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Editor for this Issue—Ralph Pedersen



Good Morning Optimists!

Greeters today were **Terry Shroyer** and **Jerry Gilbert**. Seems these guys show up as greeters on a regular basis, and they are good. Thanks to them and those like them for starting our meeting on a cordial basis.

Invocation and Pledge

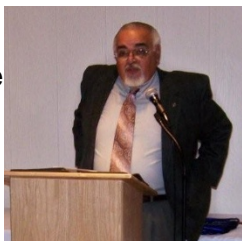
New president **Ron Cisco** introduced **Craig Eley**, author of our book of prayers, for an invocation appropriate to our new fiscal year. Craig proceeded to invoke the *God of New Beginnings*. We have high hopes for the year under the experienced Mr. Cisco.

Craig then led us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

President Cisco then asked **John Young** to lead us in singing *God Bless America*. No messing around this time. Sounded great!

President's Musings

New President Ron, in coat and tie, was teased with, "Hope all goes well in court today," and "Whatever the job is, have a good interview." In a shift from our previous history lessons, we will now hear trivia questions. Very interesting! He may be setting a new president.



Pres Ron presiding in his first official function as MSOC president.

Photo by Don StJohn

Welcome Guests

Keith Galloway was a repeat guest of **John Young**, who announced that Keith is joining our illustrious club! We offer an anticipatory "*WELCOME, KEITH*" expecting that he will pass the arduous test of membership.

Installation Dinner

President Ron recognized **Greg Young** as the arranger of the excellent dinner and program. More awards were distributed by Past-President **Phil Perington** to those who could not attend the dinner.

Rumination by your Editor

- ◇ People may not remember exactly what you did or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel.
- ◇ Yes, I'm a Senior Citizen! I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up. I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg. I'm having trouble remembering simple words like....
- ◇ Don't ever take a fence down until you know the reason it was put up."
- ◇ A day without sunshine is like night. On the other hand, you have different fingers. 42.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot. He, who laughs last, thinks slowest. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

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

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK: **Joe Marci** promoted this book of coupons which raises funds for Optimist Junior Golf. Joe mentioned that he met a young golfer at Saddle Rock recently who had been to the International tournament in Florida; said what a wonderful place and experience that was.

THE TREASURER SPEAKS: *Dues are Due!* **Greg Young** gave us a heads up on the dues for this year. This month you will be receiving your dues statements. You can help out Greg Young by getting in your dues promptly. And, it will be greatly appreciated if you can pay for the full year...if you do, you get a \$5.00 discount! Due to increases from Optimist International and the District, the dues this year are increasing. So for the full year, regular members will pay \$122 (\$117 with the discount!), and life members will pay \$88 (\$83 with the discount). Compared to most service clubs this is still an incredible bargain. If you need to pay quarterly, please contact Greg and he will set you up on a quarterly schedule. Thanks for your continued membership!

PHOTOS FOR THE DIRECTORY: **Craig Eley** had a set up in the corner for taking your photo. Craig says, "If you want a better pic, bring a better face." We owe a big thanks to **Tom Mauro** for spearheading our directory every six months.

SUPER MARKET SALES: **Cy Regan** reports sales of \$1,300; very good. Please join in this easy fund raiser for the club; we get 5%. Cards come in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations, good at King Soopers and Safeway.

Super Citizen Presenters for October

Day	School	Presenter
9 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Don Thomson
15 @ 1:30 & 2:15 pm	Samuels	Joe Marci
15 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Les Larson
21 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	George Vassilaros
21 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Steve Kady
23 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Dick Cohen
23 @ 3:00pm	Bradley	Howard Fry

How to get life's ducks in a row:

- Inventory your wallet or purse
- Create a list of emergency-contact phone numbers
- Shred documents.
- Protect your computer
- Inventory your home's contents
- Leave a house key with a trusted neighbor
- Organize your car's glove box

A Thank You from Jackson Burke

September 12, 2009

Jackson Burke
7026 South Magnolia Circle
Centennial, CO 80112
303-968-5000

Colorado/Wyoming Optimist Golf Tournament
4173 South Rosemary Way
Denver, CO 80237

Dear Mr. Meyer, Mr. Cisco, and Mr. Marci,

I wanted to thank you for sponsoring me in the Optimist Golf Tournament at PGA National this summer. I had a great experience meeting golfers from around the world. While my golf game was not cooperating that week, I still enjoyed competing in the tournament and learning about other countries from my opponents.

I would like to also thank the Optimists for a very well run event. The transportation to the separate golf holes during the shotgun start made it easy to concentrate on the golf match. The volunteers were very friendly and encouraging.

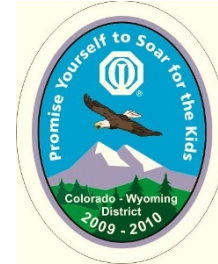
Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Jackson Burke
12-13 years old

From Incoming District 25 Governor

George Mills, the incoming District 25 Governor for the Colorado/Wyoming District shared with us the new District Logo and the 2010 International Convention Logo, as shown below



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NO TEXANS AT THE ALAMO

Steve Kady introduced our speaker, Robert Winfield Scott, a professional writer who has written eleven (11) books, mostly about history. He and Steve are old broadcast buddies. Robert told the story in a book of his which has been made into a Hollywood film. The Espinoza brothers, two of them, became upset when Texans took their land. The family had been very wealthy previous this. They promised to kill 100 Texans for every Mexican (6) killed in the Mexican War. Total 600. This made them the first serial killers, even before Jack the Ripper.

He says his research is difficult because so much documentation has been lost through fire and flood. He did determine, however, that there were no Texans at the Alamo; they came from many bordering states, but none from Texas, until later.

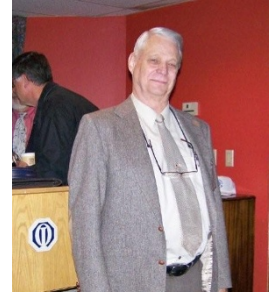


Photo by Don StJohn

Some of Robert Scott's titles are:

DERELICTION OF DUTY, just released. The story of the Texas War of Independence – told as you've never heard it before. Covers the worst ever massacre of American soldiers, and reveals often-suppressed information about who did and did not participate in the war.

GUTS & GLORIETA, the little known story of Colorado's major role in stopping a Confederate invasion of the West.

TOM TOBIN & THE BLOODY ESPINOSAS, the story of the world's first documented serial killers and the man who finally stopped them. It all happened in Colorado in 1863. Being made into a major movie in 2011.

BLOOD AT SAND CREEK, the true but politically incorrect story of the so-called "Sand Creek Massacre." A best seller at the publisher for 10 years, much to the dismay of many "modernists."

PLAIN ENEMIES, a collection of 13 true stories from the Frontier West – many of them in Colorado. About half are told from the white man's viewpoint, the other half from the Native American's viewpoint.

LEANDER McNELLY, TEXAS RANGER, the first biography of the first Texas Ranger and the incredible things he did in spite of unimaginable difficulties.

SLADE, the story of an amazing gun-slinger who operated in Colorado and neighboring states. Called "the most interesting man I ever met" by Mark Twain.

AFTER THE ALAMO; GLORY, GLORY, GLORIETA; SURVIVAL OF THE MEEKEST; and DESPERADOES. Unfortunately all now out of print.

Proverbs from your editor:

Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
A day without sunshine is like night.
A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Monaco South Calendar

Oct 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Sally Bonkrude, <i>Leap Into Life: Letting go of the fear of change</i>
Oct 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Oct 20	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
Oct 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Debbie Reinberg, <i>The Conflict of Aging</i>
Oct 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Nov 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Nov 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

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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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