



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist

Welcome

Greeters **Keith Gallaway** and **Rich Wray** gave us a warm welcoming hand as we entered the American Legion building today. Thanks, gentlemen, for serving in this way.

Invocation and Pledge

Past District Governor, **George Buzick**, led us in the invocation for discernment between patriotism (positive attitude) and nationalism (negative attitude). Ron Gutru played "America" on the piano, an appropriate song of patriotism. George continued in leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Thanks, George; good job!

Our Guests

My, did we have guests! Hang on. Starting at the top was **Lt. Gov. Jeanette Thompson** who clued us in on some of the current activities in the District. **Ron Carlson** introduced former member Rich Mahony. Ron announced it was Rich's birthday, so we sang "Happy Birthday," needing the practice. Come back again Rich! **Craig Eley** brought Todd Britton. **Fred Pasternack** was present this time to introduce Dave Bakke, who came on his own last week.

President Randy introduced Luke Johnson, a teacher in the Denver Public Schools outdoor education program. Luke takes a group almost every day to Balarat, the outdoor education venue up in the foothills. Randy presented him with a check from the club for \$300 to the DPS program. By the way, Luke is coordinating XTERRA Balarat Trail Run, Saturday, June

6th. This is a 21-K and 10-K race that takes place at an elevation between 7,000-8,000 ft. The course will circle Balarat property and is 80% on single-track trail and 20% on dirt roads.

Welcome Back

President Randy recognized **Paul Bernard**; back from hip surgery; and **Brian Williams**. Good to see you again, gentlemen.

Thank You Notes

President Randy read portions of the following notes of thanks:

- ◇ Dumb Friends League letter to **Don Thomson** for the Super Citizen field trip.
- ◇ Daniel Howard, PhD., Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado Denver was thankful for our participation in Colorado History Day.
- ◇ The family of **Marlin Kent** sent a word of thanks to the club for the fine turnout at Marlin's memorial service, and for providing Marlin with an avenue of civic service.

Castle Rock Optimist Club

Harry Fegley introduced **Art Erickson**, a member of Monaco South and also President of the Castle Rock Club. Art became a member with us in order to pick up ideas for making his Castle Rock club grow. They are down to 9 members.

New Grandpa

Dick Nickoloff announced that his daughter-in-law, Emilie, had a baby. This is remarkable because a while back she was diagnosed with a serious disease, Stevens Johnson Syndrome. Congratulations to everyone for healthy baby!

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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

New Club: Paul Simon reported on the second meeting about the new American Cancer Society that will be formed under the sponsorship of Monaco South. Attendees included district Gov. Donna **Priester**, Gov.-elect **Phil Perington** and MSOC president **Randy Marcove**, as well as **Greg Young** and **Ron Gustas**. The third meeting that should lead to creation of a cadre of charter members is planned Tuesday, May 15th, at 6 p.m. at the ACS building at 2255 South Oneida Street. The club will support activities of the Cancer Society as desired. Charter members will decide where and when the club meets; its likely meetings will take place monthly or quarterly. Existing Optimists can become charter members, but there has to be a certain number of non-Optimists, so bring a friend or two to the May 15th meeting. After all, how many opportunities are there to be a charter member of anything?

Last Chance for Duck Drop: Greg Young reminded us of the 8th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop, Sunday, May 6, 2012, 12 Noon - 2 p.m. at George Wallace Park, DTC Blvd. at Union.

Recognition for Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to the following members who had perfect attendance in April: **Curt Boell, Ron Cisco, Craig Eley, Robert Finkelmeier, Karl Geil, Kent Gloor, Ron Gutru, Leo Hagele, Harry Johnson, Lynn Jones, Jack Kleinhessel, Gary Laman, OC Larson, Randy Marcove, John Marinos, Mike McMahon, Gary Miller, John Oss, Russ Paul, Cy Regan, Jack Rife, Terry Shroyer, Pat Sullivan, John Walsh, Richard Wray, Allen Yockey, Don Thomson, Scott Walker, and Greg Young.**

McMeen Super Citizen

By John Oss

Alekhan Fatulov was awarded the Super Citizen by **Randy Marcove** and **John Greene** this month. He is a student at McMeen Elementary. John, Randy, **Don Thomson**, and I recognized 23 students with certificates signed by the Denver Mayor, Chief of Police,



McMeen Principle and teacher, and our MSOC president. Super Citizen shirts were presented, worn, and pictures taken of the students, their families,

and teachers. Alekhan's mother's expression belie the wonder of our great country. *"There is hope for him, in the hearts of our country, our Optimist club, his teacher, and his family,"* she said.

Would You Like Your Announcements to Appear Accurately in GUMS?

Do you have an article or a project that you would like to share? Do you have news on an upcoming OCMS activity that you want published? Then write it up and provide it to one of the monthly GUMS editor, or just email it to: Bob Finkelmeier at: robert.finkelmeier@monacosouth.org. Or, give your notes directly to the current editor after you announce it. This makes it much easier for our editors to get the information correct. Thank you!

The Pot



Cy Regan, center, Prez Randy Marcove, and our speaker, Jerry Stander, congratulate Cy for his win and then passing his winnings over to the Sertoma Mile High Soap Box Derby Race. Photo Don StJohn

Cy Regan won the pot of \$60 and promptly donated it to the Sertoma Mile High Soap Box Derby Race. *What a guy!*

Closing Bell

Lt. Gov. **Jeanette Thompson** led us in the Optimist Creed.

Final Instructions: *"Put your chair on the table."*

Great Truths

Shared with us by **Jim Leuschner** and this weeks editor

- ◇ In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a congress. — John Adams
- ◇ If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. — Mark Twain
- ◇ Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself. — Mark Twain
- ◇ I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. — Winston Churchill
- ◇ A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. — George Bernard Shaw
- ◇ A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money. — G. Gordon Liddy
- ◇ Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. — James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)

Speaker Jerry Stander, 6th Annual Sertoma Mile High Soap Box Derby

Bob Finkelmeier introduced friend **Norm Black**, treasure of the Sertoma Club of Littleton: Service-to-Mankind, who in turn introduced **Jerry Stander**, Director of **The 6th Annual Sertoma Mile High Soap Box**



Norm Black introduces Jerry and Bernie Stander, and Marty Morgan who coordinate the Sertoma Mile High Soap Box Derby. He also shared information on Littleton Sertoma Club's upcoming Annual Golf Tournament at Bear Dance Golf Course, Larkspur on Tuesday, July 10th.

Derby. With Jerry were **Bernie Stander** and **Marty Morgan** who helped promote this years **Super Kids Race and Trial Run**, Saturday, June 2, 2012 and **Race Day** Sunday, June 3, 2012. Events to be held at Euclid Middle School in

Littleton, CO, 777 W Euclid Avenue. See all of the details at www.smhsbd.com/.

Jerry spoke about the event, construction of a soapbox car, and how you can be a sponsor; this will offset

the cost of the car kits. Your logo may be placed on the car to advertise. If you are interested in volunteering; call Jerry Stander at 303-791-1900 for more information.

The Sertoma Mile High Soap Box Derby is a youth racing program for kids ages 8 to 17. It teach kid's a correct spirit of competition and the basic skills in putting a racing car kits together. Winners go to Akron, Ohio for worldwide competition finals. The Derby is in

its 75th year. To learn more about this All-American Race, its history, and to see a lively video clip of this event, go to: www.aasbd.org/.



Jerry Stander and his wife Bernie who coordinate this major event. Photos Don StJohn



Super Citizen Presenters for May		
2 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Alan Pierce
10 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Karl Geil
11 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	Univ. Park	Don Thomson
17 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Paul Stratton

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
4/27/12	Keith Gallaway & Rich Wray
5/4/12	Howard Fry & Bob Hugo
5/11/12	Mark Metevia & Nick Newey
5/18/12	Phil Perington & ?
5/25/12	Frank Middleton & Dick Zolman

Monaco South Calendar

- May 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Wayne Watson, Hail to the Chiefs: Tidbits about our lesser known President's
- May 4 Fri 9:30 am Childhood Cancer Campaign Duck Drop, Trails Rec Center, Lazy River Pool, 16799 East Lake Avenue
- May 5-6 3rd Quarter Board Meeting and Conference, Denver Hyatt DTC
- May 6 Sun 12 noon 8th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop, George Wallace Park, DTC Blvd. at Union
- May 11 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TJ Scholarship Winners
- May 16 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

**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
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Peter Dimond	1997-98
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
Bill Walters	1991-92	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.

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