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Good Morning Optimist

Welcome

On this beautiful (Friday the 13th) morning we were greeted by **Gary Miller** and **Tom Wos**. Their cheerfulness and welcome handshakes disregarded the ominous Friday the 13th omen, as we always do as Optimists. Thanks, gentlemen, for getting here early to make our day!



Invocation and Pledge

Returning from his winter hiatus in Arizona, **Eldon Strong** addressed the God of Hope in his invocation, and led us in our Pledge of Allegiance to the (grand ol') Flag of the United States of America. **Ron Gutru** gifted us on the piano with "It's a Grand Ol' Flag."

Guests

Steve Kady introduced **Gary Bartlet**, a friend and colleague from working days in television. **Jim Lockhard**, a recent speaker back in March, who told us about the Wounded Warriors Impacting Neighbors (WWIN) program, was welcomed back. Come join as a member Jim!

Visitor Mark Graham, Director of the Rise School, Denver, spoke about, a pre-school for children with down syndrome. **President Randy** presented Mar with a check (from the club) for \$300.

Welcome Back

Prez Randy also recognized some wayward members who have returned to the fold: **Wyatt McCallie** and **Jim Tapp**. Go0d to see you both!

From the Prez

Remember the OCMS Board Meeting, next week Wednesday, April 18th, 6:30 p.m., at 3540 S. Poplar

St., Suite 102. All members are invited. Come and see what goes on in the inner sanctum. You will be impressed.

The District's New Club Building Chairs, **George Ofiesh** and Past Gov. **Ron Cisco** are currently organizing a new Club with the American Cancer Society. The meeting will be in the American Cancer Society building, 2253 South Oneida Street, Denver. See Randy or Ron for details.

The Prez recognized **Ron Gutru** formally a FOO member, but now a full-fledged Monaco South Optimist member. **Tom Hoch** was surprised saying, "He sat next to me for months and wasn't even a member." Welcome Ron; we love how you play the piano!

Announcements

Super Citizens Trip: **Don Thomson** related the trip to the Dumb Friends League on Thursday, where the animals entranced the special children who were awarded the Super Citizen designation. Don was assisted by **Jack Rife** and **John Marinos** who made the lunches for the trip.



Photos Jack Rife

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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

Colorado History Day Competition: Karl Geil told us about judging this years competition among school children this past Saturday. Tom Hoch, who served as a judge, related his experience; he was impressed by the creativity of the participants.

Wine Tasting and Fertilizer Sale: (Editor: Now there's a combination for ya!) Tom Overton, a member of the Denver Tech Center Optimist Club, as well as Monaco South, invited everyone to participate in DCT's Wine Tasting event. He also offered fertilizer for sale again this year. The bags will be delivered to the Legion Hall parking lot at a later date. See Tom for dates and details.

Lowry Super Citizen Program: Paul Stratton shared that Lowry held their third semester SC recognition program on Thursday, April 12th. He mentioned that 19 students received a certificate, T-shirt, congratulatory letter from the governor, and a copy of the Optimist creed.

8th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop: Greg Young sent out a call for volunteers at the Duck Drop, Sunday, May 6th, to help with games for children and also for cleanup. This is a benefit for five (5) South-east Denver elementary schools.

New Directory: Craig Eley is taking photos of new members and those of us who want a better picture for the club directory. As Craig states, "You want a better pic; bring a better face." Also your business card will be printed for \$25; your business is guaranteed (by some unknown entity) to grow by 100%.



Jokester Mentee: Jack Kleinheksel, retired attorney at the U.S. Court of Appeals, told a very good joke. He claimed to be tutored by Bryce Slaby. Editor: If you believe that, I've got

Dept. of Corrections Industries Visit: Bob Avery told about eight members (Kent Gloor, Tom Mauro, John Oss, Bryce Slaby, Keith Gallaway, Terry Shroyer, Bob Finkelmeier, and Bob Avery) who



From the left: Kent Gloor, Tom Mauro, John Oss, Bryce Slaby, Steve Smith (Host & Director DOC-CCI), Keith Gallaway, Terry Shroyer, and Bob Avery.
Photo Robert Finkelmeier

SALE – SALE – SALE

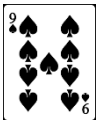
On Friday, April 20th, 2012 at the camaraderie day meeting, a gigantic sale of merchandise will be held. Included in this sale are t-shirts, polo shirts, aprons, and a cap. Some of these items are imprinted with the Monaco South Optimist imprint and some are plain. Sizes are limited...so check it out early. Prices will range from \$10 to \$15. First come, first served. BRING YOUR CASH or CHECK...no IOU's will be issued. This is the final stock sellout of Monaco South merchandise from John Young's stock. All sales are final.



went south to Canyon City, visiting and touring Correctional Industries Company. Bob's reaction to the visit was one of hope and inspiration. They teach employment skills which result in a recidivism rate of 25% as opposed to 53% for the normal inmate rate. John Oss also related his experience which was similar. Bob said he went down with eight and back with eight, which he claimed was good. He should be commended for that difficult accomplishment with a group of MSOC members like this. Bob is thinking about another tour in the late summer or fall. See Bob for details.

Closing Bell

The Pot today was \$40. The card to draw was the 9 of spades. Cy Regan, Ron Gutru and Frank Ross (had his badge as well) all drew to no avail. Rich Wray, Jack Kleinheksel, Scott Walker, Russ Paul and Don St. John took the cup of cash. And the pot continues to grow!



A Bit of Humor

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!" After a few seconds, Little Larry stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Larry?" "No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"



Larry watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. "Why do you do that, mommy?" he asked. "To make myself beautiful," said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. "What's the matter, asked Larry "Giving up?"

The math teacher saw that Larry wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Larry! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?" Larry quickly replied, "NBC, FOX, ESPN and the Cartoon Network!"

Larry's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. "Yes," said the policeman. "The detectives want very badly to capture him." Larry asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

Speaker, David Lazaroff

Five ways to share joy when your friend has Alzheimer's

David Lazaroff is a member of our club and is a Systems Architect at the U.S. Geological Survey. He loves to coach family and friends of persons with the dreaded Alzheimer's disease, helping them connect with the joy that is available in life. David is the author of *"Live It Up! Share a Great Life With Alzheimer's, Cancer, or Any Diagnosis."* His life was changed in 2004 when Carl, a 60 year old acquaintance, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. Through his journey with Carl, David came to operate a small assisted living home, and founded the Colorado non-profit, Holistic Community Living, with the purpose to operate and teach others to operate neighborhood based holistic assisted living homes. These are homes where people can complete their lives in their neighborhood, near their family, friends and social organizations.

David offered a new perspective on what it means, and does not mean, when someone you know is diagnosed with

Alzheimer's. He shared five (5) ways to share joy when this happens.

1. A sense of humor. Know what it is, use it.
2. Hold hands. Physical connection is important.
3. Food. Enjoy it together.
4. Energy. Bring energy to the visit. Have a great life to give a great life.
5. Music. Know their favorites. Listen together, go to concerts together.

Thanks David for your wise suggestions. Sometimes we just don't know what to say or do in this situation. David is available for consultations.



Photo Don StJohn

Optimist Club of Monaco South Sponsors the...



Press Your Luck, Sponsor a Duck!!
See Greg Young for tickets

8th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop
Sunday, May 6, 2012, 12 Noon - 2 p.m.
George Wallace Park, DTC Blvd. at Union

Race to Win Fabulous Prizes

2 Round-Trip Tickets on Southwest Airlines, Winter Park Resort Stay, Whole Foods Gift Certificates, Denver Golf Course Passes, Denver Museum Passes, Restaurant Gift Certificates, and much, much, more.

Super Citizen Presenters for April		
18 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	?
20 @ 9:10, 10:00, & 10:40 a.m.	Holm	Phil Perington
26 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	John Stoffel
27 @ 9:45 & 10:15 am	Samuels	Randy Marcove
27 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Art Erickson

New Member Orientation Date Change

Monday, April 16, @ 6:30 p.m.
District 4 Council Office
3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
4/20/12	OC Larson & Les Larson
4/27/12	Keith Gallaway & Rich Wray
5/4/12	Howard Fry & Bob Hugo

Monaco South Calendar

Apr 16 Mon 6:30 pm New Member Orientation, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Apr 18 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Apr 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Apr 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Jerry Stander, Super Kids Classic Soap Box Derby
 May 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Wayne Watson, Hail to the Chiefs: Tidbits about our lesser known President's

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Safe	1995-96
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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
Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ed Collins	2010-11
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94		

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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.