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The Optimist Club of Monaco South



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GOOD MORNING OPTIMISTS!!

Today's Greeters

Today's happy greeters were one of our newer members, and club Director, **Jim Easton**, and he was ably assisted by **Dick Zolman**, member since 1992.

Invocation and Pledge

New member **Rich Mahony** gave the invocation, reminding us to work only for the best: "When we work only for the best of others, we also are working for the best for ourselves." Rich then led us in our pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Opening Bell

President Phil Perington dispensed with the history lesson but regaled us with a list of firsts. The first first was that this is the first day of spring, otherwise known as the Vernal Equinox. But don't be fooled by the old rumor that the length of the day is exactly the same as the length of the night...it depends on where you are on the earth and normally this occurs just before the first day of spring. Following is a picture of people celebrating the rising sun on today's Vernal Equinox, but it's not true that this was taken in the Legion Hall parking lot. It is very similar however to the crowd singing of the birthday song that was croaked in honor of all the March birthdays today.



Guests

Our guest today was **Kris Kronke**, Commander of the District 3 police unit. He was a guest of **Randy Marcove**, who is working on him to become a member.



Supermarket Gift Card Sales



Cy Regan announced we sold only \$975 today. Pathetic! Let's do more next week. **These cards work just like a debit card, and you get 100% of the value in groceries or gas, and the club gets 5% back from the store. What could be easier!??** And if you buy, your name goes in the monthly drawing for a free breakfast...this time **Karl Geil** was the big winner.

Closing Bell (s)

No one won, so the pot next week will be \$70. Your VP, **Al Gapuzan**, led us in the Creed.

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

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

Oscar Sorensen announced that we are looking for a few good men for the slate for next year's officers. We need a new President, two Vice Presidents, and at least four for the Board of Directors (more can apply as there always seems to be some turnover during the year). So step up and make yourself available to Oscar, or others on the nominating committee: **Joe Marci, Dr. Ed Fankhauser, Bill Litchfield, or Kent Gloor.** Elections are in April.

Speakers Needed

If you know of speakers call or email **Paul Bernard** with ideas at 720.339.8025 or pxbernard@gmail.com.

DTC Optimist Club Wine Tasting

Do not fail to sign up for the best event this month: DTC Club is hosting a **Wine Tasting** event at the Citron Bistro, on March 29th from 3-5 pm. Cost is only \$30 per guest if you buy **now** from **Karl Geil, George Buzick, or Paul Bernard.** If you wait, it will cost you \$35 at the door. Spouses and/or friends are invited. Wines of South Africa are featured along with great hors d'oeuvres.



HOWDY, Pard!

Frank Ross reminded us about the Western Hoedown and Barbeque. Put April 18th down as the place to be for fun and food. The event is at the Outpost Club just west of Havana at 10101 Colorado Avenue. Inexpensive drinks and a great meal (no price increase since 2006) make this a must for a fun time. If you are inclined to square dance, no expertise is needed as lessons are included, but you are welcome to come just for the camaraderie!! Checks for \$21 per person to **Frank Middleton** as soon as you can.



CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE TO SEE IF YOU CAN HELP OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR JOBS, and LET RON GUSTAS or LES LARSON KNOW IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR WORK

TAMARAC OPTIMIST CLUB: SALE!!

The ladies of **Tamarac Optimist Club** are going to have a couple of fundraisers you and your spouse might be interested in attending. They will hold a garage sale April 17th & 18th at the home of Sandy Harden located at 4060 So. Tamarac Dr. On August 6, 7, & 8 they will have "**Claire's Boutique**" at the home of **Claire Young**, 3621 So. Peach Way. Also, if you have some items you would like to donate to sell at either of these events please contact Claire (3/692-8202) the week prior to the events.

Have a Heart-Last Call

Heartsaver, First Aid, CPR & AED Class

Saturday March 28th

8:30am-4pm

Augustana Lutheran Church

Be prepared to save a life

The American Heart Association course is designed to prepare people to provide CPR, first aid, or AED use in a safe, timely, and effective manner. Cost of course will be \$30 which includes the Book and certification card. Please register for the course by contacting **Joyce Thomson** at 303-757-4273 or e-mail djthomson@earthlink.net.



Sign up now to work at the 9Health Fair on Sunday, April 19th, 6:30 to Noon, Schlessman YMCA. We need at least 12 people to be cashiers.

Whoozit? Pics from the Past

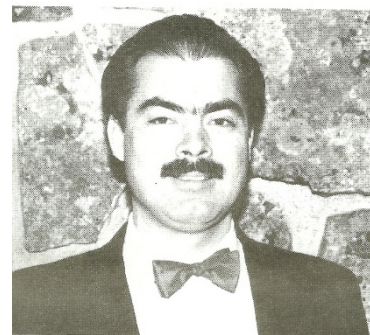
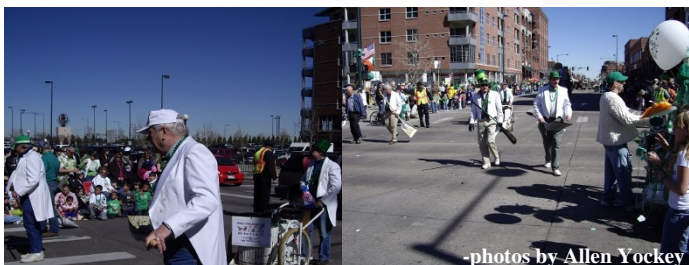


Photo from the 1995 Club Directory

Name this member!!! Find him at the next meeting and say Hi!

POOPER SCOOPERS DO THEIR DUTY

The Monaco South patrol had a grand time at the



-photos by Allen Yockey

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



- 4 Photos by Craig Eley

TriStar Basketball Finals

A great time was had by all at the 2009 TriStar Basketball Finals at the Pepsi Center on March 14th.

Members of several clubs converged on the Nuggets venue for the finals of the TriStar Basketball competition. Many thanks go to **Jack Rife** for all the hard work organizing this event. For many more pictures by **Craig Eley**, click on this link: http://picasaweb.google.com/monacosouth/TriStar31409?authkey=Gv1sRgCIP2_r2wz7_iIQE

Donlie Smith presented an absent **Fred Pasternack** with the honorary Scooper award at today's meeting.



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-photo by Don St. John

IF YOU DONATED TO THE OI FOUNDATION LAST FISCAL YEAR, GO ONLINE TO THE OI WEBSITE AND VOTE FOR JIM BROWN FOR THE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY April 30
<http://www.oifoundation.org/about/vote2009.htm>



Monaco South Calendar

Mar 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker from Colorado Banker's Association
Mar 29	Sun	3:00-5:00 pm	Denver Tech Center Optimist Club Wine Tasting
Apr 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker pending
Apr 3	Fri	10:30 am	Super Citizen, Slavens Elementary School - Lynn Jones
Apr 6	Mon	6:30 pm	Zone 9 Oratorical Contest - Windsor Gardens
Apr 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker pending
Apr 15	Wed	1:15/1:45 pm	Super Citizen, McMeen Elementary School - Bob Avery
Apr 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Apr 18	Sat	6:00 pm	Western Hoedown - Frank Middleton
Apr 19	Sun	6:30 am	9 Health Fair, Schlessman YMCA
Apr 21	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Room 102
Apr 22	Wed	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood - Jack Kleinheksel
Apr 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker pending
Apr 24	Fri	9:00 am	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary School - Fred Pasternack
Apr 24	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International School - Tom Hoch
Apr 25	Sat	All Day	District Board Meeting and Oratorical Contest - Castle Rock
Apr 29	Wed	1:15/2:00 pm	Super Citizen, Samuels Elementary School - Gary Strowbridge

**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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