



Regarding Iraq, Mike related the problems resulting from the competing factions; Sunis, Shias, Kurds, Al-Quaida and terrorists from outside the country. He said the key remains to produce a government that can maintain stability.

As SecState his goal is to ensure the political process is fair and accountable to Colorado citizens. He talked of last year's voting problems in Denver and in other Counties and his "Election Watch Program" designed to correct these problems. What voting system to use; mail only, electronic, paper, etc. is still being debated.

Meeting Place - - American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

NEWS THROUGH June 1

Invocation & Pledge

Donlie Smith offered the invocation, a quote by Mother Teresa, in which she provided insights on how to live. It was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

King Soopers

Cy Regan sold \$1200.00 worth of certificates today! Cy later said that he would have 100 and 25 dollar King Soopers gift cards next week and eventually he would be selling gift cards for Safeways. Keep buying these cards as it is a great fund-raiser for the club and would make Cy happy!

Ink Cartridges

Bill Wells tells us that another easy fund-raiser for the club is to turn in used ink cartridges and the club gets reimbursed \$2.00 and up for each one.

Guests

Peter Dimond re-introduced **Ike Kelly** and Freddie had 5 guests, but only two showed; **Abe Morris** and **Robert Wardlow**. A Big Optimist Welcome to all three!! Speaking of guests, **Bill Wells** asked that we make sure each guest is signed in and provided with a brochure and a newsletter (GUMS).

Honeymoon Week-end

Tom Overton again reminded everyone of what a great week-end is in store for those venturing up to Breckenridge on July 20th. In addition to golf, biking, hiking and other activities you could enjoy boating on Lake Dillon!

HAPPY 82ND BIRTHDAY TO GERRY DAVIS

Pennies from Heaven – (Optimists)

Paul Bernard now says we have about 10,000 pennies and only need 3000 more to reach our goal. What a great way to support Optimist International!

MS-150

Well, we all know it is that time of year again and today **Bob Avery** showed us the Thank You plaque received from the MS Society for our support of last years ride and Rest Stop. We will have several riders again this year so will want to continue our financial support to all of them. Also, **Don St.John** encouraged more to sign up to man the Rest Stop which will be at the Louisville Middle School. Need to be there at 7:00 a.m. A great location this year, easy to get to and easy to work!

OI Junior Golf

Ron Cisco says there are two junior golf events scheduled this month. The first will be at Flat Irons in Boulder on the 15th and the second at Fitzsimmons on the 18th. Lots of volunteers needed. The Flat Irons event will be a shot-gun start at 11:00 a.m and helpers should be there by 10:00 a.m. The Fitzsimmons golf will be an 11:00 a.m. start with tee times. Again, workers should arrive by 10:00 a.m.

Buckingham Golf Tournament

Play in the Buckingham Square Optimist Club golf tourney for \$95 on June 15th at Meadow Hills. Includes cart, dinner, prizes. Contact Paul Fabrizio at 303-750-2791.

ROCKIES SUPPORT JUNIOR GOLF

Tickets are available for \$20.00 on the third base foul line for the following games:

June 5 – Houston
July 23 – San Diego
August 20 – Pittsburgh

Call Joe Marci if you would like to attend any of these games and see great major league baseball while supporting Optimist Junior Golf. Joe can be reached at: 303-771-3748. Speaking of the Rockies, Freddie reminded us that they won seven in a row! Next he will be predicting that the Broncos will be going to the Super Bowl!! (See Freddie if you want free Crush tickets)

MONACO SOUTH CALENDAR

Fri, Jun 8	7:00 a.m.	Meeting, Legion Hall, Ray Mohn, Air Pollution Department, Colorado Department of Public Health
Fri, Jun 15	7:00 a.m.	Meeting, Legion Hall, Camaraderie Day
Fri, Jun 22	7:00 a.m.	Meeting, Legion Hall, Ron Mitchell, Philatelic Society
Fri, Jun 29	7:00 a.m.	Meeting, Legion Hall, Tricia Downing, paraplegic athlete
Wed, Jul 4	ALL DAY	INDEPENDENCE DAY – HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Fri, Jul 6	7:00 a.m.	Meeting, Legion Hall
Sun, Jul 8	7:00 a.m.	MS-150 Rest Stop, Louisville
Fri, Jul 13	7:00 a.m.	Meeting, Legion Hall, David Althouse, Colorado News 2
Fri, Jul 20	7:00 a.m.	Meeting, Legion Hall, Camaraderie Day
Fri-Sun	Jul 20-22	2nd Honeymoon Week-end, Thunder Mtn. Lodge, Breckenridge

With new Optimist Clubs being built in communities all over and Clubs focusing on recruitment, OI saw 433 new members in April and by late May an additional 222. Remember that once people realize just what an Optimist Club does for children in the community the actions speak for themselves. As our good work continues, so will Optimist Clubs and new members!

“It is not good enough to have a good mind; the main thing is to use it well.” Charles Du Bos

Past Presidents

Bob Rhue 1976-77	Bill Walters 1991-92
Jerry Whitlow 1977-78	Kent Gloor 1992-93
Bill Kosena 1978-79	Gary Strowbridge 1993-94
Duane Wehrer 1979-80	Mark Metevia 1994-95
Curt Jefferies 1980-81	Bob Safe 1995-96
Frank Middleton 1981-82	Tom Overton 1996-97
John Young 1982-83	Peter Dimond 1997-98
Pat Bush 1983-84	Ralph Symalla 1998-99
	Cy Regan 1999-00
	Stan Cohen 2000-01
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	Jack Rife 2002-03
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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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