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Good Morning Optimists!

The Roth and Ross team (**Ron Roth** and V.P. **Frank Ross**) were our “official” greeters today. Thank you gentleman!

Greetings

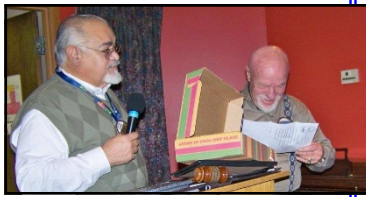
Prez **Ron Cisco** called this morning’s meeting together promptly at 7:00 am.

Invocation and Pledge

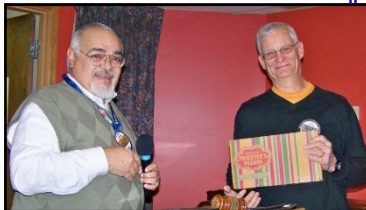
Tom Hock read the Optimist prayer.

Utterings from Prez Ron

Prez Ron acknowledged **Fred Pasternack** for his continuing support of Optimist International and the OI Foundation while he handed him a box which said, Priester’s Pecans. However, instead of pecans it had a note that said “thank you”. What a surprise for Fred!



With the next recognition **Prez Ron** presented **Jack Rife** a similar box for his work with Tri-star Basketball and it did contain a bag of Alabama’s Blue Ribbon pecan’s.



Photos by Don St. John

All was made-up when Prez Ron found the missing and open bag of pecans. He said they indeed were fresh and very tasty. Freddie was

happy once again and shared a smile.

Prez Ron then recognized **Ron Gustas** for serving as Treasure and **Rich Wagner** for being Secretary during **Phil Perington**’s term, while Phil announced that MSOC received Honor Club Status for the 2008-2009 year.



Ron Gustas, on right, recognized by Prez Ron.

Former MSOC secretary Rich Wagner on right.

Photos by Don St. John

Prez Ron also reported that MSOC received an at-a-boy for our \$750 contribution to OI. **Prez Ron** also shared **Paul Simon**’s letter acknowledging our club for the hard work and unselfish time given to the success of the Brain Bowl. Our last Brain Bowl in Colorado Springs had 202 team’s and 1,010 kids, and 319 volunteers as reported by **Karl Geil**.

CPR Class Saturday
March 6th 8:30am to 12 noon at
Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda.
Heart saver class includes: CPR for Adult, Child, and Infant
Use of AED (automatic external defibrillator)
Cost if \$30 includes Book
Contact Joyce Thomson at 303-757-4273

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

9Health Fair: Howard (Howie) Fry reminded us that the 9 Health Fair will be April 25, 2010 at Schlesmen's YMCA. See the website: <http://www.9healthfair.org/>.

Curling Team?: Phil Perington said interest is growing to form a curling team, maybe to compete in a future Olympics? More to come from Phil. **John Young** took the podium and said.... (Sorry John the editor missed what you said). See related story →



Lowry Super Citizen: Eighteen Super Citizen Awards were presented at Lowry Elementary School on Thursday, February 25th. Presenter and school coordinator, Paul Stratton, reported it was a huge success with the kids.

Speaking Of Super Citizen: Proud dad, **Randy Marcove** will present a Supper Citizen award to his own son today at Bradley Elementary at 3:00 pm. Congratulation to Randy and son Charles!

Wine Tasting: The DTC Optimist Club will hold a wine tasting fund raiser on Saturday, March 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Citron Bistro, located on Yosemite, just south of Hampden. The cost is \$30 each or \$35 at the door. Hors d' Oeuvres provided by the Citron Bistro. Come and enjoy! See **Karl Geil, Tom Overton** and other DTC Optimist club members for more information.

World Sport Cup Stacking: President Ron asked members to support a potential fund raiser for the club. This involves being judges for the World Sport Cup Stacking Championship, to be held at Magness Arena University of Denver on April 10th, 7:30 am to 3:00 pm, and April 11th, 7:30 am to Noon. Our club would receive \$40 for each member who volunteers. If we had 25 volunteers that would be \$1,000 in the club's coffers. A signup sheet was passed around by **Greg Young**, For more info call Greg at 303-759-3921 or gndyoung@comcast.net.



Tri-Star Basketball: **Jack Rife** announced that he has tickets for Tri-Star Basketball East Denver Regional Competition. A \$27 ticket is only \$20. See Jack for more information.

Condolences: **Michael Chavez's** mother passed away this last week. Please keep Michael and his family in your prayers.

Get Well: Your editors wife, Pat Larson, had surgery today. A big "fast recover" goes out to her.

Pot Drawing Winners: Winners for our drawing today went to: **Cy Reagan, Ed Collins, Nick Newey, Mike Chavez, Jack Rife, Phil Perington** and our speaker **Christy Westler**.

History Day Correction: **Karl Geil** states, "in last weeks GUMS, it would have helped if I said the correct dates to begin with. The DPS's regional History Day tournament is on April 10th at Hill Campus of Arts and Sciences (formerly Hill Middle School). Colorado History Day is on May 1st at the University of Colorado at Denver."

Late Update on Curling Team from cub reporter Phil Perington: Our loveable Norwegian **Ron Carlson**, has once again challenged the edge of reality in true Optimist passion. At our Friday meeting he was busy organizing a curling team for contention in the upcoming 2014 Winter Olympics. So far three volunteers have emerged, **Paul "Get that dog outa my way" Bernard, Oscar "Mr. Twister" Sorensen,** and **Phil "Who's got the brooms?" Perington** are on board. All three were seen in the parking lot practicing their smooth as silk knee deliveries and madcap brooming moves. **O.C. Larson** (your editor) has volunteered the services of his daughter, a skilled Curling player and coach, to somehow organize this merry band of curlers. Anyone interested in this grand plan to capture the gold in 2014 please beat (or ride) a broom to Ron's door. It was mentioned that our highly skilled St. Patrick Day Parade super pooper scooper broomers are naturals for the team. More later on this breaking story.

Brain Bowl: The Southern Region Optimist Brain Bowl 2010 was held at Harrison High School in Colorado Springs on Saturday, February 20, 2010. Karl Geil reports that 37 teams (about 185 kids) competed, with 61 volunteers, just barely enough to make the event happen. Despite the weather, distance and early hour, Monaco South was well represented by **Craig Eley, Russ Paul, Paul Gleditsch, Bill Wells, Paul Simon,** and himself. The tournament results are attached. Monument Academy, which had previously competed in the Central Region for about 9 years, was the big winner on the day, capturing half of the medals awarded, but a number of schools competed this year for the very first time.

South Region Brain Bowl 2010 Finals Results
February 20, 2010 at Harrison High School, Colorado Springs

Note: all are Middle Schools

Grade	Rank	Team	Finals Score
6th Grade	1st	Galileo 6A	14
	2nd	Monument Academy 6A	12
	3rd	Monument Academy 6C	
	4th	Monument Academy 6B	
7th Grade	1st	Monument Academy 7A	16
	2nd	North 7A	12
	3rd	Eagleview 7A	
	4th	Lewis-Palmer 7A	
8th Grade	1st	Monument Academy 8A	18
	2nd	Monument Academy 8B	11
	3rd	Custer County 8A	
	4th	Manitou Springs 8A	

**Our Speaker Today, Christy Wessler,
Comedienne, Singer, Songwriter**

“Must all your Ducks be in a row; or can they just be in the same room?” This quote came from our very entertaining speaker Christy Wessler. She was introduced by **Paul Bernard**. Christy is an Entertainer, Musician, Singer, Speaker, Song Writer, and Comedienne. She has the Optimistic outlook that, “You are never too late to open up to other possibilities.” Her mission in life is to help others who think they are too late. Christy had our members rolling in the isles with tales of her life experiences.



Photos by Don St. John

As GUMS was being put together today it was also learned from her website (see <http://www.bighaired.com/>) that Christy has a Strum Therapy Trio. From that webpage you can find links to YouTube of some of her creative work, such as, *Breakaway, I Want to See the Bright Lights, Cracked and Broken, and You Can Sleep While I Drive.*



Free Dues

Dear Club Leader,

As Optimist Members, we are committed to service, youth and our community. New friends, future Club leaders and chairs are needed and wanted in each Club. To continue being successful, we need more Optimist hands in our Clubs.

We look at the sunny side of everything in order to make our Optimism come true. Today, our sunny side is our vast network of Members, making up 3,000 Clubs, which serve the needs of the community and youth every day.

Adding a new friend to the roster is the most important thing you can do for your Club. Every Club can use an extra volunteer, future leader and vision to grow. It is truly unbelievable what we can accomplish just by asking someone to help.

With this in mind, I am announcing a Club incentive to stimulate and re-energize your Club: Recruit four new Members into your Club by September 30, 2010 and your International dues will be waived for one year.

Need: Volunteers who are community driven, service oriented and interested in becoming a Member.

Goal: Recruit 4 Members into your Optimist Club by September 30.

Reward: A stronger, more dynamic Optimist Club that can reach out and serve more kids in more communities.

Bonus: Free International dues for 1 year.

It is your time, energy and effort that makes Optimists continue to stand out in their towns, cities and communities. I urge you to take on this challenge so that your Club, and you, can be even more successful.

Thank you for everything you do to “bring out the best in kids”.

Optimistically,

Mark Shriver

Optimist International President



Super Citizen Presenters for March

Day	School	Presenter
19 @ 9:10 am	Holm	John Stoffel
24 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Harry Fegley
24 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Bill Litchfield
26 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Keith Gallaway

Monaco South Calendar

- Mar 5 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Sandy Clough, Radio Talk-Show Host
- Mar 6 Sat 8:30 am - noon CPR Classes by Joyce Thomson, at Augustana Lutheran Church, Sign up by Calling 303-757-4273
- Mar 6 Sat 8:30 pm Tri-Star Basketball Regional Completion, Boys & Girls Club Wilfley Branch
- Mar 12 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Julia Wagner, National Veteran’s Wheelchair Games
- Mar 16 Tue Liberty Day Awards, Phil Perington
- Mar 17 Wed 6:30 pm District 4 Council Office, 3540 South Poplar Street, Suite 102
- Mar 19 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Mar 20 Sat 1:30 Tri-Star Basketball District Finals, Nuggets Game, see Jack Rife
- Mar 26 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Gary Maitland, Organ Transplants

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bob Safe	1995-96
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Tom Overton	1996-97
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
John Young	1982-83	Cy Regan	1999-00
Pat Bush	1983-84	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Don St. John	2001-02
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Jack Rife	2002-03
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Karl Geil	2003-04
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bob Avery	1989-90	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Walters	1991-92	Phil Perington	2008-09
Kent Gloor	1992-93		

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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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