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Good Morning Optimists!

Frank Middleton and **Woody Thibodeau** manned the gate this morning; it's uplifting to have a greeting when we arrive at meetings. Frank (the veteran) and Woody (the rookie) did a good job. Thank you, gentlemen!

Invocation & Pledge

O.C. Larson, architect-semi retired, addressed the Ever Living God and asked for help in forgetting the mistakes of the past, learning from them and pressing on to the greater achievements of the future. He also led us in our Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Guests

John Moser introduced the husband of today's speaker, president of the Downtown Rotary Club.

Gems from President Phil

In addition to celebrity birthdays, our president reminded us of some celebrity deaths just last week: Ed McMahon, Farrah Fawcett, and Michael Jackson.

Announcements

Update on Jim Piccinelli: **Tom Mauro** said that Jim Piccinelli is out of the hospital and at home. Good news! Daily injections of antibiotics are hopefully clearing out the infection in his lung. Several members are helping his wife Margaret by

taking Jim to the hospital for the injections.

MS 150 Ride Pledges: **Bob Avery**, our lone rider this year, asked those who had not paid their pledges to do so today. Donations help to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis. Bob came by bike and dressed in colorful biking clothes to make a statement.

Pancake Breakfast: **Paul Bernard** repeated our commitment to provide pancakes at Washington Park for runners/walkers raising funds for Brent's Place on July 26th. The Tamarac Optimist Club will be joining us on this project. Brent's Place operates two houses with temporary apartments for children with cancer and their families.

Mud Volleyball: **Cy Regan** is again spearheading this parking directions project. Put Saturday, August 1st at 6:00am (in the cool of the day) on your calendar. More details next week.

May Day, May Day: **Craig Eley** needs a sprinkler repair job, I assume at his home. Any suggestions or volunteers?

Marlin Kent Gets Personally Editor's Cap: **Ralph Pederson** reports that **Marlin Kent** was awarded his own personally inscribed Editor's Cap. Last Monday at our Newsletter Staff Mailing meeting, Marlin was presented with an Editor's Cap with his name on it. See the pictures on page 2.

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

Marlin Kent Gets Inscribed Editor's Cap



Front row: **Marc Goodbody & Marlin Kent**
Back row: **Dick Zolman & Ralph Pederson**



Supermarket Sales: **Cy Regan** reported sales of \$1,025; not bad. Thanks, Cy, for managing this fund raiser for our club. Get on board, guys; 5% comes back to us!

HOW TO CALL THE POLICE WHEN YOU'RE OLD AND DON'T MOVE FAST ANYMORE.

From Peter Dimond

George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window.

George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in his shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" and he said "no." Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available. George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again.

"Hello," he said, "I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them." Then he hung up.

Within five minutes three police cars, an Armed 20 Response Unit, and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

I LOVE IT - Don't mess with old people!!

Think About It!

- The roundest knight at king Arthur's round table was Sir Circumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
 - She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
- A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
- No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
- A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
 - Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
 - Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, "You stay here; I'll go on a head."
- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger, "Then it hit me."
- A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said, "Keep off the Grass."
 - A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, "No change yet."
 - A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
 - A backward poet writes inverse.
- In democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
- When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
 - Don't join dangerous cults: Practice safe sects!

Let's Put Union Station Back on Track!

These were the opening words of our speaker today, Edie Bryan. She is part of a group (The Colorado Rail Passenger Association, or ColoRail) that is filing a lawsuit to halt further development of the Denver's Union Station Plan. They claim the details of the current plan do not meet the requirements agreed upon earlier in the planning process and fall far too short of the stated goal to make the station a "multi-modal transit hub of international significance."

Of primary concern is what they perceive as a lack of connectivity between different modes of transportation and a lack of capacity for future expansion. The existing plan will relocate the light rail tracks about a quarter mile west of the station and does not do anything to integrate the regional transit system with interstate busses like Greyhound. ColoRail views this as unacceptable in light of a stated goal to improve ease of movement between different modes of transit.

Also at issue is a lack of capacity for future rail services, such as a proposed revival of the Pioneer Amtrak route from Seattle to Denver, rail service along the I-25 or I-70 corridors, or private and event trains like the late Winter Park Ski Train. ColoRail claims that if development goes forward as it is currently proposed, transportation opportunities will be squandered without giving full consideration to the possibilities and to the passengers. Call RTD Board of Directors at 303-534-6333 to vote against



giving DUSPA whopping amounts of money until plans are right. ColoRail website is at: <http://www.colorail.org/>

Union Station is 127 years old; Denver is 150 years old. It replaced three separate venues, hence Union Station. 1870 – The first train arrived in Denver on June 21, 1870. At that time only four small temporary stations were set up. 1881 – The Union Depot and Railroad Company built the city's first Union Station. It cost \$525,000 and

opened on June 1, 1881. 1894 – The original building burned on March 18, 1894 when a fire ignited the electrical system of the ladies room;



damage was considerable. The wooden tower was destroyed. The building was quickly rebuilt with a stone clock tower. 1906 – The famous Welcome or Mizpah Arch was built in front of the station and formally dedicated on July 4, 1906.

1920s/30s – The glory days of Denver Union Station. During that time the station operated 80 trains a day.

See a related story in the Lakewood Edge, by Charley Able on May 20th, 2009.

[ColoRail Sues Feds Over Union Station Plan @ http://lakewoodedge.com/.](http://lakewoodedge.com/)

Monaco South Calendar

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| Jul 3 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Debbie Reinking, Eldercare Dispute Mediation |
| Jul 4 | Sat | | Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July |
| Jul 8-11 | | | Optimist International Convention, Kissimmee Florida  |
| Jul 10 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA |
| 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 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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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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