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Optimists Bring Out the
Best in Children



The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Editor for this Issue—Robert Wardlaw

Cochlear Kids Camp

Our speakers today were Melissa Francis and Judith Stucky from the Colorado Neurological Institute (CNI) Center for Hearing, which Monaco South Optimist Club supports the Cochlear Camp for Kids.



CNI is a nonprofit research and charitable institute located on the campus of Swedish Medical Center in Englewood, CO. Under the leadership of Medical Director David Kelsall, MD, the CNI Center for Hearing has become one of the leading facilities in the United States for cochlear implantation and for charitable work with the hearing impaired community. The center was started in 1989, by doctors who wanted to give more than traditional medicine, to patients. The organization offers a wide variety of services and programs. These include Patient Care, Education, Active Research Projects, and Outreach.

Cochlear implants are surgically implanted devices that provide hearing to patients with certain types of severe to profound loss. This can include loss in both ears (bilateral) or one ear (unilateral), are FDA approved and are appropriate for patients 1 to 100 years old. The costs of the implants can be more than \$65,000; however, studies have shown that lifetime costs to society for a deaf individual are an estimated \$1 million. The institute's goal is to provide implants and systems to qualified applicants through partnerships with device manufacturers. To date, more than 40 of these systems have been placed throughout the country.

To date, CNI Center for Hearing has hosted 16 camps here in Colorado. Total participant count is nearly 3,000 and includes families from 41 states and Canada. Families and kids become aware that they are not alone in their struggle and can bond friendships with others sharing the journey. The camp cost is subsidized for the families and it is this support that is dearly needed.

If any club members can help or suggest help, please contact Melissa or Judith in the search for these opportunities. The CNI Center for Hearing can be found online at: <http://www.thecni.org/hearing/index.htm>.



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

Good Morning Optimist

Members and guests today were met warmly by **Dick Zolman** and **Bob Avery**. A great way to set the tone for the meeting, you just knew it would be a good one!

President **Greg Young** called the meeting to order. **Robert Wardlaw** gave the invocation, asking that patriotism help guide our actions for the community. Followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Hello old friend! **Bill Litchfield** has made his way back from South Carolina, where he operated a Bed and Breakfast. Welcome back, Bill!

Guests today included Vance Mornin, introduced by **Leo Hagele**. **Freddie Pasternack** introduced his nephew Craig, who is visiting from San Diego, for Fred's birthday. Happy Birthday Freddie, you're doing great things! **Ron Carlson** introduced Rich Mahoney. **Dick Nickoloff** introduced Aaron, a guest of **Frank Middleton's**. Who was clever enough to paste that sticker of Hillary on poor old Frank's back? It was classic TV for everyone. Welcome guests!

Thoughts from our Leader

Greg Young asked members if they realized there was a convention going on. Hmm! And then he quoted Will Rogers, stating, "The party that's out looks the best."

New member were announced. The editor hopes to meet you soon.

Member Announcements

Paul Bernard recaps the Colorado-Wyoming convention last week. Plenty of great topics with good dinners and a wonderful chance to interact with other club members. Paul will serve as District Lt. Governor for zone 9 this coming year. Congratulations, Paul!

Paul also filled members in on the coming year end banquet at the Blossoms Restaurant at Heather Gardens. It sounds like the September 13th dinner will have a wonderful menu.

Tom Mauro is looking for final changes or additions to the Club directory. See him for details. He also mentioned he attended the speech given by Senator Barrack Obama, at Mile Hi Stadium on Thursday evening. He congratulates the City of Denver on a fine showing on the world stage.

Bob Finkelmeier rings out last call for Palisade, Colorado peaches. Having sold nearly 200 lugs this year, it has proved to be a bounty harvest. Put me down for two please! They should arrive Tuesday.

Fred Pasternack quoted former mayor Federico Peña, "Denver, you hit a home run!" Fred just returned from a 3 week trip to Scandinavia, which he enjoyed immensely. Having been gone that long, Fred needs some Bronco updates.

Don StJohn recalled a phone call he received before Obama's big speech. When told he would be passed over in favor of attending history, Don replied, "You passed on spending time with a real life saint, to listen to a wannabe messiah." Well said, Don.

Oscar Sorensen updated us on the school supply program. A great program that kids look forward to every year.

Phil Perington announced the next budget meeting will be Monday, September 15th. If you have requests or proposals, please arrange with Phil.

Cy Regan reported Grocery Card sales for today of \$1,375 for the week. That's a strong start for the three-day holiday weekend. Members have done well!

We had a drawing with an enticing \$20 in the pot. Of course the pot was diminished of its bounty by a returning member **Bill Litchfield**, since he was wearing his name tag for that drawing. It's a new pot for next week and the remaining cards maintained by **Ron Cisco**. How many cards are left?

We finished the meeting by reciting the Optimist Pledge.

In Your Email

MONACO SOUTH YEAR END CELEBRATION-ALL ARE WELCOME, ESPECIALLY SPOUSES OR FRIENDS OR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS PLEASE JOIN THE CELEBRATION AND SIGN UP FOR THE YEAR END BANQUET. WE WILL CELEBRATE THE OPTIMIST YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, AND INSTALL THE NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THE COMING YEAR. YOU ONLY HAVE TWO MORE WEEKS TO SIGN UP AT A MEETING, OR CALL PAUL BERNARD AT 303-721-0811 OR EMAIL AT pxbernard@yahoo.com. Specify steak or fish. Please bring your check for \$20 per person (that's \$40 if you bring a spouse or friend) to the next meeting or mail to Paul at 11495 E. Cimarron Dr., Englewood, CO 80111-4003 by September 5th.

Looking forward to another great year serving the youth of our community!

Speaking of Will Rogers...Notable Quotes

"All I know is what I read in the papers."

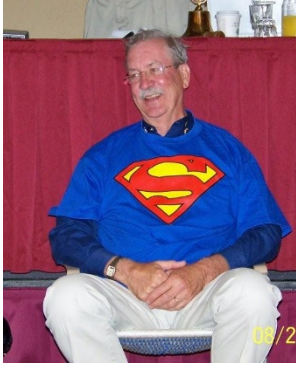
"This country is not where it is today on account of any one man. It is here on account of the real common sense of the Big Normal Majority."

"I don't care how little your country is, you got a right to run it like you want to. When the big nations quit meddling then the world will have peace"

"People talk peace. But men give their life's work to war. It won't stop 'til there is as much brains and scientific study put to aid peace as there is to promote war."

"No man is great if he thinks he is."

Photos from the Colorado-Wyoming Convention by Don StJohn



Immediate Past Governor and Lt. Governor, Zone 12 George Buzick shows he's a Super Guy!



Joe Priester new Colorado-Wyoming Governor for 2008-2009.



Governor George Buzick passing the gavel to the 2008-2009 District Leadership.



Paul Bernard looking his finest as he is appointed Lt. Governor Zone 12—and you thought Paul didn't own a tie.



The new officers for the Colorado-Wyoming District 2008-2009.

Monaco South Calendar

Sept 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Sunne Reif, <i>Donor Alliance</i>
Sept 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Kris Kroncke, <i>District 3 Commander, Denver Police Department</i>
Sept 13	Sat	6:00 pm	<u>Yearend & Installation Banquet</u> - Blossoms Restaurant at Heather Ridge, 2888 South Heather Gardens Way, Aurora
Sept 16	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Sept 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - <u>Camaraderie & 100% Day</u>
Sept 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
Oct 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Welcome our new president, Phil Perington and his 2008-2009 Officers & Board

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bob Safe	1995-96
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Tom Overton	1996-97
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Pat Bush	1983-84	Cy Regan	1999-00
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Jack Rife	2002-03
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Karl Geil	2003-04
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Avery	1989-90	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Walters	1991-92		

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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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