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Good Morning Optimists!

The morning started off with **John Marinos'** delicious breakfast burritos and a couple of orders of French toast for our more discerning members.

Lookin' Good!

Prez Ron spent the pre-meeting moments handing our Junior Golf letters of support and request. While our Greeters, **Tom McKee** and **Mike Chavez** gleefully welcomed all. **Tom Mauro** was happily seen passing our Rockies tickets clad in his very cool Rockies jacket. Not to be out done, **Gary Miller** was looking smart in his CU sweatshirt. There were comments that **George Vassilaros** was sporting a new growth of beard and was obviously getting ready for playing Santa at the Tree Lot. **Robert Duvall** was busy passing out Rockies schedules that apparently his gal pal had over printed. Past Governor **George Buzick** was looking especially sharp in his "Optimist Kids First" tie.

Invocation

Prez Ron gaveled everyone to attention with a mere 5 hammers to the bell. **Jerry Gilbert** delivered a very appropriate Invocation... "Forget the mistakes of the past" and the Pledge was then followed by a rousing "Play Ball!" Ron went on to explain how interesting the upcoming Cup Stacking competition has turned out to be. Everyone who has signed up as a volunteer for this event on April 10-11th should be at the training on April 3rd at Littleton Methodist Church, where the last quarterly District meeting was held.



Where Have You Been?

Missing members acknowledged and cheered included: **Peter Dimond**, **Jim VanderKamp**, and **Scott Walker**. New member **John Wachter** got a warm round of applause.

Speaking of new members, last week President Ron, on right, formally inducted **Jim Tapp**, center, with sponsor **Gary Strowbridge**, left, looking on. The picture was just made available. Welcome Jim!



Photo by Don StJohn

Guests & Retirement

Mike Chavez introduced his guest, Ken Love from Jeffco, who proudly announced he was getting ready to "call it quits and retire," and hopefully looking for a place like our Club to have some fun and get involved. To which it was noted that Past President, **Frank Middleton** is retiring today after 24 years of banking and financial planning activities. Congratulations Frank it is your special Good Friday! See a related story on page 3.

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

Rockies Update: Tom Mauro gave a play-by-play assessment of the Rockies Spring Training Camp predicting Brad Alred was the next Todd Helton, DeLaRosa was untouchable, and Francis looked good. The Francis thing doesn't look so good right now however but we're Optimists.

Club Directory: Craig Eley announced the new directories are getting ready and if you don't like your picture get with him for a new photo shoot and show up "with a better face," pretty funny moment.



Bring On The Music: New member Paul Gleditsch announced he had been granted a 501(c) (3) for his organization providing band instruments to schools, and anyone who has musical instruments for donation should see him. Way to go Paul!

Ducks are Coming!: Greg Young announced, Take a quack at winning fantastic prizes and help support Denver Public Schools! The 6th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop will take place on Sunday, May 2nd, at 12:30 pm, George Wallace Park in Denver. On that day, 3,000 sponsored rubber ducks will be dropped into Goldsmith Gulch and race for fabulous prizes. All Duck Derby proceeds benefit five Denver Public Elementary Schools: Bradley International, Samuels, Holm, Slavens and Southmoor Elementary. Bring your money to buy Duck Tickets from Greg Young at any of the next three meeting (while supplies last!). Prizes are numerous and fabulous. Top prize is two tickets on Southwest Airlines! There is some talk about being able to name your own duck(s).

9Health Fair: Howard Fry reminded us of the Channel 9Health Fair at the Schlessman YMCA on April 25th, 6:15 am to 12:00 noon. Volunteers will be cashiers during the morning. Contact Howdy Fry at 303-300-4466.

Colorado Day: Karl Geil reported on the need for volunteers for Colorado Day May 1st. This day is hosted by the History Department of the University of Colorado Denver and held on the Auraria Campus. Please see Karl to be a judge. The DPS's Regional History Day Tournament is on April 10th at Hill Campus of Arts and Sciences (formerly Hill Middle School).

Furry Scurry: Don St. John reminded everyone about signing up for The Furry Scurry on May 1st as well. Don is recruiting volunteers to be at Wash Park at 5:30 am to watch the sun rise and enjoy the morning. The two-mile walk begins at 9:00 am.

Passing's: John Young's mother has passed on at the age of 95. The Memorial Ceremony is April 12th at Swan-Lawn Funeral Home in Colorado

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Michael Chavez announced, Longtime member **Bill Turman's** recent passing will be honored and celebrated Memorial Service is Saturday April 10th at Trinity United Methodist Church located at 1840 Broadway. The service begins at 10:30. Please try and be there, Bill was a great guy and we will all miss him.

Upcoming Election: Oscar Sorensen, Commander-in-Chief of Future Leadership, a very dangerous position, reported we have a President in waiting and some Officers willing to help. The slate: 2010-11 President: Ed Collins, Vice Presidents: Randy Marcove & Paul Simon and Board Members: Brian Williams, Frank Middleton, Ron Roth, Wyatt McCallie, Harry Fegley, and Les Larson. The Election is next month on Camaraderie Day. The ballot box is waiting to be stuffed.

Drawing: The pot was \$70 ready and available for the lucky dog. Nobody won. However **Jack Kitchell** and **Peter Diamond** gave it a good try! Money cups included **Duvall, Thomson, Culbertson, Wardlaw, St. John,** and **Buzick.** Poker Chips drawing had no winner either. **John Greene** can attest to that!

Super Market Sales: Cy Regan reported we took in \$815 for King Sooper and \$200 Safeway.

Greeters Needed: If you want to be an early morning Greeter, let **Dick Cohen** know. Contact Dick @ 303-320-1767 or richardmcohen@hotmail.com.

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
4/9/10	Robert Avery & Paul Glieditsch
4/16/10	Greg Hurd & Woody Thibodeau
4/23/10	Jim Vanderkamp & Brian Williams
4/30/10	Howard Fry & Jim Tapp

Super Citizen Presenters for April		
Day	School	Presenter
6 @ 1:20 & 2:05*	McMeen	Harry Fegley
9 @ 8:30	Slavens	Phil Perington
13 @ 9:30 & 10:30	Samuels	Bill Walters
21 @ 2:20	MPB	Dick Cohen
22 @ 1:20 & 2:05	McMeen	Bob Avery
23 @ 9:10	Holm	Joe Marci
26 @ 8:00	Highline	Woody Thibodeau
29 @ 2:45 & 3:15	Univ. Park	Frank Middleton
30 @ 3:00	Bradley	Howard Fry

* Make up for snow day

This Weeks Speaker

Ms. Chris Sundberg, State Coordinator for History Day in Colorado



Photo by Don StJohn

Chris was a little taken aback by our exuberance and confessed that she had no jokes to tell but was excited about our interest in History Day. Chris was proud to say that last year over 20,000 students, parents, and teachers attended History Day. The 2010 Program is "Innovation in History." There are 600 students from 10 regions participating. The presentations are divided into two divisions; grades 6-8 and 9-12. There are 5 levels of participation: 1. Performance, 2. Documentary, 3. Papers (individuals), 4. Exhibits, and 5. Web Pages, which is the most popular. In fact last year a Jeffco entry went to State Finals. One of the most interesting pieces the program offers is for a student to go into interesting class once a week and audit teachers and students to determine if they think they are really teaching material. Sadly, as a result of the current economic conditions History Day has lost most of their sponsorship for their Teaching Awards. As a result, most Primary Teaching Sources are at risk.

Chris also reported that Sargents School, located in Saugache County, had 132 students out of 157 that were coming to the History Day event. However, they are an underfunded school and lack enough money to make supplies and resources available to the kids. MSOC have contributed \$350 to their effort. It is the hope of this reporter that we are able to adopt this mighty little school and get every student to Denver for the History Day Event. Visit the Colorado History Day website at: <http://coloradohistoryday.org/> and the National History Day website at: <http://www.nhd.org/>.

Possible President Candidate

By Craig Eley

Here's a photo of Frank Middleton, whose last day of work is today. This is a photo from 1981, when he was MSOC president. Since it's been 28 years since he left the presidency, our bylaws say he can run again. Now that he is retired and has time. As a known Republican, we certainly wouldn't have to worry about him seen in public brandishing salacious magazines.

A paid political distraction!



Monaco South Calendar

Apr 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Nathan Bale & Jim Blair, <i>Denver Boy Scouts</i>
Apr 10	Sat		DPS's Regional History Day Tournament, Hill Campus of Arts and Sciences
Apr 10 & 11	Sat & Sun		World Sport Cup Stacking, Magness Arena University of Denver
Apr 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Apr 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Susie Hayes, <i>Silencing That Inner Critical Voice</i>
Apr 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Pending
May 1	Sat		State History Day Contest, Auraria Campus
May 1	Sat	5:30 am	Furry Scurry, Washington Park
Mark you calendar			
May 8	Sat	7:30 am	Colorado-Wyoming District 3 rd Quarter Meeting, Windsor Gardens, 595 South Clinton St.
Jul 4 - 9	Sun - Fri		2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games
Jul 8 - 10	Thu - Sat		92 nd Annual Optimist International Convention, Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel: online registration @ http://www.optimist.org/reg/

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
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Bill Walters	1991-92	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.

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