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Good Mooning Optimists

We gathered today at Yak & Yeti Restaurant & Event Center with our sweethearts to celebrate our Sweethearts to Breakfast meeting. The central theme was a Hawaiian getaway. Most members and sweethearts had worn Hawaiian shirts (some were matching) and we all received a Hawaiian lei at the door. (See more on page 3.)

All of you that went to the American Legion Hall, or other remote areas, missed a great time and excellent Hawaiian entertainment. Our special guest, this morning, was Keoni Coelho. Keoni led us with a Hawaiian Blessing and later, entertained us with authentic Hawaiian songs and stories. But first, we must get the business out of the way. We have many events coming up. The following are announcements that were NOT made this morning:

From the Prez

Habitat for Humanity: Join your fellow MSOCers at a Habitat build in Denver on Thursday, March 9. If you haven't signed up at a meeting but want to get in on the action, contact **Craig Eley** at craigceley@gmail.com as soon as possible. We have to give Habitat our names soon. Since this will be our second build day, Prez Craig is really trying to roundup a group of hammer wielding workers that can pound nails without hitting their thumbs.

Second Honeymoon: Speaking of Sweethearts to Breakfast, how about inviting your sweetheart for a second honeymoon. You can do just that and spend an extended weekend in Glenwood Springs, Colorado at the Hotel Colorado. You can enjoy a soak in the hot springs pools or tour the Red Stone Castle or enjoy mountain nature hikes. The second honeymoon is planned for September 7th through 11th. If you are interested, contact Craig Eley.



Ace reporter Pat Bush on the scene without even taking off his coat.
Photo Noel Hasselgren



A view of the Sweethearts to Breakfast with Keoni Coelho on stage.
Photo Craig Eley

Announcements

Tri-Star Basketball: A Tri-Star Basketball skill competition is scheduled for this Tuesday, February 21st at the Cope Boys and Girls Club located at 8th and Inca in Denver. The competition will start at 3:30 p.m. **Michael Chavez** and **John Bamford** have more information if you would like to help out.

Hamilton History Day: **Karl Geil** is looking for experienced National History Day judges to help sort through the 109 fine projects that the Hamilton students have completed to narrow the field down to 30 that can go on to the Denver District competition. They will be judging projects on Wednesday, February 22nd at the school from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you are experienced and can help, just contact Karl for more information.

Brain Bowl Championship: The three CO-WY District Tournaments have been completed with just the Championship Tournament left. The Championship Tournament will be held at Hamilton Middle School, 8600 East Dartmouth Avenue this coming Saturday. We still need some volunteers for the tourna-

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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

ment. Let's give one last push to finish the Brain Bowl season with a well-run tournament.

Eagle Scout Awards Dinner: The Eagle Scout Awards Dinner is coming up on Friday, March 3rd. Monaco South has a table reserved and last report was a chair or two were still available. The Doug Morton and Marilyn Brown Scholarship will be awarded for the first time this year. If you are interested in attending, contact **Jack Kleinheksel**.

Rocky Mountain Train Show: Our resident model train expert, **Greg Hurd** shared that the Rocky Mountain Train Show is coming Saturday and Sunday, March 4th and 5th at the Merchandise Mart. This show will be as big as the traditional Christmas Show (120,000 sq. ft. Train Extravaganza).

There will be 30 operating layouts, 600 tables of trains for sale, manufacture's representatives and a special presentation by the Union Pacific RR providing an update on the restoration of the Big Boy locomotive in Cheyenne. *Editor: I'm amazed they can even get 600 trains in the building let alone get them up on tables.*

Cost is \$10 per adult or child over 12 years old. Kids under 12 get in free as well as Scouts in uniform and active military with proper ID. The show will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Mart is at 451 East 58th Ave.

Monaco South Ski Day: **Bob Avery** will be hosting the Monaco South Ski Day at Copper Mountain on Monday, March 13th. Bob will be serving breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. Participants will then spend the day on the slopes of Copper Mountain Ski Resort and finish with a relaxing soak in the hot tub. Talk or email Bob at rlaii@msn.com, if you would like to have some fun with fellow members of Monaco South.

Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club: **Ron Gustas** announced that the "Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club-T1DOC" would again be conducting an on-line auction starting on May 12th to provide "Camp Sponsorships" to help send kids with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) to a special American Diabetes Association (ADA) camp this July. Last year about 30 kids were financially helped. The goal this year is for the auction to raise \$10,000. OCMS members were welcomed to donate any auction items from employers or others that could help support the auction. Gift cards/certificates, travel packages, wine baskets, event tickets, sports memorabilia items, lodging deals, greens fees, etc., make great auction items. Funds raised in the auction also help support JDRF funded T1D research.

"Optimists" can also individually help send a kid to Camp by making a tax deductible contribution. Checks should be made payable to the American Diabetes Association and given to Ron for forwarding to ADA. For more information about auction item donations please e-mail to rgustas@earthlink.net or call 720-934-3566. Thanks for helping these kids out.

Member Update: OC Larson— Don Thomson

shared that he visited **OC Larson** on Saturday morning and he indicated he would like more visitors. He is progressing very slowly physically and mentally. OC is at Orchard Park, Rm. 1315, 6005 S. Orchard, one block south on Holly from Orchard.



Guest Entertainer

The program for our Sweethearts to Breakfast this morning was **Keoni Coelho**. Keoni is a long time Hawaiian entertainer and sang several songs of Hawaiian origin in the Hawaiian language and in English. He was born and raised on the island of Oahu in Hawaii. Keoni was the opening act for Don Ho in the early 70's. He sang "Tiny Bubbles" for us in honor of Don Ho. He also sang "Over the Rainbow" — *Editor, my favorite* — Hawaiian style. Keoni met his future wife while she was in Hawaii for school. She was originally from Minnesota and she eventually moved back to Chicago. He wound up following her and went through quite an adjustment when he went from the balmy breezes of Hawaii to the snowiest winter in Chicago's history in 1978. But he was able to make the adjustment because he is still married to her after 37 years. They eventually made it out to Colorado where he started the Hawaiian Way Entertainment, visit <http://www.hawaiianway.com/index.html> and give a listen.

Keoni promotes authentic Hawaiian entertainment and production shows throughout the mainland. Keoni concluded with a Perry Como love song. A big thanks to Keoni Coelho with sharing his stories and songs of Hawaii with us.

Special Thanks

We thank **Keith Galloway** for pulling the Sweethearts to Breakfast together for us. Keith identified the shortest and longest marriages present at the meeting this morning and presented them with a potted plant.



Keith & Lois Galloway
Photo Noel Hasselgren

The longest marriage is 57 years and the shortest is 1 1/2 years. They were **Don and Char St. and John, Allen and Amy Pierce**. I will let you guess which couple was the longest and shortest marriage, but you can see more on page 3.

Some Others in Attendance



From top left, Allen & Beth Malask; Curt & Sharon Boell; and Gary & Linda Miller, and Karen & Noel Hasselgren.



Sweethearts to Breakfast

Craig Eley, Friday, February 17, 2017

It couldn't have been more festive at the Sweethearts to Breakfast on Friday, February 17, as MSOCers and their significant others showed up in a cacophony of Hawaiian shirts (**Donlie Smith** must have mis-read the invitation, as he sported Hawaiian undershorts). The whole thing was arranged by **Keith Gallaway**, who had seven chairs at each table so our singles could fit right into the festivities. The venue at Yak & Yeti was perfect, with plenty of room for the 60+ folks who attended, and a stage for our entertainment, **Keoni Coelho**. Keoni wowed the audience with his Hawaiian as well as traditional songs, blending his mellow voice with phenomenal guitar playing and a recorded orchestral background.

Allen Pierce and his wife, Amy, received a gift from Keith for having been married the least amount of time, while **Char and Don St. John** took the honors for the longest marriage (57 years). Allen and Amy also received lots of attention for bring our youngest Optimist, their 4 month old son.

Each attendee was presented with a Hawaiian lei upon entering, so even those without an Aloha shirt could still say "Mahalo!" And John Young was available to hand each lady a Valentine rose upon leaving, so the proverbial good time was had by all.



Above, the Sweethearts to Breakfast crowd listens to Keoni Coelho.



Below, Donlie Smith, left, in his Hawaiian undershorts with Keith Gallaway.



Left, Allen Pierce, r, with son, 4½ month old Jordan Charles, and his wife Amy. President Craig Eley seems to be recruiting Jordan to join Monaco South.

Below, Char and Don St. John being honored by Craig Eley for being the longest couple married.



Below, Ron & Barbara Cisco; Karla & Peter Dimond; Joyce & Don Thomson; and Dorcas & Bob Avery.

Photos Noel Hasselgren & Craig Eley

More Pictures can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Weekly Greeters

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| 2/24/17 | Paul Stratton & Oscar Sorensen |
| 3/3/17 | ? |

February Super Citizen Presenters

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| Feb 23 @ 12:30 | Lowry | Paul Stratton |
| Feb 24 @ 9:00 | Holm | ? |
| Feb 24 @ 3:00 | Bradley | Jon Wachter |
| Mar 3 @ 1:00 | McMeen | Mike White |
| Mar 10 @ 8:30 | Slavens | Tom Kramis |



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| Feb 21 | Tue | 3:30 pm | Tri-Star Basketball, Cope Boys and Girls Club, 808 Inca St., Denver |
| Feb 22 | Wed | 7:30 am | History Day Contest, Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E. Dartmouth Ave. |
| Feb 22 | Wed | 6:30 pm | OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way |
| Feb 24 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Frank Middleton's Surprise Speaker |
| Feb 25 | Sat | 7:00 am | Brain Bowl Championship Tournament, Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E Dartmouth Ave. |
| Mar 3 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Kendra Black, Denver District 4 Councilwoman |
| Mar 3 | Fri | 5:00 pm | 2017 Eagle Scout Banquet, Renaissance Denver Hotel, 3891 Quebec St. |
| Mar 9 | Thu | 8:45 am | Habitat for Humanity Build, 2680 S. Decatur St. |
| Mar 10 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Bill Blunden, The Mosul Dam in Iraq, in Danger of Collapse |

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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.