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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—Bill Walters

Super Citizenship Program

Don Thomson reported on our very successful Super Citizenship Program this year. Don writes:

I would like to recognize the school representatives and others who made our Super Citizenship program such a success.

- Bradley Elementary - Tom McKee,
- Holm Elementary - Donlie Smith,
- McMeen Elementary - Don Thomson,
- Samuels Elementary - Bob Hugo,
- Slavens Elementary - Kent Gloor,
- University Park Elementary - Jack Rife,
- Most Precious Blood - Pat Sullivan, and
- Hamilton Middle School - Tom Mauro.



We awarded 458 Super Citizenship certificates in 2007-08. Slavens and University Park Elementary were added in January 2008. We will add Lowry Elementary next fall bringing the total to 9 schools next year. The program runs from October thru April each year with the Charles Korsoski awards presented in May.

Special thanks to Dr. "Bob" Finkelmeier who prints all the certificates and keeps the statistics, and Joe Marci for the "recruitment" of our Optimist presenters at the monthly assemblies. Photographers who spent many hours at the schools were Don St. John, Mark Goodbody, and Wyatt McCallie.

Marlin Kent also organizes and stamps our Monaco South logo on all photographs before going back to the school.

Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado

Good Morning Optimists!

Our greeters this morning were **Randy Marcove** and **David Lazeroff**. **Ralph Pedersen** gave an appropriate opening prayer and led us in the pledge.

Remember Tom Evans?

Tom Evans (who was an original Charter Member) came to breakfast this morning. Tom said he is retired completely. He also told me that he is bored with retirement. See Volunteerism awaits! He has been MIA from Friday morning breakfasts for some time. **Frank Middleton** reminded us that Tom was his Treasurer during his Presidency. Tom and Judy still square dance and love to travel. You'll come back now, ya-hear!



Photo by Don St.John

Hamilton's Reader Program

Karl Geil told us that MSOC once again supported Hamilton Middle School's Accelerated Reader program. Students read age-appropriate books and take a computerized test. Points are awarded based on the number of correct answers. Students who score at least 500 points during the year receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, courtesy of MSOC. When we first did this project several years ago, we awarded 7 savings bonds. This year we awarded 32.

Charles Korsoski Award

Bob Hugo reported that **Phil Perington** and **Pres. Greg Young** will be on hand to present the Charles Korsoski award at Samuels this week. The culmination of our Super Citizen program is the presentation of the Korsoski award.

Douglas & Marilyn Morton

Doug and Marilyn donated the Darrent Williams' sculptor at the new Darrent Williams Memorial Teen Center at the Broncos Club in Montbello this past Wednesday. The large bronze sculptor, crafted by Ed Dwight, is stationed outside the Teen Center's entrance.

Members of MSOC, some of the Denver Broncos, the press, TV and radio reporters, and lots of public were on hand. Saw it all on the evening news that night also. Go to: <http://cbs4denver.com/seenon/darrent.williams.statue.2.729875.html>

Darrent Williams was a cornerback for the Denver Broncos. His mother said she stumbled upon one of her son's notebooks. Listed were goals he had set for helping the community, including sports and arts facilities for inner-city youth, football camps and back to school drives. Thanks to **Doug and Marilyn** for making this happen!

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership

Colorado School of Mines will host the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar on June 12th-15th. **Paul Bernard** told us that on Saturday, at a picnic, there will be a one-on-one with MSOCers and other volunteers and the Hugh O'Brian kids. A great way for us volunteers to dispense our wisdom on these willing listeners...and visa versa. Email Paul at pxbernard@yahoo.com if you can help.

Oh Where Have You Been Billy Boy, Billy Boy...

Our own Bill(y) Litchfield is managing a Bed & Breakfast in Charleston, South Carolina until the end of August. He will be back in Denver in September. Bill's daughter-in-law also works for the company that owns this Historic Barksdale House Inn, a 14 room B&B in one of the prettiest city in the world, per Charles Kuralt's book "*Beautiful America*." You can learn more about the inn at: <http://barksdalehouse.com/>.

Bill called **Oscar Sorensen** and told him that he attended an Optimist Club meeting in Charleston. On Tuesday, April 29th, Bill arrives early, gets a cup of coffee from the waitress who tells Bill, "Yes, the Optimists meet here every Tuesday morning." When no one shows up by 8:00AM, the waitress remembers that if there are 5 Tuesdays in the month, they skip that meeting. So, Bill was the only Optimist present, the guest, and the speaker (I understand the waitress liked his lines, including his jokes.) We are looking for more great stories from

Zone Picnic

Howard Fry said there will be a Zone Picnic (all the clubs in our zone) this year on Saturday, August 9th, at Eisenhower Park. Lots of fun stuff like watermelon seed spiting, sack races, softball games, and tons of food. Our favorite things to do at a picnic! Cost is \$10 per attendee.

Fly Fishing Anyone?

Bryce Slaby hosted a successful project of golf lessons for 38 aspiring golfers. He has an equally ambitious project that includes fly-fishing. One problem: there are so many people interested that Bryce needs more fly fishing equipment. Call Bryce if you can help.

King Soopers & Safeway Cards

Cy Regan said \$850 in cards were sold this morning. Think about this: If you buy gas with these cards and not pay cash, the gas prices won't seem so high. Try it!

MS Bike Ride no longer the MS 150

Don StJohn related that MSOC will do not only the "MISTER," but we will also do "Lunch." Slated to be a "Western Theme" at Summit High School in Longmont on June 29th. Good thing we didn't throw out those chaps.

Eric Who? Rumer What?

Ron Carlson read a "Woody Paige" column from the Denver Post. Woody tells the story of Eric Rumer (that is Jim Rumer's kid) who was sitting in the front row at Coors Field, with his two kids, down the first base line when he caught a foul ball (instead of letting the first baseman from the Twins catch it) thus saving the third out, thus allowing Matt Holiday to then hit a double, thus allowing Todd Helton to drive

Matt in, thus allowing the Rockies to win a game. Way to go Jim, for having a son who can catch!

Who's Your Doctor?

What a great job **Bill Wells** is doing keeping us thinking about new members. Don't forget to ask your Doctor, your Chiropractor, your Pharmacy manager, ...you get the picture. All we need to do is ask!

Other Announcements

Randy Marcove reports that the University Hills Neighborhood Association will be meeting Monday 28th at 7:30PM at Schlessman's YMCA and that it is going to be an interesting meeting. Plan to attend!

Russ Paul is moving on Saturday, May 31st. If you can help him, it would be appreciated. Russ helps tons of people out and if you can spend a few hours to help Russ move, it would really be appreciated.

Eric S. Reamer, Our Speaker

"Transforming everyday events into unforgettable experiences," is what Eric does. How about turning \$1 bills into \$20s? Showed us how to "believe" and perform. An illusionist, public speaker, small business owner, and executive-level manager. Eric kept us on the edge of our seats. Great speaker!



Photo by Don St.John

Monaco South Calendar

May 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Christine Rivera, <i>La Voz</i> (Denver's Spanish Language Newspaper)
June 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Janet Pirchio, <i>Metro Denver Partners, Mentoring Youth</i>
June 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - David Lazeroff

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
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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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