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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimists

Greeting Us Today

What a joy it was to be greeted by architect **Pat Sullivan** and super salesman (sporting goods) **Donlie Smith**; a pleasant way to start the day!

Invocation and Pledge

President Ed called on director **Wyatt McCallie** to read a prayer (*I assume written by Craig Eley*) in memory of our dear departed friend and member **Bill Walters**. May he rest in peace! Wyatt then led us in our Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Long may it wave in freedom!

Guests

Mark Metevia introduced his guest whose name I don't have. (*Getting back in the editor's saddle, I failed to look at the sign in book. Sorry, Mark.*) **President Ed** acknowledged the infrequent attendance of member **Neil Alderson**, Executive Director of the Schlessman Family YMCA. It was good to see you both, guest and member. Welcome!

Birthday

Aren't you lucky, **Ed Collins**, to have such a fine rendition of "Happy Birthday" performed for you today? **Gary Strowbridge** revealed the news. We all hope you had a wonderful birthday, Ed. It was one of the best renditions ever.

Save the Date

MSOC Banquet & Installation
Saturday, September 24th at 6:00 pm
More details to follow

Announcements

Junior Golf Program: **Ron Cisco** expressed the need for volunteers Monday, June 13th at Fitzsimons in Denver. This tournament is for the younger juniors—ages 10 to 13. Volunteers will register golfers as they arrive. Ron said you may finish that job in a couple of hours then be released. Others will walk with foursomes as scorers, act as spotters, and post scores as the players finish.

The competition for the older juniors—ages 14 to 18—will take place Sunday, June 19th at Flatirons Golf Course in Boulder. Both tournaments will start at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. Be there at 6:30 a.m. for registration, noon to help with scoring. Please contact Ron at 303-794-0749 or ciscoron@msn.com.

Annual Picnic: **Phil Perington** reminded us to put Saturday, June 11th on our calendars for the Annual Festival put on by the University Hills Neighborhood Association, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Magna Carta Park, Girard Avenue at South Colorado Blvd. Music, activities, vendors, and lots of food. Plus lots of fun for the kids!



Fund Raising: **Bryce Slaby** sent around a clip board to sign-up for Rocky Mountain PBS telephone volunteers. He needs 14 volunteers for August 2011. See Bryce if you would like to be on T.V.

OI's \$500 Drawing: **Karl Geil** suggested we take out the postcard from the current *Optimist International magazine*, fill it out and mail it. This will enter Monaco South in a drawing for \$500 to be used for club projects. No magazine or no card? — send an email with name, address, and MSOC on it to sig-nup@optimist.org before October 1st.

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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

More Golf: Jon Wines, President Mile-Hi Optimist is inviting foursomes to their Annual Golf Tournament Fund Raiser at Parkhill Golf Course on July 20th, starting at 10 a.m. Registration deadline is July 8th. If interested call Harvey Nakayama at 303-886-9194 or email puh144@comcast.net.

Craig Eley wins \$25 in Denver Post Haiku Contest: Oscar Sorensen announced that wordsmith Craig won a *Denver Post* contest for writing a poem. Now Craig enthused, "I can add Published Poet to my resume." So you ask, what is a Haiku Poem? According to HAIKU.com, a *Haiku* is a poetic form and a type of poetry from the Japanese culture. *Haiku* combines form, content, and language in a meaningful, yet compact form. *Haiku* poets, write about everyday things. Many themes include nature, feelings, or experiences. Usually they use simple words and grammar. The most common form for *Haiku* is three short lines. The first line usually contains five (5) syllables, the second line seven (7) syllables, and the third line contains five (5) syllables. *Haiku* doesn't rhyme. A *Haiku* must "paint" a mental image in the reader's mind. This is the challenge of *Haiku* - to put the poem's meaning and imagery in the reader's mind in ONLY 17 syllables over just three (3) lines of poetry!

Craig wrote this on the topic of "cool drinks":

Let the sun beat down

My piña colada has

Its own umbrella



Read more Haiku Poem's at The Denver Post!
Congratulations, Craig!

MS150 Bike Run: Michael Chavez announced our annual participation AS VOLUNTEERS. Save June 26, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for going up to West View Middle School in Longmont to put up tents, distribute water and snacks, tear down tents, and clean up for the riders.

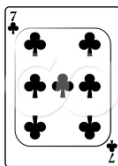


Drawings

The seven of clubs was the card to draw, and \$50 was in the pot, but no big winners. However, the cup winners were:

- Terry Shroyer
- Ron Carlson
- Les Larson
- Mike Short
- Jon Oss
- Gary Strowbridge

Ron Carlson, Randy Marcove, and Phil Perington drew but came up short.



Closing Bell

Past President, **Phil Perington** led us in the creed. *Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind....*

In Loving Memory of William J. Walters, Jr. or "Bill"

A large contingency of Monaco South members attended a memorial service on Friday, at 10 a.m. at Risen Christ Catholic Church. Bill requested that his grandson, Austin Hardman, play the piano as part of the service. He played "Piano Man" by Bachrach and "Pachelbel Canon". Good job, Austin! A reception was held, following Mass, in the Parish Hall.



A bit of Humor from Bill Walters' Shared with GUMS in April

Bob, here is something for the upcoming Easter newsletter. Bill

Check out the [Chicken](http://www.terrisfp1.com/holidays/chick.html) @ <http://www.terrisfp1.com/holidays/chick.html>

For our Engineers

Two engineering students were walking across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?"

The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want."

The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, "Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."

Understanding Engineers Two

To the optimist, the glass is half-full.

To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty.

To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Understanding Engineers Three

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!"

The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!"

The priest said, "Here comes the green-keeper. Let's have a word with him."

He said, "Hello George, what's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"

The green-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime."

The group fell silent for a moment.

The priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight."

The doctor said, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything he can do for them."

The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

Understanding Engineers Four

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers?

Mechanical engineers build weapons. Civil engineers build targets.

Understanding Engineers Five

The graduate with a science degree asks, "Why does it work?"

Today's Speaker

Our new resident poet, **Craig Eley** introduced **Nathan Wannlund** of **Young Americans Center for Financial Education**. The initial entity was Young Americans Bank, established in 1987 by cable pioneer and philanthropist Bill Daniels as the only FDIC insured bank in the world specifically designed for young people — from 7 to 21 years of age.



Through the years, Young Americans Bank has served more than 65,000 young people in all

50 states and a dozen foreign countries, teaching important financial skills through the use of savings accounts, certificates of deposit, checking accounts, ATMs, debit and credit cards, loans and more.

With financial education as the mission of the Center, they are committed to fulfilling Mr. Daniels' vision of teaching good savings habits and financial responsibility through experience with actual banking products and services.

The Center provides three age-related programs that build life skills, work skills, and financial self-



sufficiency. They are:

- ◇ Money Matters Saturday Classes (5-16 year-olds)
- ◇ Young Entrepreneurs Tool Kit (10 and older)
- ◇ Celebration for Young Entrepreneurs (6-21 year-olds)

In addition, they offer program such as:

Young AmeriTowne is an award-winning program that teaches 5th grade students about banking, business, careers, and free enterprise in a fun and relevant way — by running their own town!

International Towne is a program that engages middle school students in global economics through trading, currency exchange, international careers and running a world marketplace!

Get a Head for Business is an entrepreneurial business curriculum for high school students that combines interactive classroom learning with managing a real business in their school.

Visit online at yacenter.org for more information. Some statistics: 20 interactive programs, 365 participating schools; 45,000 students annually; 450,000 participants since 1987.

From Bill Continued

The graduate with an engineering degree asks, “How does it work?” The graduate with an accounting degree asks, “How much will it cost?” The graduate with an arts degree asks, “Do you want fries with that?”

Understanding Engineers Six

Three engineering students were gathered together discussing who must have designed the human body. One said, “It was a mechanical engineer. Just look at all the joints.”

Another said, “No, it was an electrical engineer. The nervous system has many thousands of electrical connections.” The last one said, “No, actually it had to have been a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?”

Understanding Engineers Seven

Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it just doesn't have enough features yet.

Understanding Engineers Eight

An engineer was crossing a road one day, when a frog called out to him and said, “If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess.” He bent over, picked up the frog and put it in his pocket.

The frog then cried out, “If you kiss me and turn me into

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
6/10/11	Jim Rumer & John Oss
6/17/11	Nick Newey & Leo Hagele
6/24/11	Fred Pasternack & Ron Cisco
7/1/11	Frank Ross & Mark Metevia
7/8/11	John Oss & Michael Chavez

a princess, I'll stay with you for one week and do ANYTHING you want.” Again, the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket.

Finally, the frog asked, “What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess and that I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?” The engineer said, “Look, I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog, now that's cool.”

So look out Bryce!



Monaco South Calendar

- June 10 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Nathan Wilkes, Health Issues & House Bill 168
- June 11 Sat 9am-5pm PICNIC at Magna Carta Park—Phil Perington, Jon Wachter
- June 15 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- June 10 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- June 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Stapleton Walker, Colorado State Treasurer
- June 26 Sun 7:00 am Rest Stop for Bike MS Colorado-Wyoming West View Middle School in Longmont

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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.