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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—John Oss



Good Morning Optimist

Welcome

Harry Johnson and Russ Paul (Filling in for Mark Metevia) met all with a handshake and a smile. Editors note: Harry is like the energizer bunny. He finished the greeting and then got right in there to retrieve a winning ticket in the drawing. He knows what the funny looking pan is all about.

Invocation & Pledge

Lynn Jones led the invocation, appealing that we learn from not dwell on the mistakes of the past, but press on to the greater achievements of the future. Then he lead us in the pledge allegiance to the USA, gratefully acknowledging our position under God.

Hasty Piano Ditty

And then the music started: *You're a Grand Old Flag*. Editors note: Engage Ron Gutru in conversation over how he came to his piano talents. He has exemplified the optimist attitudes for years. He stated, "Where there is a will, there is a way."

Guests

When Prez Randy called for guests, Fred Pasternack, introduced Aaron Beery. Aaron lives so close he could almost crawl to the Legion Hall. Editors note: "Are we really sure we want him?" From my personal interview, Aaron is the real thing. He grew up in Johnstown Colorado, graduated from the School of Mines as a Chemical Engineer, spent a few years paying dues, and joined Gates as a researcher this past year. Freddy has found a live one. "Did anyone give him an application?" Fred?

And Steve Kady introduced Welton Sharron. Steve

met Welton at the American Legion Hall earlier this week.

Recognized by the Prez

Bill Wells was back and took a



Tom Mauro is back!
Photos Don StJohn

bit of razing about not patting anyone down. Prez Randy also welcomed back Tom Mauro and David Lazaroff back into the fold. Tom looks a bit thinner, but healthy, after having thoracic surgery last month and a long bout with shingles.



Welcome Welton!

Thank You Note

Our council person from District 4, Peggy Lehmann thanked us for supporting the annual Denver Duck Drop at George Wallace Park that benefits DPS elementary schools and our \$300 contribution to the cause. 2012 tickets will be available shortly.

Announcements

Liberty Day: Phil Perington, provided an indenta-



tion and is looking forward to next Friday, March 16th, to those who would like to traveling with him to the state capital and aid in chaperoning of 159 students who will be questioning the legislators on the content of the U.S. Constitution. Phil says it can be quit revealing. Many legislators shy from the questioning, but after a while it gets to be a bit of a badge of honor to stand-up for the questions. We will car pool to the capital following our Camaraderie Day breakfast. This is a big program in Optimists International—read OI magazine!

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

Brain Bowl: Karl Geil reported the South Region 2012 Optimist Brain Bowl was held at Carson Middle School in Colorado Springs on February 25th. MSOC members and guests who managed to get around the closure of a stretch of I-25 and work at the event were: Past District Governor



Photo Don StJohn

George Buzick; President **Randy Marcove** and his guests, Tessa and Cassie Lowenstein; **Don Iley**; **Craig Eley**; **Fred Pasternack**; **Howard Fry**; District Governor-Elect **Phil Perington**; and **John Oss**, and his wife, Ruth. Monaco South had the 2nd most volunteers at the event. Colorado Springs-Academy Club led the way with 26 volunteers.

Forty-nine teams (approximately 245 students) competed in the South tournament. A list of the top 4 teams at each grade level is attached to the GUMS distribution email.

Optimist Brain Bowl Championship Tournament: Karl then shared the first ever Brain Bowl Championship Tournament was held on March 3rd, which was held at Douglas County High School. Of the 56 teams who qualified for the tournament, 53 registered and competed. The winners were: Platt Middle School 6A from the North Region, Monument Academy 7A from the South Region, and the 8th grade champions were from one of our Super Citizen schools, Hamilton 8A from the Central Region. More information can be found at www.optimistbrainbowl.org/.

Once again, Monaco South provided the most volunteers for the event with 15: **John Oss** and his wife, Ruth, **Russ Paul**, **Marc Goodbody**, **Joe Marci**, **Paul Simon**, **George Buzick**, **Randy Marcove**, **Frank Ross**, **Mark Metevia**, **Craig Eley**, **Phil Perington**, **Michael Chavez**, **Mike McMahon** and **Karl Geil**.

Over all, we had 70 Optimist (and friends and family) volunteers, which was just barely enough to make the tournament work. Thank you again, Monaco South, for your ongoing support of this event!

Cherry Creek Theater Production: **Dick Cohen** reported that the production of Proof, a Pulitzer Award winning play, is receiving good reviews. And that a special ticket price of \$23 is good for productions through March 25th. Contact Dick about tickets.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade: **Russ Paul** announced the St Patty's Day Pooper Scoopers has about ten people signed up. More participants are welcome. Help is needed to put the equipment away at the end of the parade. Paul reminded us that **Gary Strowbridge** does a great job herding our scoopers in their fine tuxes. **Cy Regan** suggested that the Pooper Scoopers come in their tuxes next Friday for inspiration day. *Y'all hear that! If you got'em wear em'!*

Channel 6 Auction: **Bryce Slaby** is gathering his team to man the phones at Channel 6's auction from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14th. If your not to busy watching Fox News you can call in that evening to contribute. Bryce handed out materials to people who had signed up.

History Day: **Karl Geil** reported last week about the three history day events on March 17, April 7, and May 5th. But asked us all to read the details on the GUMS distribu-

tion email. Also there is a web link for an on-line sign-up to support the state tournament.

Oratorical Contest: **Keith Gallaway** shared that the Thomas Jefferson HS oratorical contest had two contestants. Optimists serving were, **Ron Cisco**, **Phil Perington**, **Greg Young**, **Randy Marcove**, **Joe Marci**, **George Buzick**, **Frank Rowe**, **Bryce Slaby**, **Karl Geil**, and **John Oss**, and of course **Keith**. The next level competition will be April 5th.

Eagle Scout Banquet: **Donlie Smith** reported that the Boy Scouts sent us a nice letter of appreciation referencing the eagle scout banquet. The thank you was appreciated!



Photo courtesy Donlie Smith

OCMS Nominating Committee: **Oscar Sorensen** proclaimed as chair of the nominating committee, he is looking for candidates for Monaco South president, two vice presidents, and four board of directors. Currently **Paul Simon** is running for president, **Jon Wachter** and **Craig Eley** for vice president, and **Mike McMahon** for a director. At least three more board candidates are needed. Step forward to run, or accept an invitation to run.

Pooper Scoopers of 1994

Do you remember these pooper scoopers?



GUMS is offering a prize to anyone who is the first to identify everyone correctly.*



Photos Shared by Allen Yockey

*Note the prize may come from this years parade.

Speaker, Kendra Black for Colorado History Day

There was a fight on who would introduce our speaker today, since Kendra Black was a fellow TJ High School student along with several in attendance. However, Kendra was finally introduced as the State Co-director for Colorado History Day. Kendra



Kendra Black, State Co-director for National History Day in Colorado.
Photos Don StJohn

reminded us all that the program is now called National History Day of Colorado and that each year 15, Colorado students participate in the program.

National History Day in Colorado is an academic program for 6th to 12th grade students who create their project as part of a class, enrichment or, in some cases, as a project independently from their school.

Each year the student's first choose a topic related to the annual theme, then conduct extensive primary and secondary research to gather information, and lastly develop a thesis and present their findings by developing an exhibit, performance, documentary, website, or research paper. These projects are then judged at regional competitions around the state.

The top three regional winners in each division then move on to the State Contest. The Greater Denver Metro Regional History Day contest is on Saturday, March 17th at Legend High School in Parker. If you are interested in being a judge, please contact Susan Gustin at [su-san.gustin@ucdenver.edu](mailto:susan.gustin@ucdenver.edu).



All judges must go through training the dates for this training are shown on the History Day attachment associated with this weeks GUMS distribution email.

The state competition will be held on Saturday, May 5th on the Auraria Campus in Downtown Denver. And the National History Day competition is held in June. Two State Contest winners from each division go to the University of Maryland to compete against other students from across the nation. More information can be found at: Colorado History Day @ www.coloradohistoryday.org/ and National History Day (NHD) @ www.nhd.org/.

Thank you Kendra for an interesting program!



A photo that John Oss captured on his way to the meeting this morning.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
3/16/12	Ed Collins & Woody Thibodeau
3/23/12	Craig Eley & Bob Avery
3/30/12	Don Thomson & Harry Fegley
4/6/12	Ron Gutru & Robert Wardlaw
4/13/12	Gary Miller & Tom Wos

Super Citizen Presenters for March

15 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Paul Bernard & Ron Carlson
16 @ 9:10, 10:00 & 10:40 am	Holm	Keith Gallaway
21 @ 2:30 pm	MBP	Les Larson
22 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	Bob Avery
23 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Nick Newey

Monaco South Calendar

Mar 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Mar 17 Sat 7:00 am St. Patrick's Day Parade
 Mar 21 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Mar 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA

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

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