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Good Morning Optimists!

"All the news that's fit to be read"

Today's Greeters

Donlie Smith and **Pat Sullivan** had their "smiley faces" on and were our greeters this morning.

Invocation and Pledge

Nick Newey said the blessing. We all prayed for our new leaders. Hopefully, now that the elections are over, we continue to pray and pull for Barack Obama and his team. They have a long tough road ahead and I hope we all get behind them, regardless of our leanings.

Craig Eley came formally dressed in his "Mission Accomplished" Barack Obama tee shirt! Bryce Slaby got "moaned" off the stage after telling a "lefty" joke!

Welcome Guests

Our guests were Ryan Strong, son of **Eldon Strong** (Ryan's wife just completed a successful kidney transplant) and Lynn Jones (here for the second time), guest of **Bryce Slaby**.

Announcements

The annual Wives to Breakfast needs to be penciled into your Blackberries said **Greg Young**. On Friday, February 13th, at Park Hill Golf Course Restaurant (7:00 am Sharp) we will entertain the important people in our lives. As you probably know, wives or significant-others are invited. The cost is

only \$24 per couple for a wonderful buffet. The Park Hills Golf Course is at Colorado Boulevard and East 35th Avenue.

OI President, Don Sievers, honored **Peter Diamond** with a new-member sponsor pin. Peter was asked to challenge other members to do the same. Wear your sponsor pin with pride, Peter!

Gary Laman told us that the Tri-star Basketball competition would be happening at the Bill Cope Boys and Girls Club, 808 Inca Street (8th & Inca). The date will be announced next week.

Save the weekend of February 13-15 for the Colorado-Wyoming Optimist District meeting in Colorado Springs said **President Phil**. More information will be in GUMS next week also.

When you read this weeks GUMS, the first leg of the Brain Bowl at Fairview HS in Boulder will be history. BUT don't forget to sign up for the Brain Bowl in Denver at Overland High School on Saturday, January 31st. **Karl Geil** and **Tom Mauro** are working feverishly to make everything go smoothly. **Fred Pasternack** will not be reading but he gave the guys \$100 to cover some of the expenses. "You go, Freddie!"

Ron Gustas and **Les Larson** will be heading a new project, called Jobs-Jobs-Jobs! Monaco South Optimist Club (under Ron and Les's tutelage) is setting up an informal job referral network system to help members, who are unemployed, under-

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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

Announcements Cont.

employed, or just looking to make a job change. A member can get the word out either by name or on a "no-name" confidential basis. Ron and Les will be intermediaries to circulate member confidential requests for help as well as forwarding any job referral or networking ideas back to the initiating member. Members looking for assistance will provide a brief description of their background and what type of position they are looking for. Brief summaries will be included in GUMS and on the Monaco South web site. For more information call **Les Larson** at 303-755-1213 or email: laronlese@aol.com or Ron Gustas at 303-770-9640 or email: rgustas@earthlink.net.

Don Thompson asked us to sign up to work at **Brent's Place** on Tuesday and Wednesday (Feb 3rd & 4th) workers are needed to set up furniture like tables, chairs, beds, etc. No tools are needed, only workers! Brent's Place is at 11980 East 16th Place in Aurora (near Fitzsimmons). Call Don at 303-757-4273 if you can help.

Don also said **Les Larson** did an outstanding job as a Super Citizenship presenter at McMeen, as did **Randy Marcove** at Most Precious Blood School on Wednesday the 21st. Thanks guys! See **Joe Marci** if you would like to participate at one of the Super Citizenship presentations.

Golf season is in our sites. At the Denver Golf Expo on February 6-8 at the Merchandise Mart we will raise funds for the Optimist Junior Golf, per **Joe Marci**. Sign up to work (some of the time) and browse the Expo (the other time). This is a fun way to raise some money for Optimist Junior Golf. We need help for three shifts.

Bob Avery read a heart-warming letter from a recipient of our Christmas baskets:

Dear Optimist Club:

"Thank you so much for Christmas dinner. When the gentlemen came to the door, I was shocked and overwhelmed! It was such a wonderful blessing. That was the biggest turkey I've ever seen!! We truly didn't know what we were going to have for Christmas dinner. I'd applied for food stamps but they hadn't been approved. Thanks to you and Old Chicago, my children had a wonderful Christmas! Thank you again for your generosity and your kind thoughtfulness! I know the Dear Lord will bless you and yours with a blessed New Year"

Sincerely, Nadiline Aikman (Jamie & Michael Aikman's Mom)

That is why we Optimists do what we do! Amen!

Finally, **Craig Eley** gave **Pat Sullivan** a \$25 gift certificate from the Christmas Party. Craig thought it was past Pat's bedtime, when he left at 8:30 pm, so the certificate was awarded this morning.

Places in time...

A story recently overheard, "Hey Dad," one of my kids asked the other day, "What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?" "We didn't have fast food when I was growing up," I informed him. "All the food was slow." "C'mon, seriously; where did you eat?"

"It was a place called at home," I explained. "Grandma cooked every day and when Grandpa got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it."

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table. But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it: Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levis, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card. In their later years they had something called a revolving charge card. The card was good only at Sears Roebuck. Or maybe it was Sears AND Roebuck. Either way, there is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This was mostly because we never had heard of soccer. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one-speed, slow. We didn't have a television in our house until I was 11, but, my grandparents had one before that. It was, of course, black and white, but they bought a piece of colored plastic to cover the screen. The top third was blue, it was the sky, and the bottom third was green, like grass. The middle third was red. It was perfect for programs that had scenes of fire trucks riding across someone's lawn on a sunny day. Some people had aluminum foil taped to the front of the TV to make the picture look larger I was 13 before I tasted my first pizza; it was called "pizza pie." When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slide off, swung down, and plastered itself against my chin to burn that too. It's still the best pizza I ever had.

We didn't have a car until I was 15. Before that, the only car in our family was my grandfather's, a Ford. I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line. Pizzas were not delivered to our home; but milk, eggs and bread were.

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Speaker for Today

John Mosier, was himself a little hoarse this morning, but introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Arvin K. Rao, seen at right, is a Board Certified Ear, Nose, and Throat Specialist. Dr. Rao's practice is with the South Denver ENT & Allergy Clinic, 6650 South Vine Street, in Centennial. See his web site at, <http://www.araoent.com/index.html>.

Dr. Rao gave a slide show that demonstrated why we get hoarse, have sinus problems and how to solve them. If your sinus problems last more than 12 weeks, that is considered chronic.



By the way, did you hear about the guy who died and ran into St Peter at the gates of heaven? St Peter asked him how he died. He said he died of seen-us! St Peter reminded the guy the word is sinus, The guy said NO, it was seen-us, I was with my neighbors wife and HE SEEN US!

Places in time...Continued

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers. I delivered a newspaper, six days a week. It cost 7 cents a paper, of which I got to keep 2 cents. I had to get up at 4 AM every morning. On Saturday, I had to collect the 42 cents from my customers. My favorite customers were the ones who gave me 50 cents and told me to keep the change. My least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. Touching someone tongue with yours was called French kissing and they didn't do that in movies. I don't know what they did in French movies. French movies were dirty and we weren't allowed to see them. If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grand children. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing. Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

Get to know your fellow Optimist: Bill Anderson

Bill joined MSOC in 1984 after his good friend, **John Young**, reminded him that he loved to volunteer and an Optimist club was a great way to do that. When Bill was a little kid, he loved adventure stories and comic books of heroes that saved the planet. Bill is out there saving the planet. This summer he worked three major fires... one close to Trinidad, Colorado and two in California – one near Sacramento and the other in Sequoia National Park. During the first wildfire Bill and a colleague almost drove their Jeep through a fire front...that is definitely something you do not want to do. On the second fire he traveled through some of the most picturesque portions of northern California. On the third fire Bill was able to see and experience parts of Sequoia Park that are generally closed to the public...in a helicopter, no less! Bill still bikes, skies, and rides his motorcycle. He even talked his wife, Kathy, into flying to Ogden, Utah in his Cessna 172 airplane this past Labor Day weekend. Bill and Kathy just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They have two sons, Patrick and Brad plus a wonderful granddaughter, Morgan. Thanks for helping us all save the planet, Bill!

Monaco South Calendar

Jan 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Douglas Smith, Rocky Mountain Communiities
Jan 30	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International School - Jim Brown
Jan 31	Sat	9:00 am	Brain Bowl Training, Overland High School
Feb 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Jill Lysengen, <i>Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation</i>
Feb 6	Fri	10:30 am	Super Citizen, Slavens Elementary School - Joe Marci
Feb 7	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl, Overland High School
Feb 10	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Feb 11	Wed	1:15/2:00 pm	Super Citizen, McMeen Elementary School - Howard Fry
Feb 11	Wed	1:15/2:00 pm	Super Citizen, Samuels Elementary School - Gary Strowbridge
Feb 13	Fri	7:00 am	<i>Wives to Breakfast, Park Hill Golf Course Restaurant</i>
Feb 18	Wed	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood - Gary Miller
Feb 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

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- 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.

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