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Good Morning Optimists! It's Camaraderie Day

High energy was awaiting us at the front door this morning. Greeting the assembled were **Greg** "Choo-Choo" **Hurd** and **Edward** "Woody" **Thibodeau**. Spring was in the air President to be, **Ed Collins** was seen working the room glad-handing like a hungry lumberjack in a pancake house. **Jim VanderCamp** was wearing his Calvin College baseball jersey, **Tom Mauro**, and **Harry Fegley** strolled about looking like stars in their Colorado Rockies jackets. **Ron Carlson** was seen wearing a "Fiery Ron's" Bar-B-Q T-shirt (A gift from **Doug Morton**'s last trip to Charleston, South Carolina). When asked for a quote about the tax season, H&R Block executive **George Buzick** muttered something about "paying high and selling low."

It looked like Master Chef **John Marinos** was practicing for the upcoming Furry Scurry by serving Mexican style "Huevos Revueltos a la Mexicana" (Mexican Scrambled Eggs) accompanied by blueberry pancakes, sliced fresh pineapple, imported Vermont maple syrup, Danish, and juice. YUM! Bring on the Egg McMuttins!

Utterings From the Prez

President **Ron Cisco** gavelled order the house to get started at 7:01 am. Past President **Donlie Smith** read the Invocation: "*Giving of one's self in service to others.*" Good words to remember!

Apologies were extended by our loveable Prez for forgetting to honor our March Birthday Boys last month and he read off the list of March Hares: **Paul** "The Saint" **Bernard**, **Bill Carpender**, **Gary** "Lookin' Good" **Laman**, **Tom McKee**, **John Moser**, **Ralph** "Bagman" **Pedersen**, **Mike** "Scoop" **Snipes**, and **Woody** "Ed" **Thibodeau**.



April's Little Angels were then acknowledged: **Michael Dave**, **Rich** "Mustache" **Mahony**, **Dick Nickoloff**, **Phil** "Flipper" **Perington**, **Jack** (Hemingway) **Phillips**, **Jim Piccinelli**, **Don** "Listen-Up" **St. John**, and **Paul Stratton**. Then **John Young** kicked off an impressive round of "Happy Birthday to you," stinging the air like a wounded bee trying to find a way home...always a fascinating moment for the unprepared visitor. We're so lucky we love ourselves so much.

Ron then acknowledged absent and returning members, **Al Gapuzan** (Ah been in Kentucky watchin' over mah estate, thank-ya'll), **Kale Smith**, **John Moser**, **Dave Erickson**, and **Freddie** "misuta **Pasternack**" or is it "**Pasternack san**," now? To which someone said, "Was Freddie gone?"



To the left, **Phil Perington**, our current editor, being recognized by our esteem prez, **Ron Cisco** for leading us last year. Good job!

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

Furry Scurry: Your editor, **Phil Perington** jumped the line and announced we still need 6 to 8 more volunteers for the Furry Scurry food booth to help set-up and hawk our soon to be "world famous" Egg McMuttin's and Breakfast Burritos made by **John Marinos** on the morning of May 1st at Washington Park. Call Phil at: 303-832-4578.

HOBY Project: As you'll recall that stands for, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY). **Paul Bernard**, who led this project, presented personally signed designer water bottles to **Joe Marci**, Past CO/WY Governor **George Buzick**, and MSOC Treasurer, **Greg Young** for their dedication and commitment to the Club's Project. Paul chairs this project each year.

A Joke? Dick Nickoloff then tested the outer limits of humor by cracking a joke. Jokester **Bryce Slaby** had no comeback. It looks like the game is on.

PPS Colorado History Day: **Karl Geil** reported on the success and multitudes of students, parents, and teachers at the Denver Public School Colorado History Day event held on April 10th. He also reminded us that the state History Day contest for 2010 will be on **Saturday, May 1, 2010**, hosted by the History Department of the University of Colorado Denver, on the Auraria Campus in downtown Denver. Please see **Karl Geil** to be a judge.

Junior Golf Tournament: **Joe Marci** reported there were still openings for the Junior Golf Tournament May 12th. The entry fee is \$110. He also said there were some Rockies tickets left for the July 6th game with San Diego. See Joe if interested.

Ducks are Coming!: **Greg Young** was working the group regarding the Sunday, May 2nd Duck Drop at 12:30 pm, George Wallace Park hard and fast. Ticket sales were brisk at \$5 apiece, or 5 for \$20. We still don't know how many you get for \$50.00.



Race to Win Fabulous Prizes

- 2 Round-Trip Tickets on Southwest
- Winter Park Resort Passes
- Red Rocks Concert Tickets
- \$100 Whole Food Gift Card
- Restaurant Gift Certificate
- And Much, Much More

World Championship Finals for Cup Stacking: Prez **Ron**, **Jack Kitchell**, and **Harry Fegley** gave an amazing recap of the 2010 World Championship Finals for Cup Stacking. Timing is done by using a specially engineered table that uses the entrant's finger tips touching the table for the timing process. The whole thing takes less than 2 seconds to stack and un-stack 12 plastic cups. The purpose of the

contest is to promote hand-eye coordination for kids. The resulting pay-off is that kids get better focused on their studies and life growth. This is a very interesting and productive endeavor, to say the least. It was also noted that 4-person teams from all over the world showed up in fancy jerseys and outfits. The winners however, had met over the Internet and came together for the first time as a team at the championship and WON! Talk about focus!

Election of 2010-2011 Officers: Today was the big day for our new 2010-11 Officers and Board members. King-maker, **Oscar Sorensen** managed to keep everyone under control long enough to unanimously elect **Ed "Mr. Funhouse" Collins**, President and **Randy Marcove** and **Paul Simon** VP's. Ed's Non-Paid for Election Ad campaign for MSOC president must have paid off. There was a very close vote for 5 out of 6 new Board members with new member **Ron Roth** losing by only 1 vote. Oscar pointed out that Ron would probably be on the Board by the end of the year due to natural attrition. The new members are **Brian Williams**, **Frank Middleton**, **Les Larson**, **Wyatt McCallie**, and **Harry Fegley**. Way to go gentlemen!

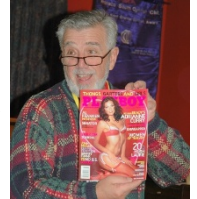


Photo Craig Eley

Health Fair at the Schlessman YMCA on April 25th, 6:15 am to 12:00 noon. Contact **Howdy Fry** at 303-300-4466.

Greeters Needed: If you want to be an early morning Greeter, let **Dick Cohen** know. Contact Dick @ 303-320-1767 or richardmcohen@hotmail.com.

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
4/23/10	Jim Vanderkamp & Brian Williams
4/30/10	Howard Fry & Jim Tapp
5/7/10	Neil Atkinson & Michael Chavez
5/14/10	Al Gapuzan & Leo Hagele
5/21/10	Robert Avery & Woody Thibodeau

Xerox is Doing a Really Cool Thing: If you go to the web site, <http://letssaythanks.com/> you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to a member of the armed services. What a wonderful way to remember our troops and brighten their day.



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Camaraderie Day with Happy Dollars: Today Prez **Ron** stated that he would pose nude for his presidential portrait for today's Happy Dollar Day for Childhood Cancer. Your editor offered \$20, but it was quickly overbid by a \$100 bid from **Craig Eley** to keep his clothes on!



Things returned to normal as the dollar jar started around and **George Buzick** said he was happy April 15th was over. **Tom McKee** was happy that the Rockies are off to a good start. **Tom Mauro** was happy that they are above .500 in the middle of April. (But it's early yet Tom.) **Don Iley** was happy Spring has Sprung and **Gary Laman** was happy that his little 4 year old grandson is digging a hole in the backyard to China and according to him he has reached Texas. **Greg Young** was happy the Avs won their 1st play-off game. To that **Freddie Pasternack** was happy that the Nuggets were also in the play-offs. **Jim Easton** was happy that Freddie was back and someone else said, "Freddie was gone?" **Steve "Thumper" Kady** was happy his young son has returned from Japan, got a job, and will soon be moving out. To which **Randy Marcove** said he was happy that **Kady** was helping him on the MSOC and University Hill's annual picnic. **Tom Hoch, Tom Mauro**, and everyone else who went to Bill Turman's funeral were happy that they were there and discovered that he had a wealth of life experiences and was a part of the Berlin Air Lift. "We're gonna miss you brother! God be with you!"

Today's Drawing: Today's drawing for \$90, Four of Diamonds was the card to find. President-elect **Ed Collins** pulled the first ticket. **OC Larson** draws...not even close. **George Buzick** gets the second draw. Closer, but no cigar! **Nick Newey** wins two cups and over \$14. Way to go Nick!

Name Tag Drawing: **Doug Morton** gets close and pulls the Two of Diamonds. Sorry Doug!

Grocery Card Sales: **Cy Regan** reported that Grocery Sales totaled \$1,125 this day—\$900 King Soopers and \$250 for Safeway. That's another \$56.25 for the general fund. It all adds up guys. Keep buying those cards. King Soopers cards now come in \$50 denomination which makes it even easier. They're both good for fuel as well.

Closing Optimism Creed: Bill Walters lead us in the Creed. To think only the best....

Golf Game: Having trouble as you make that golf hit? To get your golf game in order check out this 18-Hole golf site. It can be addicting: <http://www.ibogleif.dk/spil/flashspil/minigolf/minigolf.swf>.

Speaking of Golf:



Super Citizen Presenters for April

Day	School	Presenter
21 @ 2:20	MPB	Dick Cohen
22 @ 1:20 & 2:05	McMeen	Bob Avery
23 @ 9:10	Holm	Joe Marci
26 @ 8:00	Highline	Woody Thibodeau
29 @ 2:45 & 3:15	Univ. Park	Frank Middleton
30 @ 3:00	Bradley	Howard Fry

Monaco South Calendar

- Apr 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Susie Hayes, *Silencing That Inner Critical Voice*
- Apr 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Pending
- May 1 Sat State History Day Contest, Auraria Campus
- May 1 Sat 5:30 am Furry Scurry, Washington Park
- May 7 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Pending
- May 8 Sat 7:30 am Colorado-Wyoming District 3rd Quarter Meeting, Windsor Gardens, 595 South Clinton St.
- May 14 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Scott McInnis, Colorado House of Representatives
- May 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

Mark you calendar

- Jun 11-13 Fri-Sun Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar, Colorado School of Mines
- Jun 27 Sun Bike MS - Multiple Sclerosis Fundraiser, See Don StJohn
- Jul 4 - 9 Sun - Fri 2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games
- Jul 8 - 10 Thu - Sat 92nd Annual Optimist International Convention, Sheraton Denver Downtown
Hotel: online registration @ <http://www.optimist.org/reg/>

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
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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
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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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