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Start of New 2008-2009 Administration

Good Morning!

How invigorating it is to be greeted by our greeters each Friday morning. They warm us up on these cold dark mornings. Thanks to **Frank (One Man Band) Ross** and **Craig (Man of Many Talents) Eley** for warmly greeting us today.

Invocation & Pledge

Don Iley did the honors this morning and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.



New Administration

Change! We have a new administration and new president of the Optimist Club of Monaco South, **Phil Perington**. His first words: "Let the adventure begin." He gave us a history lesson, naming events that happened on this date from years past. Most notable for me was the birth of Chubby Checker. He ended with the year 2008 when **Phil Perington** took over as president of OCMS, AND IT WAS FRED PASTERNAK'S FAULT! (Phil's sponsor apparently). Our new slogan is "Five for the Kids" high fives all around. Phil asked that the older members look out for the new younger members, making them feel welcome and needed. And encouraging them to get involved in whatever project

interests them. AMEN! (Read more on page 2.)

Exercise Bike Lying Around?

Donlie Smith would like to give a bike like this to a friend. If anybody has one like this, let Donlie know.



Liberty Day/Goblins Calling

Liberty Day has donated 800 flag pins for prizes at Goblins Calling, our Halloween night project that ensures that the elementary school kids are home and safe after "trick or treating." Note the date, Friday, October 31st @ 6:00pm.

Grocery Card Sales

Cy Regan reported sales of an even \$1,000 today. We are coming back after a slump. No bailout necessary. Thanks to those who buy their grocery cards from Cy, this is a very good fundraiser. We retain 5% of sales for our treasury. Thanks also to Cy for promoting this project.

Good News

Dick Nickoloff reported that his daughter-in-law has recovered nicely from her physical problem, to the extent that she has been able to reach the peak of one of our fourteeners! He had pictures of her at the peak to pass around. Thanks, Dick, for the good news.

Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am

Meet Our New President

Philip Perington

Currently Executive Director Liberty Day

Denver native, married twice daughter and step-son, brother, sister, and both parents still living in Denver.

Education:

Cherry Creek High School

Colorado Mountain College, Carbondale

Bradford Business College, Business Management Degree

Colorado Real Estate Institute-GRI, CPM

University of Colorado at Denver

Graduate Paralegal, UCD School of Law

Licensed Real Estate Broker 1981 present

President of Perington Associates: Brokerage/ Management, Investments and Business Development. Founded in 1976

Community Service:

- President & Lt. Governor, Cherry Creek/Denver Kiwanis 1992-94
- Current President, Optimist Club of Monaco South 2008 -09
- Salvation Army Advisory Council 1993-present
- Chair: Capitol Hill United Neighbor's People's Fair Grant Committee 1991-1993
- Executive Director: Crossover Project 1996-1998
- Other Activities:
- State Party Chairman & Treasurer: Colorado Democratic Party 1997-1999
- Democratic National Party Delegate 1992 and 1996
- Candidate for Denver Mayor 2003
- Co-Chair, Save the Caucus 2002 Committee, Amendment 29
- Current Chair, Colorado Democrats for Right to Life

Interests:

American & World History, Coin & Currency Collecting, Hiking, Astronomy, Golf, Swimming and Volunteering

Memorable moments:

- Meeting the Dali Lama, Mother Theresa and Rev. Billy Graham
- Crossing the Pacific in a 28' trimaran from Puerto Vallarta to Hilo Hawaii in 29 days
- Climbing Mt. Democrat with a group of Republicans
- Joining the Optimist Club of Monaco South
- Cooking breakfast for Jean Claude Killy and 35 of his friends
- Winning 1960 AAU regional diving championship
- Meeting Pres. Eisenhower
- Finishing last in the 2003 Mayor's race
- Seeing my dog Checkers for the first time

Updated OCMS Website

Paul Bernard, our webmaster, told us about our web site, <http://www.monacosouth.org>, which has all the info you need to keep up with what is going on with the club. To see the *Super Citizen calendar*

you'll need a user name and password. I think the user name is superc, and the password is denver76. Your newsletter also would be a good help, if you would read it.

Start of New Super Citizen Program

The start of the Super Citizen program for this academic year gets underway today at Slavens Elementary School. Over the next few months OCMS will conduct over forty Super Citizen presentations at nine schools. The schools include:

- Bradley International
- Hamilton Middle
- Holm Elementary
- McMeen Elementary
- Most Precious Blood
- Samuels Elementary
- Slavens Elementary
- University Park Elementary
- Lowry Elementary

To be a presenter and to make this program even more successful see the programs coordinator **Don Thomson** or sign-up with **Joe Marci**.



Photos by Don St.John

Our new president, **Phil Perington**, MCed this year's first Super Citizen award program at Slavens Elementary School. Ten students were recognized for their accomplishments in leadership and social skills with a t-shirt, certificate of achievement, signed by **Denver Mayor Hickenlooper**, **Police Chief Whitman**, **Monaco South president, Perington**, and their teacher and principal.

Our Speaker this Morning

Dr. Lucas Shamala, a professor at Metro State College, told us about SAFI, Support Africa Empowerment Foundation International, an



organization he founded and where he acts as CEO. Their mission is to empower disadvantaged Africans, starting with rural Kenyans, his home country, to transform their lives and living conditions through "model projects" and leadership training. The mission is holistic in nature,

interested in the spiritual, socio-cultural, economic, political, and ecological aspects of human life.

Specific projects are: establish two water wells in rural Kenya, build a nursery school for orphans and a community church; provide food, shelter and clothing; reduce HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; develop economic workshops which promote communal enterprises such as a sugar cane factory.

Thanks, Dr. Lucas, for making us aware of the needs in Kenya! Visit the SAFI web site at: <http://www.safiempowers.org>.

Bingo Project Goes Away

At the end of September the Bingo fundraiser opportunity went away due to lack of support from many fronts. Bingo Manager **Don St. John** and his wife, **Char**, were joined by several MSOC members for the final Bingo game and to close out this event. The Bingo project contributed \$2,500 per year to the MSOC budget and also helped the

Tamarac Club.



Monaco South Calendar

Oct 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Janis Gaede, <i>Colorado Boys Ranch</i>
Oct 15	Wed	1:15/2:00 pm	Super Citizen, McMeen Elementary - George Buzick
Oct 16	Thu	5:30 pm	Super Citizen, Hamilton Middle School - Ron Carlson
Oct 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Oct 21	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., #102
Oct 16	Thu	5:30 pm	Super Citizen, Hamilton Middle School - Ron Carlson
Oct 22	Wed	1:15 pm	Super Citizen, Samuels Elementary School - Gary Strowbridge
Oct 22	Wed	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood School - Ed Collins
Oct 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Amy McCullough, <i>Animal Assisted Therapy</i>
Oct 24	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International School - Frank Middleton
Oct 28	Tue	9:00 am	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary School - Dock Cohen
Oct 31	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Shari Mitteco, <i>Body Coach & Personal Trainer</i>
Oct 31	Fri	6:00pm	Goblins Calling

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bob Safe	1995-96
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Tom Overton	1996-97
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Pat Bush	1983-84	Cy Regan	1999-00
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Jack Rife	2002-03
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Karl Geil	2003-04
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Avery	1989-90	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Walters	1991-92	Greg Young	2007-08

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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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