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Good Morning Optimist

Greeters **Doc Gardner**, our newest member, and **Woody Thibodeau** helped us overcome the disappointment of a late breakfast. Our member and chief, **John Marinos** was not in the kitchen this morning. Enough said. More bright spots, in addition to our greeters, were the colorful shirts worn by **Jack Kleinheksel**, **John Stoffel**, **Al Gapuzan** and **John Young**. Jack offered that his wife buys his shirts, choosing the brightest she can find. That helps her know where Jack is at all times. Look'en good guys!

Invocation and Pledge

President Randy Marcove rang the opening bell at 7 a.m. and invited past president **Pat Bush** to the podium, who did not want to be confused with Past President George Bush. Pat invoked the *God of Encouragement to help us spread the ideals of Optimism*. This was followed by our pledge to the flag of the United States of America.

U.S. Flag Presentation

Steve Kady introduced a video of comedian Robin Williams dressed as "*The Flag*" and narrating as the personification of the flag. It was humorous as well as thought provoking. If you missed it or just want to see it again—[CLICK HERE](#). One segment: "*People ask me how I stay young. Not by jogging, not by lifting weights, but by waving!*"

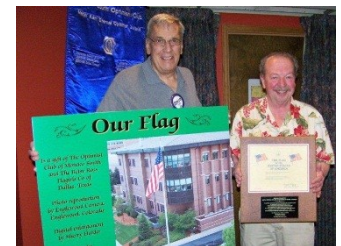


Then **Steve Kady** and **Allen Yockey** introduced **Susan Lind**, president of *Flags by Susan*, who will be donating a flag to the Ronald McDonald House in the name of the Optimist Club of Monaco South. We are indebted to her for this generous act on our behalf. Thank you Susan!



Allen Yockey accepting the flag from Susan Lind in behalf of OCMS.

Photo Don StJohn



As you may recall, back in June 2010, Steve Kady and Jack Kleinheksel showed off the first flag and plaque that OCMS presented to the Ronald McDonald House.

Guest

Dr. Jeff Albright was our guest today. Doctor, we hope you liked what you saw and will join us in our efforts to help kids.

Tom Mauro was expecting his nephew Mike to repeat his visit with us, but did not show. Tom also expects Mike to join us in membership under the new policy of a \$30 membership fee for those under 30 years of age. We look forward to seeing you Mike!

From the Prez

Prez Randy called our attention to the attendance of **Casey Funk**, an attorney with Denver Water, who had been away for a while. Welcome back Casey!

Announcements

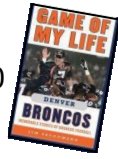
Club Directory Update: Tom Mauro announced that the directory passed around last week was lost. Please mark the directory going around this week with any changes in info you may have. Also, for the potential of \$1,000,000 sales opportunity, consider publishing a business card ad in the directory for only \$25.

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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 Continued

Next Week Speaker: Steve Kady announced that our speaker will be Jim Saccomano, the communications director for the Denver Broncos. Jim has written another book titled, *Game of My Life: Denver Broncos: Memorable Stories of Broncos Football*, which sells at Barnes & Noble, 960 S. Colorado Blvd. for \$16.79. He will not have copies sale. Current reviews of this book give it four stars out of five. So, Denver Broncos, fans of past and present will relive the greatest moments of Mile High football through the eyes of the players themselves. So **Fred Pasternack** be sure you are at the meeting!



Rockies Giveaway Handouts: Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 23rd to help out. **Michael Chavez** is still looking for helpers at the Colorado Rockies vs. Diamondbacks baseball game. It's a 10:15 a.m. arrival and if you are so inclined you can leave in the second inning. Keep in mind, the club will receive a stipend for our efforts.

Cub Scout Pack Formation: Frank Middleton reports that Cub Scout pack "Join nights" are coming up at three different schools. **Ryan Thompson** will be talking to parents and we need members to entertain kids from 6 to 8 p.m. And he is looking for five guys per schools, September 10, 11, and 12th. If interested, please give Frank a call at 303-759-9232.

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Bike Ride: Dick Cohen reminded and thanked those who have signed up to work at the rest stop during the JDRF bike ride on Sunday, September 16th. Opportunities to sponsor our riders are still available!

Alzheimer Memory Walk/Run at City Park: We are supporting the Alzheimer Society this coming Saturday, September 15th, with 18 of our members volunteering to help. The Run will occur at 8 a.m. and the Walk at 9 a.m.



We are expected to be there at 7 a.m. to consume coffee and doughnuts before we move out to our assigned work stations. You should park in the area near the Zoo lot west of the Museum. Four of our members will attend the orientation meeting on Thursday and pick up our t-shirts for distribution at next weeks meeting. Call **Joe Marci** at 303-771-3748 if you have any questions or need to order your t-shirt because you will miss the meeting on Friday the 7th.

Entertainment Books Arrive for 2013: We have received the new Entertainment Books and are selling them again to support the Sullivan Scholarships. The cost is \$30 each and you can order one from Joe Marci at 303-771-3748 or marci-frog@aol.com. He will have them at next week's meeting and will greet you with the Scholarship Sales Pitch! The Denver Entertainment Book contains hundreds of 2-for-1



and 50% off coupons for local restaurants, movie theaters, sporting events, grocery stores, and more!

OCMS Installation Dinner: Ed Collins reported 60+ have signed up for the banquet/installation dinner to be held at Park Hill Golf Course, Saturday evening, September 22nd, starting at 5:30 p.m. Attached to **GUMS** email distribution is a list of those signed up as of Friday, September 7th. If you need to change this or you missed the sign-up sheet, please notify **Greg Young** or **Ed Collins** as soon as possible. Payment is due NO LATER THAN Friday, September 14th. Made check payable to Optimist Club of Monaco South.

Correctional Industries Visit: On Friday, October 19th, **Bob Avery** is leading another group tour to Canyon City to visit the Department of Corrections prison industries. If interested in going let Bob know. Additionally, he needs the following information ASAP, your full name (what is shown on your driver's license), driver's license number and state if not Colorado, and date of birth.

Peach Sale Update: Bob Finkelmeier reports that peach sales this year generated profits of \$408 for the Tamarac Optimist ladies and \$320 for Monaco South Optimist Club. Thanks to all who enjoyed the Palisade peaches this year.

Closing Bell

Pot, Pot, Pot - \$15 and the seven of hearts. Tom **Mauro** drew, no go. **Frank Ross** drew and won! Cash winners were **Tom Mauro** (2x), **Robert Wardlaw**, **Allen Yockey**, **Al Gapuzan** and **Barry Barker**.



A Sad Note from Ron Gutru

Sorry that I can't participate! I've been in the hospital for brain surgery and in rehab since until yesterday. I was released but under strict controls and being moved to an assisted Living unit in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, so I'll be closer to my oldest daughter to look after me! I'll no longer be able to attend Optimist Monaco South meetings. I'll miss you all!

Ron

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Send Ron an email and wish him well. All the best Ron, please stay in touch.

From Prez-elect Paul Simon to all MSOC Project Directors: MSOC Members, with a new Optimist year just around the corner (Oct. 1st), it's time to consider leadership of our many fine programs. We're also evaluating which programs to add and, possibly, which ones to drop. Tell me as soon as possible, preferably via email at paul4123@comcast.net.

Speaker, Jim Lewis, Traveling with Special Needs

Paul Bernard introduced Jim Lewis from Cruise Planners, see santaclauscruises.com/ talked about people with special needs and their ability to travel by taking advantage of assistance available at airports, hotels, cruise ships, etc. Jim recommends requesting a wheel chair from airlines, no charge, when you travel by air. Typically airport porters know where the elevators are, and will take you to the train at the front of the line. They also get you through security in a most efficient manner. Again, front of the line at the boarding of the plane.

Many cruise ships, particularly those registered outside of the United States, do not have to abide by laws to accommodate those with disabilities. Additionally, they do not rest on American soil. Some do accommodate special need people on a voluntary basis, however. Many rooms on newer ships are built for the handicapped, but many older ships that have been remodeled still have step-up thresholds to get into the bathroom and narrow doorways that a wheelchair cannot maneuver.

Jim mentioned that some land tours provide variable accommodations. He also mentioned that some travel companies specialize in tours for those with disabilities and locate tours that utilize buses that have wheelchair lifts. He also spoke about some ships and at hotels can now accommodate special food diets available. He suggest that special need travelers check to see if equipment is available to rent, such as oxygen, CPAP and Sleep Apnea equipment, etc.

Jim says, Special need individuals can go any-

where, but need to plan ahead!

John Oss offered that his wife broke her foot two weeks before their booked cruise. They requested a wheelchair for her. He recommends that the next time you plan a cruise, that you break your wife's foot. Their trip was a breeze!



Jim Lewis speaks on traveling with a special needs person.

Photo Don StJohn

And yes, Jim shared that he plays Santa Claus periodically around Christmas time. Well **Craig Eley**, our in house project director of the Tree Lot Santa Shed, was spotted arm-twisting Jim to join the ranks of our elite group of Santa's.



Good work Craig!

100% Day, Friday, September 21st
 Everyone is asked to be present for camaraderie, good fun, and a "Kodak Moment."

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
9/14/12	Joe Marci & Pat Bush
9/21/12	Frank Middleton & Ryan Thompson
9/28/12	Al Gapuzan & Fred Pasternack
10/5/12	Ron Gutru & Jon Wachter
10/12/12	Harry Johnson & Steve Kady
10/19/12	Tom Wos & Gary Miller

Monaco South Calendar

- Sep 14 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim Saccomano, Bronco VP of Communication
- Sep 19 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Sep 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - 100% Day & Camaraderie Day with Peggy Lehmann
- Sep 22 Sat 5:30 pm OCMS Installation Dinner, Park Hill Golf Course
- Sep 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Tony Rasdar, WSGIO (RS52)
- Oct 5 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Devin Burns
- Dec 9 Sun Winter Holiday Party, Copper Fields Event Chateau - See Frank Middleton

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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Paul Bernard	2006-07
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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.