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Optimists Bring Out the
Best in Children



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Gutspah!

This week **Karen Kataline** spoke to us about "Gutspah" which is about saying what's on your mind without losing it. **Paul Simon** introduced Karen as a "Jill of all trades". She has a master's degree in social work and has worked as an entertainer, a radio talk show host and a whole bunch of other things. She wanted to give her presentation without the microphone, but our men wouldn't (couldn't?) hear of it. After looking closely at our age and bald spots, she also concluded that a mike would be appropriate. She got us to thinking right away when she said she was tall and blond (she's 5 feet tall and a brunette) and then observed that "Things aren't always what they seem." Karen has been awarded a trademark for her new word "gutspah," which is similar to chutzpah except that gutspah refers only to good things, not good and bad. Her illustration of chutzpah was great. Chutzpah can be that bad quality: like the man who kills his mother and father and throws himself on the



mercy of the court because he's an orphan. Karen talked about the book she is writing, "*The way to LEAD with the TRUTH.*" It is about her experiences as a baby beauty contestant and how it was all about hype. Two favorite Karen quotes are: "Being who you are and saying what you think has great power to change your life." "Telling the truth

makes you feel good and protects your boundaries." Karen has a beautiful voice and sang for us. She says you need Gutspah if:

- You're having trouble standing up for who you are and what you believe.
- You're starting to believe that how things appear is more important than how they are.
- You know what needs to be said but you're having trouble saying it in a positive and constructive way.

She has developed a program, which is part training, part entertainment, and it's enterTRAINment! Karen's phone number is 303-668-2737

Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

Proceedings of the Meeting of October 12, 2007

Invocation & Pledge



President **Greg Young** led us in the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag. He is circulating a signup sheet for members to sign up for the invocation in the coming months.

GOOD MORNING, OPTIMISTS

Harry Johnson and **Bill Turman** welcomed our members this morning and **John Marinis** provided us his special breakfast burritos (unsurpassed!). After the invocation, president Greg shared a great quote. “**One of the greatest victories you can gain over someone is to beat him at politeness.**”—attributed to Josh Billings. Greg asked all project leaders for the new year to come up and get an Optimist pocket organizer. More than half of the attendees came up and got one! If you are even thinking about a new project or getting involved in a current project...talk to Greg or your V.P.s. You too can get a pocket organizer!!

SPEAKER BENEFITS MEMBER

John Moser said his wife Terry called Scott Henke, (last week's speaker) to help her with computer problems. They were delighted with his prompt and efficient service.



Ron Carlson showed us the most recent Sports Illustrated with Rockies ace pitcher Jeff on the cover. He said hopefully the Sports Illustrated cover jinx won't affect our Rockies hopes. AND IT HASN'T YET.

GO ROCKIES!!!!

Directory Updates

Tom Mauro is finalizing the new directory. If you have changes that you have not told him about, email him **today** at: tmmauro@aol.com. He has \$25.00 business card size advertising spaces available in the new directory to be published later this month. This is your chance to let your fellow optimists know what you are up to and to generate extra business.

Goblins Calling

Kent Gloor and **Gary Miller** need 30 or more volunteers for Wednesday night October 31st to call 900+ kids to get them safely off the streets and out of danger Halloween night. This is a real fun project so please reserve that night for the kids we support. Activity starts at 6:00, with pizza provided!! **SIGN UP!**

THE BRAIN BOWL IS COMING!!

Karl Geil informed us that The Colorado/Wyoming brain bowl is scheduled for January 12th in Boulder, and in Denver on February 2nd at a new location, George Washington High School. This is a multi-club venture and will require about 200 volunteers. Monaco South and Tamarac generally provide the most volunteers. Please try to keep one or both of the Saturday dates free for this exciting event. Additional information coming soon.

GARY STROWBRIDGE NEEDS A CAR!

Several weeks ago Gary's car was stolen from his house and he's looking for a replacement. Anything with wheels and a good engine will do; just so long as it runs, and is a reasonable buy. Maybe someone has one they can donate? Let's find a car for Gary!

PLAQUE DEDICATION

Tom Mauro encourages all who can to attend the dedication and unveiling of a plaque honoring **Harlan Riffel**, who passed away in 2004. In the open space between Hamilton and Holm schools on Dartmouth Ave. 9:15 on Friday, 10-19.

District Conference

Karl Geil announced the district conference to be held October 26, 27th and 28th in Fort Collins at the Hilton. Registration sheets are in your District Newsletter. Extra copies of the newsletter are available in the Guest Book box. Plan to go if you can to support our own **George Buzick**, our District 25 Governor.

T.J. Craft Fair and Thanksgiving Baskets

We need a volunteer to chair the craft fair parking patrol on November 17th. Craig will be out of town. Please let **Greg Young** or **Craig Eley** know if you can chair this project. Also, sign up to help out on that day, and then come over to the hall to help distribute the **Thanksgiving Baskets**.

Dues are Due

Ron Gustas, our treasurer, is collecting Dues for the 2007-2008 Optimist year. Annual dues are \$107, but wait!! **If you pay up in October, it's only \$102!!** **LIFE** members pay only \$75. Dues may be paid quarterly (\$26.75), but Ron prefers an annual payment if that is convenient for you. Ron's address is Ron Gustas, 7813 S. Locust Ct., Centennial, Co. 80112; or bring your check next week.

Groceries are Good

Cy Regan sold \$1100 of certificates this week. It costs the same whether you pay cash or cards, but card purchases really help the club. If you plan to buy food for Thanksgiving or Christmas giving, remember to do it with our certificates, so everyone wins! Thanks to the members who bought this week.

DRAWING

The \$20 dollar pot went begging today but **Ron Carlson, Don Thomson and Bill Wells** made a good run at it. Don't miss out next week!!

Member Profiles

Your President, **Greg Young**. A native of Santa Fe, NM, Greg has lived in Denver since 1970. He worked for several manufacturing companies in the area, primarily in high tech and medical device manufacturing. In 1999, he moved into the software industry, marketing manufacturing software for J.D. Edwards. With the demise of J.D. Edwards in 2003, he was "retired," and is now looking for something interesting and fun at which to "work." Meanwhile he is volunteering for various non-profit groups, doing a bit of computer/business consulting, and generally hanging out with the Optimist gang on many fun projects. Greg joined Monaco South in June, 2004. Greg is married to Diane, who is an Aide to Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann. He earned his undergraduate degree from Colorado College and he also has his MBA. He has two sons: Chris, a television producer in New York, and Nick, who works as Media Editor and Producer for Invesco Field at Mile High, doing media, commercials and runs all the JumboTron production at the Broncos and Outlaws games and Invesco events. Both sons are alums of Denver Public Schools and past recipients of the Super Citizen awards. Greg's other interests are fly fishing, bicycling, hiking, computers, and of course, Optimist Club! Unfortunately Greg lost his sister last week and will be gone to the funeral next Friday.

Monaco South Calendar

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| Oct 16 | Thur | 6:30 pm | Board Meeting, - Craig Eley's Office |
| Oct 19 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day. |
| Oct 26 | Fri | 7::00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall—Larry Botnick: Our Schools |
| Oct 26-28 | | | District Conference, Ft. Collins Hilton |
| Oct 31 | Wed | 6:00 pm | Goblins Calling—Location TBD |
| Nov 2 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall, Speaker: David Arthur on "The Brain" |
| Nov 9 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall. |
| Nov 16 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day. |
| Nov 17 | Sat | 7:00 am | Help Park Cars at TJ Craft Fair |
| Nov 17 | Sat | 8:00 am | Thanksgiving Baskets—Legion Hall  |

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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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