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Good Morning Optimists

The season of Autumn casted its beauty among us today. With grandeur promise of colors and splendor, we woke up to a crispness in the air, followed by a warmth of its Indian Summer. It was a great day to be an Optimist!



Greeters

Our two greeters were **Joe Marci** and **Robert Wardlaw**. According to **Bob Avery**, we had 60 members in attendance, plus six guests. Assuming our Greeters shook each other's hands, on average they shook the hands of at least 34 people in a fifteen minute period! Great way to share the spirit Brothers!

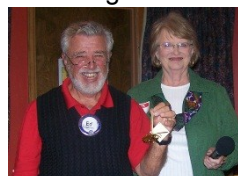
Call to Order

President **Ed Collins** was two minutes late to chime us in due to technical difficulties. As a group, we are a talented and resourceful bunch, and have everything working in a snap! Ed passed the microphone to **Bob Hugo** to deliver our morning's Invocation. Bob's thoughtful message reminded us all how one person can make a significant difference.



Guests

As our fiscal year is winding down, we were graced with the presence of **Lt. Governor Clara Sitter**. Clara was introduced to us at last year's Installation Dinner where she made metaphorical analogies to Optimists as bugs. In particular were Honeybees. **President Ed** was recognized for being the president of one of the four club that in Clara's purview that achieved Honor Club status, and was awarded a *bumblebee talisman laced with green accents* in reverence to this



accomplishment. Ed graciously accepted the award, and humbly referred to us as a bunch of Drones!

A guest of **Mike Prete** was Frank Rowe, the husband of our guest speaker Anne Rowe. Great job Mike; Frank was seen leaving the meeting with an application in his hand! A guest of your GUMS editor, **Randy Marcove**, was Kendra Black. Not only is Kendra the Treasurer for Anne Rowe, she is also a former classmate of Randy's from grade school and high school. She is very committed to her community too. Kendra is the new coordinator for the Colorado History Day, the SE Denver Schools Information coordinator, the Thomas Jefferson High School Alumni coordinator, and the mother of a Slavens Elementary Super Citizen!

Guests of **Frank Middleton** were Ryan Thompson and Vanessa McDougall from the Boy Scouts of America Denver Area Council. Ryan has been the Boy Scouts representative that conducted all the activities for the newly created and **OCMS Sponsored Troop 813** at Bradley International. Ryan is a great guy, and was seen with an application in his hand too. Way to go Frank!

Recognition

Moving right along was President **Ed Collins** with recognition of his Officers and Directors during his reign of Presidency. Officers recognized were Vice Presidents **Paul Simon** and **Randy Marcove**, Secretary **Jack Rife**, and Treasurer **Greg Young**. Recognized as Second Term Directors were **Kale Smith**, **Les Larson**, **Terry Shroyer**, and **Michael Chavez**, and Immediate Past President **Ron Cisco**. Recognized as First Term Directors were **Brian Williams**, **Frank Middleton**, **Wyatt McCallie**, and **Harry Fegley**. All received a thoughtful gift of appreciation from Ed, and a warm round of applause from the crowd. *Editor's Note: Ed, it has been a pleasure to serve with you!*



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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****

Recognition Continued

Boy Scouts of America Frontier District Executive Ryan Thompson was handed the microphone to thank and present tokens of his appreciation to **Frank Middleton** and **Randy Marcove**. Frank took advantage of the opportunity and reported the tremendous success of *Join Night* held earlier in the week at Bradley International. Fourteen boys signed up for Troop 813! Special thanks to **Craig Eley**, **Donley**

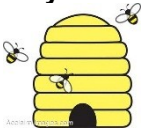


Smith, **Jon Wachter**, and **Frank Middleton** for entertaining the kids during the longest hour known to mankind while Ryan was addressing the parents with the features and benefits of Scouting. Thank you gentlemen!

Announcements

Super Citizen Update: **Don Thomson** told us all that the Super Citizen program is in "Full bloom." In fact, for the month of October Presenter Slot's are sold out! Don also took the time to read a Thank You note from Holm Elementary—thanking the club for our generous Schools Supplies donation, headed up by **Oscar Sorensen**. See the *Super Citizen presenter schedule on page 3*.

Bee Keeping: Did you know that our very own **Craig Eley** is also a Bee Keeper? He explained to us the role of a Drone in the hive. Drones do no work, and the women of the hive feed them. They only have one function in the hive, and if they are able to achieve this "function," they immediately die.



They have only a one in one thousand chance to fulfill this function. What do you think the crowd's reply was to that? Unprintable! Craig also made a final announcement for a Directory Update. Let's hope you'll have your best smile and current information in the book!



Alzheimer's Walk: A record crowd of more than 8,000 people attended last Saturday's 5K Walk to End Alzheimer's, bringing the total amount of funds raised to more than \$600,000 reported **Joe Marci**. Once all the totals are tallied, the grand collection is expected to reach \$800,000. Thank you to **Joe**,



Kent Gloor, **Al Gapuzan**, **Ron Carlson**, **Greg and Diane Young**, **Fred Pasternack**, **Jon Wachter**, **Bob Avery**, **Ed Collins**, **Tom Hoch**, and **Sam Pegues** for volunteering for this very wonderful event. Joe also reminded us that he is still selling *Entertainment Books* for benefit of the Robert Sullivan Scholarships program. Buy yours this Friday!



Colorado Rockies Baseball Club Giveaway: **Curt Jafferis** recognized the Ladies of the Tamarac Optimist Club and the following OCMS individuals for helping with the benefit of handing out a Troy Tulowitzki T-shirt's to the first 10,000 people attending the home game on September 18th. They were **Doug Arnold**, **Bob Avery**,



Michael Chavez, **Karl Geil**, **Kent Gloor**, **Tom Hoch**, **Jack Kleinhessel**, **Joe Marci**, **Gary Miller**, **Gary Strowbridge** and of course **Curt**. Some Tamarac and OCMS member spouses participated as well, bringing the total representation to 24. We needed, however, 25 to be paid, so Curt did some quick recruiting. Ask him about it! Thank you Curt, and to all who participated.

Installation Dinner: **Ron Cisco** made his final announcement and request for payment for the Installation Dinner at Heather Gardens' Blossom's Restaurant on Saturday the 24th. We're looking forward to a great evening! Hope to see you there!

The Peaches are Here!: Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** announced with a hint of a sigh in relief that the Western Slope Peaches are here. Please pick them up ASAP at his house to immerse yourself in their delectable sweetness and nectar! Our cost is \$24 a lug. While it was reported from one customer that one of the Farmer's Markets was selling them for \$40 a lug. Wow, such a deal!



Drawing

With only two cards to go and a \$10 pot, we were all hoping our number would be drawn from the Bedpan. The card to draw for the big jackpot of \$10 was the Four of Spades.

The first to draw was soon-to-be Director **Jim Tapp**. Unfortunately, Jim came up on the wrong side of his 50/50 chance. Next to draw for the (lone) card was **Craig "Easy Money" Eley**; and he WON!!!

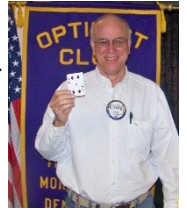


Photo Don StJohn

Sure money winners were: **Karl Geil** (again!), guest and soon to be new member **Richard Thomas** (again!), **Lynn Jones**, soon-to-be-Director **John Oss**, **Jack Rife**, and **Greg Young**.

With only one card left for next week's drawing, do you think you'll have a chance?

In Closing

Led in the Optimist Creed by **Lynn Jones**. Promise yourself... to make all of your friends feel that there is something in them

Check out the YouTube video produced by OI in reciting the Optimist Creed at: www.youtube.com/. It's worth watching again!

Incidentally...

A special Thanks! to District 4 Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann and her Aides **Diane Young** and **Lori Gropfskoff** for the use of their offices for our Board Meetings and New Member Orientations during the past year.

With our recent FOO and Membership drive, membership total of OCMS is at 150. Terrific work fellas!

If you don't ride a bicycle to work ... that means you more than likely are buying gasoline for your car. Support our great community service work and buy a King Soopers or Safeway Grocery gift card for Gas! See **Cy Regan** or **Donlie Smith** for details please

GUMS Editors

For the upcoming year, 2011-2012, our rotating Editors for the *Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)* are: **OC Larson**, **Ralph Pedersen**, **John Oss**, **George Buzick**, and **Robert Wardlaw**. You too can join the rotation, pulling together the content for our Award Winning Weekly Newsletter once every four or five months, by contacting **Robert Finkelmeier** -- robert.finkelmeier@monacosouth.org or one of the current editors.



Guest Speaker Denver School Board Candidate Anne Rowe

Our Guest Speaker was Denver School Board Candidate Anne Rowe, introduced by **Paul Bernard**.

A Denver native, Anne is a small-business owner, with 20 years in publishing and 10 years in the legal placement and concierge business. She is a graduate of Stanford University and earned her MBA at the University of Denver.

Anne has lived in southeast Denver with her husband Frank and their daughters Kate, Tory and Biz, since 1990. All three girls are graduates of Slavens K-8 and have attended/are attending George Washington High School. For the 2011-2012 school year, Kate will be a freshman at Occidental College in Los Angeles, Tory will be junior at GW and Biz will be a freshman there. (Editor's Note: at least one of her daughters was a super Citizen at Slavens!)

Anne comes by her passion for public service naturally, having grown up watching her father, Jim Bye, a community leader in Denver for more than 50 years. "Growing up in my house, with my parents, public service was a way of life. They were involved in the community in so many ways and it just became a part of who I am," says Anne.



Photo Don StJohn

Over the past 25 years, Anne has served on a number of nonprofit community boards that address the needs of Denver's kids. Her involvement at the school level began 16 years ago when she became part of the group of neighborhood parents who worked to re-open Slavens School. At Slavens she served as president of the PTA and the Middle School Parent Association as well as one term as a member of the school's Collaborative School Committee.

In addition, Anne served as co-chair of the Patriot Partners at George Washington High School, was a founding co-chair and executive board member of A+ Denver, is a member of the Partnership for Southeast Denver Schools (PSEDS) and is currently a member of the Superintendent's Parent Forum.

Anne also share the good news/bad news with us. Good News: data collected from 2005 through 2010 showed that DPS enrollment is up from 72,000 to 80,000 now, achievement is growing, and more kids are graduating. The Bad News: only 52% of High School students are graduating, and the achievement gap is much too large. She readily admits that there is a lot of work to do, and knows that she is the ideal candidate to remediate the Bad News while still improving the Good News.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
9/30/11	Leo Hagele & Russ Paul
10/7/11	Doug Arnold & Woody Thibodeau
10/14/11	Bob Avery & Harry Johnson
10/21/11	Leo Hagele & Fred Pasternack
10/28/11	Craig Eley & Ron Gustas
11/4/11	Frank Middleton & Casey Funk
11/11/11	John Oss & Karl Geil
11/18/11	Jim VanderKamp & Woody Thibodeau
11/25/11	Leo Hagele & Bob Hugo

Super Citizen Presenters for October

5 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Phil Perington
13 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	George Buzick
14 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Joe Marci
17 @ 9:45 am	Samuels	Donlie Smith
19 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	John Stoffel
20 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Frank Middleton
21 @ 9:10, 10:00, & 10:40 am	Holm	Ron Cisco
21 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	John Young
27 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	Les Larson

Monaco South Calendar

Sep 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Don Mares, CEO of Mental Health America of Colorado
 Oct 7 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Fred Joseph, Colorado Securities Commissioner
 Oct 14 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
 Oct 19 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Oct 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Oct 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bob Safe	1995-96
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Tom Overton	1996-97
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Peter Dimond	1997-98
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
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Walters	1991-92	Phil Perington	2008-09
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ron Cisco	2009-10

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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.