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Good Morning Optimists It's Camaraderie Day

ca·ma·ra·de·rie: [kah-muh-rah-duh-ree, -rad-uh-, kam-uh-] Noun. Definition: mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together: a genuine camaraderie on the hockey team. ORIGIN mid 19th cent.: from French, from camarade 'comrade.'

day: [dā] Noun. Definition: a day's endeavor, or the period of an endeavor, especially as bringing success. ORIGIN Old English dæg, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch dag and German Tag.

Thanks to **Frank Middleton** for handing out playing cards to mix us all up. What did you learn about that person sitting next to you?

Greeters

We had fog as thick as "Pea-Soup" around the Metro area early this morning, but that did not stop the beaming smile and firm handshake offered by this morning's solo greeter, **Doug Arnold**. Wouldn't you know? The fog was burned off by the time we concluded the meeting. Way to go Doug!



Call to Order

Punctual President **Ed Collins** rang the resonant OI bell at precisely 7 a.m., and gave us a warm welcome. Ed then quickly summoned **Todd Olson** to present our Invocation. Todd shared the virtues of Happiness, and that as Optimist, "We are too happy to permit the presence of trouble."

Guests

Four-time guest of **John Oss** and third-time guest of **Randy Marcove** were Richard Thomas and Mike McMahon respectively. Both gentlemen had completed club memberships applications and checks in hand, just in time for a vote

at the Board Meeting on September 21st. Congratulations gentlemen! A returning guest of **Fred Pasternack** from April 15th of this year was Dave Bakke. Dave is now working at the Tamarac Ace Hardware Store, so Fred has a shorter distance to travel to get his chainsaws fixed! Also, it was reported that Dave had an application in his hand! **Jim Easton** had a special guest with him—his sister Teresa Pedersen. She is driving home to Alaska, and was fortunate to see how we get things done Friday mornings. Thanks for stopping by Teresa, and thanks for sharing your Palin family story as well!

Presentation

President Ed Collins announced that our OCMS club has had twenty-seven new members this year, resulting in an Honor Club status. Thanks to everyone for helping our club reach this designation! Ed then presented FOO Member **Ron Gutru** with his FOO Membership Certificate. Welcome Ron!



Announcements

Installation Banquet: **Ron Cisco** told us that we still have time to sign up and PAY for the Installation Banquet next Saturday, September 24th, at Heather Garden's Blossoms Restaurant. Your choice of entrée is Steak or Chicken Oscar. The cost \$26 per person; get your money to Ron or Greg Young ASAP. We have been told that half have paid, but that does not mean the other half will be eating for free!

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FOR THOSE WHO ORDERED PEACHES

*Peaches should be here within hopefully this week.
We will be receiving organic O'Henry's — the best of late, freestone peaches.*

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 Continued

Alzheimer's Memory Walk: This event was yesterday, but in **Joe Marci's** absence while touring Alaska the last three weeks, the sign-up sheet was not passed around. Nonetheless, members stepped up, and were able to help Joe and the organization complete the walk. Also, Joe has 24 Entertainment Books, and he needs to "BLOW THEM OUT!"

Cub Scout Popcorn Fund Raising Drive: Do you like delicious popcorn? Would you like to help out **Don Iley's** son David and his Cub Scout troop raise money? Please see Don to get the palatable popped stuff to order yours this Friday.



Energy Voice Institute: Last week, **Tom Wos** told us about an exciting volunteering opportunity for Career Days at the Adams County Fairgrounds. Kids in attendance will construct a model Wind Turbine kit, and will need volunteers to help them build the kits. He still needs five or six volunteers on October 4-5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please contact Tom ASAP if you are interested in helping.



Colorado Rockies Baseball Club Give-Aways: Today is the day OCMS and the Ladies from the Tamarac Club are giving away Troy Tulowitzki t-Shirts to the first 10,000 fans through the gates of Coor's Field. **Curt Jefferies** provided directions, and even had a parking pass to raffle off! Thanks to all that contributed to this fun fund-raiser for both of our clubs.



JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes: **Ron Gustas** announced that on Saturday September 10th the following members helped the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) set up their Pepsi Center site for the annual "Walk to Cure Diabetes." Assisting members were: **Mike Prete, Mark Metevia, Michael Chavez, John Swick, Craig Eley, Jim Tapp, Kale Smith** and his wife Mico, and **Ron Gustas**.

Dick Cohen reported that the following Sunday morning Walk was a great success with over 9,000 "Walkers" raising in excess of \$900,000. Funds raised by the walk go to research seeking a cure and improved treatment options for those afflicted with Type 1 Diabetes. JDRF provides a major portion of these funds to research at the Barbara Davis Diabetes Center here in Denver.

Over 25 MSOC club members supported JDRF either by volunteering or financially supporting the "Walk." Thanks to everyone for their support of JDRF.

Grocery Card Benefits for OCMS: Unless you have been lining in a cave, you are probably aware of the fund-raising opportunities offered by Grocery Gift Cards. **Donlie Smith** and **Cy Regan** told us that

the two cards our club supports are from Safeway and King Soopers. Our club receives 5% of every dollar spent on the card. Safeway's card is disposable, (great for gift-giving), and King Soopers' are re-loadable at their Customer Service counters. Double Dip! Use your Rewards Program Credit Card to re-load your grocery card — you win and the club wins.

OCMS Membership Roster: Did you bring your better face? **Craig Eley** brought his camera with the Handsome lens to take photos of new members, as well as those that wanted or needed a re-take, for the next update of our OCMS directory. Also, for the po-



tential of \$1,000,000 sales opportunity, consider publishing your business card in the directory for only \$25 per six months! Such a deal!

Operation School Supplies: **Oscar Sorensen** informed us that Operations School Supplies was again a grand success. Oscar also offered as a fund-raiser the opportunity to auction an autographed photo of **Don Thomson**, the Principal of Hamilton Middle School, and **Oscar** himself. Little did he realize it was **Jim**



Metcalf, Principal of Holm Elementary! Regardless, he was willing to start the bidding at \$50!

Gateway Optimist Club Appreciation: **Fred Pasternack** announced that his Gateway Optimist Club will be honoring OCMS for the Junior Golf Tournament at this Wednesday mornings breakfast meeting. Honorees attending the breakfast will be **Joe Marci, Ed Collins**, and **Sam Piggy**. Note: Do you know that Fred was on a cruise in Alaska? He learned the reasons why we call our spouses with terms of endearment. Just ask him!

Children's Cure for Cancer: **Prez Ed** got out the ol' cuspidor to pass around for Happy Bucks for Children's Cure for Cancer. The following were mentioned:



- **Jim Easton:** Happy that his sister was here.
- **Jim's sister Teresa Pedersen:** Happy to be with us.
- **OC Larson:** Go CU!
- **Don Iley:** Happy that the seasons are changing, and we're about to see pretty colors.
- **Jim Vander Kamp:** is expecting his sixth grandchild "today"!
- **Don St. John:** Not to upstage Jim, but **John Marinos** just had his thirty-sixth grandchild!
- **Peter Dimond:** Happy to be employed at Rickenbaugh Cadillac!
- **Phil Perington:** Happy that Fred Pasternack only tells his Terms of Endearment joke once a year!
- **Greg Young:** Happy to be almost done as the COWY District Treasurer!
- **Ron Cisco:** Happy that the new Far Northeast Optimist Club with 18 members was added to the COWY district!

Some Humor

And for the sake of adding another dollar to the cause, **Ed Collins** told us a joke he hasn't told in ten years about a Duck, and Ham and Cheese sandwich, and glue. Ask him to tell you!

OCMS Board Meeting

As a reminder, all new Board Members are invited to attend President **Ed Collins'** final Board Meeting this September 21st. It will be held at 3540 S. Poplar Street Suite 102, Denver, CO 80237, at 6:30 p.m.!



Drawing

Drawing: With only three cards to go, the card to draw for the big jackpot of \$10 was the Six of Clubs. Sure money winners were: **Phil Perington**, guest and soon to be new member Richard Thomas, **Fred Pasternack, Joe Marci, Steve Kady, and Ron Carlson**. The first to draw for the pot and not win was **Gary Strowbridge**. The second to draw was our lucky Optimist of the Day — **Fred Pasternack**, winner of the \$10 pot. Winning the drawing for the Coor's Field Parking Pass was **Ron Gustas**. Congratulations to all!



Who said Fred Pasternack never wins!
Photo Don StJohn

In Closing

Led in the Optimist Creed by **Ron Carlson**. Promise yourself....

With the 2010-2011 year coming to a close

Check this out: A YouTube video produced by OI in reciting the Optimist Creed at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvihWic9rus>



Incidentally

- ⇒ Bradley International last Farmer's Market will be this Thursday at the school from 3:30 to 4:00.
- ⇒ **Harry Johnson** is being honored in Washington, D.C. Please ask him why next time you see him.
- ⇒ 56 of our club members attended Friday's meeting. The first two meetings this month both netted 65 attendees.
- ⇒ **Ed Collins** found a partially used breakfast voucher. How many of our 56 attendees do you think raised their hands when asked who it belonged to?
- ⇒ Alaska was mentioned by four different people today. Do you have an Alaskan experience?
- ⇒ Coincidentally, there are five mentions of fund-raising in this newsletter.
- ⇒ This Tuesday night at Bradley International School will be the Inaugural Cub Scout Join Night. Thanks to all that have helped make this happen!
- ⇒ Super Citizen presentation schedules are now complete. Are you interested in presenting? Opportunities will be available soon! See the schedule attached.
- ⇒ **Bob Avery** raised \$2,600 for the MS150 bike ride and \$2,000 came from our club. Way to go!
- ⇒ DPS School Board Candidate Forum. Tuesday, September 27th 7 p.m. at TJ Auditorium. Hear from the candidates running to represent South-east Denver: Anne Rowe and Emily Lipp Sirota, plus the candidates running for the At Large Board Seat.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
9/23/11	Joe Marci & Robert Wardlaw
9/30/11	Leo Hagele & Russ Paul
10/7/11	Doug Arnold & Woody Thibodeau
10/14/11	Bob Avery & Harry Johnson
10/21/11	Leo Hagele & Fred Pasternack

Did you know, Saturday, Sept. 17th was Constitution Day?

Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution by thirty-nine brave men on September 17, 1787, recognizing all who are born in the U.S. or by naturalization, have become citizens. Go to:

<http://www.constitutionday.com/>
Test your knowledge and see if you can spot what's unconstitutional.

MSOC Banquet

Saturday, September 24th at 6:00pm
Blossoms Restaurant at 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way in Aurora

MILE-HI OPTIMIST ISLE CASINO AT BLACKHAWK FUND RAISER
SUNDAY, SEPT. 25, 2011
See the attached

Monaco South Calendar

Sep 21 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Sep 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Ann Rowe, DPS Board
 Sep 24 Sat 6:00 pm Monaco South Installation Banquet, Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way
 Sep 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Don Mares, CEO of Mental Health America of Colorado
 Oct 7 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Fred Joseph, Colorado Securities Commissioner

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
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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.