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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimists

Greeting Us Today on a Camaraderie Day

Nick 'n Leo, now there's a pair of enthusiastic Optimists. **Nick Newey** (President, Car Connections) and **Leo Hagele** (Broker Associate, Cherry Creek Realty) welcomed us to our meeting with smiles and glad hands. Thanks men!

Invocation and Pledge

President Ed called on **Bob Avery** to read the prayer of the day, asking for help to see the *Funny side of everything*.... Usually, according to the Optimist Creed, its the *Sunny side of everything*.... Thanks again, to **Craig Eley** for writing these prayers for us.

Board Meeting

President Ed reported that two new members were approved for membership at this month's board meeting, **Don Kim** (DK), an audiologist and hearing aid doctor, sponsor **Fred Pasternack**, and **Tom Carters**, who is with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, sponsor **Oscar Sorensen**. Another new member who wasn't present today is **John Swick**, General Manager for Premier Contactors. John was sponsored by **Bill Walters**. We have gained 17 new members this year, but the goal is 27—still work to do. Bring a guest!



Guests

Russ Paul invited **Bob Paterson** with this lure: "Come and meet our gregarious group." **Bill Houston** was another guest. Former member **Carl Brown** was back with us. *Hope to see you back as a regularly Carl!* And it was good to see **Harry Johnson** back after recuperation from a nasty fall while ice skating. *Sorry you missed your trip to Washington D.C. Harry!* Plus **Fred Pasternack** had three guests, all no-shows. Fred does have a fairly good percentage of guests who show up, and many are new members. If we all invited guests as Fred does we would be in good shape meeting that goal of 27 new members.

June Birthday Serenade

Since someone mentioned that camaraderie day is the time to wish all June BD's a wish, **Oscar Sorensen** led us in another outstanding serenade of Happy Birthday. The June BD's are: **Ed Collins**, Dr. **Ed Fankhauser**, Dr. **Bob Finkemeier**, **Greg Hurd**, **David Lazaroff**, **Todd Olson**, **Michael Prete**, **Terry Shroyer**, **Bryce Slaby**, **Jason Sunahara**, **Bill Wells**, **Gerald Whitman**, and **Allen Yockey**. *For those not present you missed out on another somewhat good and somewhat together version of MSOC's old traditional adaptation of Happy Birthday!*



Announcements

2011 Junior Golf Program: **Don Thomson** called on us to thank **Joe Marci** and **Ron Cisco** for the great job they do in supervising the Optimist Junior Golf qualifying tournaments here in the Colorado/Wyoming District, and the winners' trip to Florida for the international tournament. *Here's to Joe and Ron!*

93rd Optimist International Convention
July 3-5, 2011
Baltimore, Maryland
For More Information [CLICK HERE](#)

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****

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Announcements Continued

This year 163 junior golfers participated in the June 10 & 13 tournaments at Flatirons and Fitzsimons Golf Courses. The winners scores in all age divisions were outstanding.

For the Girls the winners were:

- 10-12 yrs.: Kacey Godwin, 79
- 13-14 yrs.: Jennifer Kupcho, 75
- 15-18 yrs.: Shannon Lubar, 70

For the Boys the winners were:

- 10-11 yrs.: Jack Castiglia, 85
- 12-13 yrs.: Chase Federico & Austin Hardman, 72
- 14-15 yrs.: Grant Rogers, 71
- 16-18 yrs.: Steven Kupcho, 69

Twenty-two Colorado-Wyoming golfers will be eligible to play in the Optimist International Golf Championship tournaments in late July. Of special note to Monaco South members, Austin Hardman is the grandson of **Bill Walters** and is making his second trip to PGA National in Palm Gardens Florida.

Our club supported the District Tournaments both financially and with many volunteers including: **Sewell Black, George Buzick, Kale Smith, John Greene, Gary Miller, Tom Hoch, Don Thomson, Ron Cisco, Eldon Strong, Rich Wagner, and Joe Marci.** *Thanks to everyone who helped make 2011 another successful Junior Golf program!*

Annual Picnic: **Phil Perington** proclaimed the event “very successful” because of the fabulous assistance of these members: **John Young** for the use of his truck, **Michael Chavez** and **Randy Marcove** for overseeing the many facets of the event. And **John Marinos** for preparing some of the food. We also recognize Phil’s organizational skills that contributed to the success. *Good job everyone!*

MS150 Bike Run: **Michael Chavez** reminded us of the event on June 26th. Riders this year include **Jack Rife, Eldon Strong, Bob Avery** and **Randy Marcove.** **Bob Avery** added his thanks to the members who volunteered to be at the West View Middle School in Longmont who will man the rest stop and to distribute snacks and water, which is so much appreciated by the riders. He also thanked, in advance, those who pledged money for the cure of Multiple Sclerosis. You can still donate in support of our riders by going to [MS-Colorado](#).



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Camaraderie Day-Miscellaneous

Craig Eley, Sergeant at Arms, announced that Bryce Slaby type jokes cost \$5, others \$1. Bryce didn’t think it was funny, so Craig ended up paying a Happy Buck of \$1.

Mr. Anonymous, suggested that Congressman Weiner run for president with Eric Holder for a Weiner/Holder ticket. That joke didn’t pay a buck!

In honor of Father’s Day, **Wyatt McCallie** read a

poem from “*The Children’s Book of Heroes*” by William Bennett, titled “*Only a Dad.*” Wyatt shared that he heard the poem on Bill Bennett’s radio show.

Only a Dad

*Only a Dad with a tired face, coming home from the daily race,
Bringing little of gold or fame to show how well he has played the game.
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice, to see him come and to hear his voice.
Only a dad with a brood of four. One of ten million men or more.
Plodding along in the daily strife, bearing the whips and the scorns of life.
With never a whimper of pain or hate, for the sake of the those who at home await.
Only a Dad, neither rich nor proud, merely one of the surging crowd.
Toiling, striving from day to day, facing whatever may come his way.
Silent whenever the harsh condemn, and bearing it all for the love of them.
Only a Dad but he gives his all, to smooth the way for his children small.
Doing with courage and stern and grim, the deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen, only a Dad but the best of men!*

He also told a story about his uncle, a pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers, pitching in the World Series against the New York Yankees. Uncle [Whitlow Wyatt](#), pitched to Joe DiMaggio who hit a gigantic fly ball that had the potential of a home run, but fell short at the wall. Joe was at second base before the catch and took a short cut to the dugout past pitcher Wyatt who evidently said something to Joe. Joe stopped in his tracks, said something back and continued his trot to the dugout. Pitcher Wyatt again said something to Joe who charged the mound, emptying both dugouts in a grand fight. Wyatt asked his uncle one day, “What did you say to Joe?” He responded, “Oh, you know, those things happen in the heat of battle. I probably said something detrimental about his Italian heritage.”

Editor: Yankee great Joe DiMaggio claimed Whit Wyatt was “the meanest player he ever saw.” He finished with career totals of 106 wins, 95 losses, 872 strikeouts and a 3.79 ERA. (from bio by: Russ Dodge)

Tom Mauro said his dad was a Yankee fan. In honor of that fact, he is going to New York next week to see the Rockies play the Yankees in their new stadium. **GO ROX!**

The Happy Jar went around - Don St. John was happy for his 1-year old grandson. **Karl Geil** was happy his son is getting married (finally). **Phil Perington** was happy that Director **Harry Fegley** is recovering well from surgery. **Ron Cisco** was happy his doctor cleared him for golf after his knee replacement saga. **John Oss** was happy his wife of 50-years is still with him. **Bryce Slaby** was happy his son is back from

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back from Germany where he played some rugby.

This Week's Drawings

No big winners again this week. The plot thickens, must be \$70 by now. Cup winners were:

- ⇒ John Walsh
- ⇒ Jack Rife
- ⇒ Ron Cisco
- ⇒ Bryce Slaby and
- ⇒ Gregarious Russ Paul



Attached to this edition is a report shared by **Phil Perington** regarding Ride the Rockies, submitted to him as Lt. Governor for Zone-4, from the Buena Vista Club, Nathrop, CO. Phil says, "It is remarkable and uplifting. Truly Optimistic! This was their 1st attempt at feeding those on bicycles." Phil also shared a copy with **Mike Chavez**, MS 150 Rest Stop Chairman, for inspiration with our big MS Bike Ride rest stop commitment.



Camaraderie Day Conversation Regarding Father's Day

As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 AM or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 and 70's, and if I wish to weep over a lost love, at the same time ... I will.

I will also walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or



when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore ... I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day ... if I feel like it.

**MAY OUR FRIENDSHIP NEVER COME APART
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART!**

Korea's Got Talent, Sung-bong Choi

Shared by Jim Tapp

Watch this video clip. You don't need to understand the language, there are subtitles. This will stir your emotions. So, the next time you think you have a little bit of "crap" in your life - watch this. You're going to feel a whole lot better about your life!

[CLICK HERE](#)

<<http://youtu.be/BewknNW2b8Y>>

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
6/24/11	Fred Pasternack & Ron Cisco
7/1/11	Frank Ross & Mark Metevia
7/8/11	John Oss & Michael Chavez
7/15/11	Bob Hugo & Tom Wos

Monaco South Calendar

- June 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Walker Stapleton , Colorado State Treasurer
- June 26 Sun 7:00 am Rest Stop for Bike MS Colorado-Wyoming West View Middle School in Longmont
- July 1 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Joanne Kelley, What Colorado Foundations Do for Nonprofits
- July 3-5 Sun-Tues 93rd Optimist International Convention, Baltimore, MD
- July 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Phil Hahn, Building the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge
- July 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- July 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- July 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Legacy Videos, A Gift for Your Family

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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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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.