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Good Morning Optimist

On this morning **Joe Marci** and **Tom Hoch** greeted all with a warm and hand a broad smile. Tom Hoch is back in the saddle again—tan from his travels, serving as an official greeter, leading us in prayer, holding a winning ticket, and generally greeting every living creature with a smile. Welcome back Tom!



Invocation & Pledge

Tom Hoch led us in prayer that we carry our philosophy of life out from our meeting to the world. Let us all help to infect the world with optimism.

Guests

OC Larson introduced Jim Elmore. Their friendship originated when Jim was a construction manager associated with King Soopers. Jim has been owner of Victory Construction and Refrigeration for the past four years. Victory Construction and Refrigeration puts in refrigeration systems for super markets. It's great to witness the leadership of veteran members like OC. Over 30 years a MSOC member and bringing in visitors. Great! An inspiration for the newbies.

Jackson Kennedy came to check us out. He said we were a pretty good group. Well, thanks. He has served as a health care consultant to the federal government for 30 years. He has been doing speeches for AARP on the Affordable Care Act. Paul, are you reading this? We appreciate his visit.

Our Prez, **Randy Marcove**, introduced Art Erickson, the president of the Castle Rock club. He has an application to join our club. He wants to learn from us so that he can grow the Castle Rock Optimist club to

be like ours. What a complement! The Castle Rock club meets at The Grange in The Meadows of Castle Rock every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Art mentioned they are planning a September 8th golf tournament. **Joe Marci**, are you reading this? A little of your able mentoring can go a long way. Expect Art to be hitting us all up for the fall tournament.



Here is Art Erickson sandwiched between Keith Gallaway and John Young. Across from Ron Cisco. Any one else you know?

Photos John Oss

From the Prez

Prez **Randy** welcomed back **Frank Ross** with his fresh Caribbean sun tan. Frank's brain bowl timers kept right on a trucking, even as he cavorted in the sun according to Randy and **Karl Geil**.

Randy also reported that **Mike McMahon** gave the Super Citizen presentation at Bradley Elementary on Friday, February 24th. This was Mike's second time on stage. It was a strong confident presentation. In side conversation, Randy revealed that his son Charlie was one of the Super Citizen recipients. Charlie was mov-

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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****

ed by the experience with a program that included an exemplary Pledge of Allegiance by the kids at Bradley. Shanon Scott from KOA recorded the pledge.

Announcements

Brain Bowl Update: Karl Geil reported we have had three regional tournaments with 2,000 participants. **Frank Ross** has built and maintained out indispensable buzzer boards. **Paul Simon** has handled volunteer coordinators. Karl made a plea for added support for the state final to be held this Saturday. Fifty-six teams will compete at Douglas County High School starting at 7:00 a.m.



Photo Don StJohn

Colorado History Day: Karl Geil also shared that Colorado History Day is coming up. There will be three tournaments. The Greater Denver Metro Regional History Day contest is on Saturday, March 17th at Legend High School in Parker, and the Denver Public Schools regional competition will be held on Saturday, April 7th at Hamilton Middle School. And the Colorado History Day State Competition will be held on Saturday, May 5th on the Auraria Campus in Downtown Denver. Judges' are needed and Training Workshop are shown on the Colorado History Day notification attached to the GUMS distribution email.

Liberty Day: Phil Perington reported March 16th is Liberty Day at the capital. Two hundred and fifty kids are expected to participate. **Andy McKean** will be leading our contingent as we chaperone the participants. We will car pool right after our regular meeting and work for four hours. It is great seeing the kids challenge the legislators with questions. The kids come just after studying up on the U.S. constitution. We can all benefit from such study.



Toy Train Show: Greg Hurd let us know of the kid oriented Denver Merchandise Mart train show being held this Saturday and Sunday. Just recall Greg's smile at our Christmas tree lot. That special train above Santa's Chair was there in part to Greg's efforts. He has loved model trains from boyhood.



Bumper Stickers: Our own **Oscar Sorensen** was kind enough to let everyone know that **Bryce "Bruce" Slaby** is selling bumper stickers for the Republican Party. This editor didn't catch who is selling for the Democrats. ☺

OCMS Nominating Committee: **Oscar Sorensen** also reported as chair of the nominating committee, he is looking for candidates for MSOC president, two vice presidents, and four board of directors. **Paul Simon** is running for president, **John Walker** and **Craig Eley** for vice president, and **Mike McMahon** for director. At

least three more board candidates are needed. Step forward to run, or accept an invitation to run. Possibly Bryce can get bumper stickers for you as well.

Oratorical Contest: **Keith Gallaway** reminded us that the oratorical contest will be at Thomas Jefferson High School, room 108 at 6 p.m. this Tuesday, March 6th. Be there to hear the best from five contestants!

Essay Contest: **Joe Marci** announced that Hailey Green won, with her paper being judged at the district level now. There were five winners and all have been invited to join us on April 20th along with parents and some teachers from TJHS.

Boy Scout Eagle Recognition Banquet: **Jack Kleinheksel** reported the banquet was very well presented. John reported that our president **Randy Marcove** did a masterful job announcing the eight of four-hundred boys that received extra special recognition. Randy told this editor that Jack had the premier table at the function. Our club is represented by very serious supporters of the scouting program with many present wearing their scout uniforms.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade Pooper Scoopers: **Gary Strowbridge** is looking for a few good scoopers. The St Patty's parade on Saturday the 17th needs a clean sweep. Pull the wrapper off your tux. If your retiring, pass it on. Can there be more smiles than those for our **Fred Pasternack** offering steaming fresh products for sale. Once in sales, always in sales. With a mentor like Fred, how can this editor possibly step in it?



Craig Eley in his St Patty's finest.
Photo Don StJohn 2011



Captured from Tom Hoch's video clip at: <http://vimeo.com/21072821>

Correctional Industry Visit: **Bob Avery** relayed an invitation from Steve Smith, who spoke to us last week, to come and visit CCI, Colorado Correctional Industries. Bob received several expressions of interest in car pooling in response to Steve's invitation. Details to follow.

Western Hoedown: **Frank Middleton** announced that it's about time for square dancing this Saturday night. It all starts a 5:30 p.m. Look forward to reports on the fun next week.

Speaker, Jan Haas, Moving Mountains - One Woman's Fight to Live Again

Speaker chair **Paul Bernard** introduced our speaker today Jan Haas, who tells her story as one woman's fight to live again.

After the birth of her third daughter, Jan Haas found herself back in the hospital fighting an invasive strep A infection. Thirty days and five abdominal surgeries later, she awakens in the ICU attached to a ventilator. Scared and confused, Jan must dig up the courage to breathe and walk again, regain her health, and trust in the community around her. The droning rhythm of two steps forward, one step back is a constant as Jan moves through her illness. Jan tells her emotional story in her book, *Moving Mountains*, published in 2011, developed from her journals, prose, and verse of how she and the community of love around her fought to live again.

Jan Haas is a teacher, a wellness coach, and now a writer. You can learn more about Jan and her fight to overcome her dreaded streptococcal infections at her website @ <http://www.movingmountainsbook.co/>.



Jan Haas reads one of her poems that is included in her book, *Moving Mountains*.

Photo Don StJohn

A Bit of Humor HOW TO START A FIGHT

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift. The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!" And that's how the fight started....

My wife and I were watching "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, "Do you want to have Sex?" "No," she answered. I then said, "Is that your final answer?" She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, "Yes!" So I said, "Then I'd like to

phone a friend." And that's when the fight started....

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?" "Yes," she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "My God," I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" And that's when the fight started....

Shared by some Tamarac Optimist Club Ladies.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
3/9/12	Harry Johnson & Mark Metevia
3/16/12	Ed Collins & Woody Thibodeau
3/23/12	Craig Eley & Bob Avery
3/30/12	Don Thomson & Harry Fegley

Super Citizen Presenters for March

15 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Paul Bernard & Ron Carlson
16 @ 9:10, 10:00 & 10:40 am	Holm	Craig Eley
21 @ 2:30 pm	MBP	Les Larson
22 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	Bob Avery
23 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Nick Newey

Monaco South Calendar

Mar 9 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado History Day, Kendra Black
 Mar 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Mar 17 Sat 7:00 am St. Patrick's Day Parade
 Mar 21 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Mar 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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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
Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
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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.