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Good Morning Optimists!

Our greeters today were **Harry Johnson** and **Keith Gallaway**; they made us feel welcome. Good job guys!

President **Ron Cisco** also came around and shook almost everyone's hand. He's the greatest!

Invocation

Les Larson addressed the God of Encouragement to help us keep our "peace of mind" as in the Creed, "To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind." Thanks to **Craig Eley** for writing such a meaningful collection of prayers.

Guests

Phil Perington introduced Perry and **Ron Carlson** had a guest. Not a guest, but a member we don't see very often, **Dan Hugo**, was with us today. Yes, he is the son of the famous **Bob Hugo**, past District Governor. We are glad you came today, Dan. And thanks to Phil and Ron for bringing guests.

Announcements

Help for a Local Non-Profit: **Ron Gustas** asked for help from Monaco South and other metro area Optimists to support Metro CareRing (MCR), a 36 year-old Denver area food pantry that provides emergency food services, utility and transportation assistance, job readiness items and other support services to over 35,000 people a year. MCR's services this past year have increased by over 35%

due to the current economic climate.

Ron, who is on the MCR Board, asks your help to simply click on www.officeliquidators.com/makeover/vote.aspx to vote for Metro CareRing as one of 5 non-profit organization finalists chosen to potentially receive a \$30,000 office makeover. See the attached handout with this issue of GUMS.

Furry Scurry: **Don StJohn** announced the date of Saturday, May 1st for this event. He needs some guys to help set-up on Friday afternoon, April 30th, and a bunch more to handle the crowd of thousands of dogs and their masters on Saturday. For Saturday this is an EARLY in the morning show-up; how early? Not saying; scares too many off. There was some talk about burritos; now that may bring some of you out. More to come from Don next week.



2010 Brain Bowl: **Karl Geil** shared that the Brain Bowl is done! A huge success, many schools participating and record numbers of students.

Wine Tasting: The DTC Optimist Club will hold a wine tasting fund raiser on Saturday, March 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Citron Bistro, located on Yosemite, just south of Hampden. The cost is \$30 each or \$35 at the door. Hors d' Oeuvres provided by the Citron Bistro. Come and enjoy! See **Karl Geil**, **Tom Overton**, **Paul Simon**, and other DTC Optimist club members for more information.

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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 Cont.

Colorado History Day: Karl Geil also reminded us that the DPS's Regional History Day Tournament is on April 10th at Hill Campus of Arts and Sciences (formerly Hill Middle School). And that, the state History Day Contest for 2010 will be on **Saturday, May 1st**, hosted by the History Department of the University of Colorado Denver, on the Auraria Campus. Please see Karl to be a judge.

9Health Fair: Howard (Howie) Fry reminded us that the 9 Health Fair will be April 25, 2010 at Schleshmen's YMCA. See the website: <http://www.9healthfair.org/>.

World Sport Cup Stacking: President Ron asked members to support a potential fund raiser for the club. This involves being judges for the World Sport Cup Stacking Championship, to be held at Magness Arena University of Denver on April 10th, 7:30 am to 3:00 pm, and April 11th, 7:30 am to Noon. Our club would receive \$40 for each member who volunteers. If we had 25 volunteers that would be \$1,000 in the club's coffers. A signup sheet was passed around by **Greg Young**, For more info call Greg at 303-759-3921 or gndyoung@comcast.net.

Tri-Star Basketball: Jack Rife invited members to buy tickets to the Nuggets game on March 20th. \$20 for a \$27 ticket. Below are two pictures from the Tri-Star competition held on Saturday at the Wilfley Boys & Girls Club.



A competitor shoots for two points.
Photos by Craig Eley

Below Tri-Star volunteers enjoying lunch at Gaetano's Restaurant after the competition.



Super Citizen Program: Don Thomson indicated a record month for February in the number of Super Citizens recognized. We had recognized students at 9 schools and presented 154 certificates and shirts. The program is in full swing again.



Here is one Samuels Super Citizen, center, with her supportive family and teacher.

Photo by Don StJohn

Our Friend John Moser: Greg Hurd gave us a heads up on **John Moser**, who recently had a pacemaker inserted. He is a but despondent and is thinking of leaving MSOC. He needs your (our) encouragement. Call him at 303-756-9523, or send him a card to 6495 Happy Canyon Rd #156, Denver, CO 80237-1100. Email jwmoser6495@aol.com. John's birthday is March 14th. His sponsor was **Curt Jefferies** and his wife's name is Terry.

St Patrick's Day Parade: Gary Strowbridge is recruiting Pooper Scoopers for this 48th annual parade on Saturday, March 13th, with a theme, Shamrockin' 2010. A 7:30 am breakfast precedes the fun. Gary claims that the Scoopers are the hit of the parade. Be a hit!

Go TJ: Gary Laman, father to the basketball coach at Thomas Jefferson High School, dressed in brown and gold, led us in a cheer for TJ. Here's another: *GO TJ! GO TJ!*

MSOC Election: Oscar Sorensen reminded us of our own club election coming up. Positions are open; nominate yourself by calling Oscar or any of our officers. If you don't know who they are look at the last page of this newsletter.

Grocery Card Sales: Cy Regan, salesman extraordinaire, reported a very good day. King Soopers \$1,275 and Safeway \$400 for a total of \$1,675! Buy your cards from Cy; he's right next to **Don StJohn** who collects for breakfast. The club retains 5%; a great means of raising funds.

A Bit of Humor: Wife asks, "Watcha doin' today?" Husband, "Nothing." Wife, "You did that yesterday." Husband, "I wasn't finished."



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Our Speaker Today, Sandy Clough

Craig Eley introduced Sandy Clough, a radio sports commentator on [FM Sportsradio 104.3](#) The Fan. He appears from 7-10 pm on *Clough Talk*. Sandy has 30 plus years in night time sports talk and was recently named Best Talk-Show Host by *Westword of Denver*. "Sports yakkers tend to be ghettoized, as if their chosen subject automatically makes them less worthy than peers who gab about hard-news happenings. But Sandy transcends the genre. He's a rigorously analytical thinker who's not interested in dumbing



Photo by Don StJohn

down his commentary to make it more understandable for average Joe's and Jane's. If only more sports specialists played the game his way."

Sandy appeared to be cool, calm, and collected even though Craig had warned him that this is a raucous, interactive crowd. He talked through the gamut of local sports: High Schools, D.U. hockey (for which he does the play-by-play), Denver's four major professional teams (the Nuggets are exasperating, and the Rockies are legit title contenders). Thanks, Craig, for bringing Sandy Clough, a 30-year Denver sports talk pro, as our speaker today.

Announcements Cont.

2010 Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet: Donlie Smith reported on a banquet for Outstanding Eagle Scouts. He was impressed with the number of hours these young men put in on various projects to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout. Some 8,000 hours in most cases. Our own **Jack Kleinheskel** received an award at the Eagle Scout Awards Banquet Friday night. Jack Kleinheskel, received his Eagle Scout Award from Troop 506 in Wichita, Kansas, and he's all smiles as he received Scouting's highest national award for a former Eagle Scout: the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.



The award was based on community involvement and commitment as well as personal growth and success. Only a handful of the awards are made nationally each year. With Kleinheskel was David Fisher, Eagle Scout 1979. Nearly 500 area Boy

Scouts received the Eagle Award in a lengthy ceremony according to **Mike Snipes** and **Greg Hurd** who were also in attendance. See the *2010 Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Recipients* in the file accompanying this newsletter.

A Bit More Humor: Dr. to wife, "Your husband is suffering from a very serious stress disorder. Do this or he will die. Make a healthy breakfast for him every day, be pleasant at all times, and prepare a nutritious lunch and a dinner that is especially nice. No chores, no nagging. Make love several times a week. After one year he will regain his health."

Husband to wife, "What did the doctor say to you?" Wife, "You're going to die!"

Super Citizen Presenters for March

Day	School	Presenter
19 @ 9:10 am	Holm	John Stoffel
24 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Harry Fegley
24 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Bill Litchfield
26 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Keith Gallaway

Monaco South Calendar

Mar 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Julia Wagner, National Veteran's Wheelchair Games
Mar 16	Tue		Liberty Day Awards, Phil Perington
Mar 17	Wed	6:30 pm	District 4 Council Office, 3540 South Poplar Street, Suite 102
Mar 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Mar 20	Sat	1:30	Tri-Star Basketball District Finals, Nuggets Game, see Jack Rife
Mar 20	Sat	2:00 - 4:00 pm	DTC Optimist Club Wine Tasting, Citron Bistro
Mar 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Gary Maitland, Organ Transplants

Mark you calendar

Apr 10	Sat		DPS's Regional History Day Tournament, Hill Campus of Arts and Sciences
Apr 10 & 11	Sat & Sun		World Sport Cup Stacking, Magness Arena University of Denver
May 1	Sat		State History Day Contest, Auraria Campus
May 1	Sat	5:30 am	Furry Scurry, Washington Park

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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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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
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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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