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Good Morning Optimists

Welcome to September! After the hottest August in Denver's history, flying solo and greeting us this cooler first Friday morning of the month was a very capable **Don Thomson**. We all know how well he spreads Optimistic Cheer, especially on the eve of our Labor Day holiday weekend.



Call to Order

With only five more opportunities as our reigning president, President **Ed Collins** showed us his well seasoned hand on the gavel while ringing the first bell promptly at 7 a.m. Without delay, Ed requested **Jack Kleinheksel** to lead us in the morning's invocation. Jack's message was very appropriate for the holiday weekend, sharing the meaning about dignity in labor.



We were also treated to a warm and rousing rendition of *God Bless America* by FOO Member **Ron Gutru** tickling the ivories. The rest of the crowd sounded pretty good too! Ron, can you play Happy Birthday?

Guests

Returning guest of **John Oss** was big-money winner from last week Richard Thomas. Also returning as a guest of **Russ Paul** was OCMS Past-President Pat Bush (1983-84). **Randy S. Marcove** introduced his guest, Mike McMahon. Mike and Randy met each other on the job in 2002, and have remained in contact because their children attend one of our Super Citizen Schools, Bradley International. *Editor's note: Fred Pasternack* was not



in attendance today, therefore had no guests not show up, nor did we get a *Denver Bronco* update!

Seen in the Crowd

Recognized in the audience by **President Ed** was member **James Riley**. Let us not forget, James was sponsored by **Fred Pasternack**. Way to go Fred! More about James later....



Announcements

OI Colorado/Wyoming District Convention:

President Ed started with information of last week-end's OI Colorado/Wyoming District Convention in Breckenridge, CO. Ed promised more details to come, and mentioned that members in attendance from OCMS among the throngs of Stage 5's USA Pro Cycling Challenge supporters were **Phil Perington, Greg Young, Paul Bernard, George Buzick, Ron Cisco, Ed Collins, Randy Marcove, Tom Overton, Paul Simon** and **Don St. John**.



President Ed also announced that our very own **Phil Perington** was elected as the Governor-Elect for 2012-13! Let it be known: **Ron Cisco** seconded Phil's nomination with great enthusiasm at the convention.

MSOC Installation Dinner: Speaking of **Ron Cisco**, he informed us all that the Installation Dinner is scheduled for September 24th at Heather Garden's Blossoms Restaurant. Cocktails start at 6 p.m., dinner

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FOR THOSE WHO ORDERED PEACHES

Peaches won't be here until after Labor Day.

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

is at 7 p.m. The cost is \$26 per person; please sign up with Ron, and give your payment to either Ron or our treasurer, **Greg Young**.

New Optimist Clubs in District. Ron Cisco also informed us of three new Optimist Clubs in our district for this year. They are Cheyenne Club, The 285 Club (in the Conifer/Bailey area), and the Montbello/Green Valley Ranch Club. Way to go Ron!

Ron's Take on Convention: Let it also be known that **Ron Cisco** had a few things to share with us about the convention. Until recent years our club had always had the largest representation of attendees at the district convention. We have learned that the Ladies of the Tamarac Club have now exceeded our numbers! *Editor's note:* Mr. Cisco was also observed to take the floor at the Convention to mention his concern that our district's postal expenses were under budget. We can always depend on you Ron!



The Brain Bowl is Ah Coming Again! **Karl Geil** made his initial announcement regarding the next Brain Bowl. For those that do not know, the Brain bowl is similar to Jeopardy, only with teams of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from schools throughout our District. This year there will be a few changes: schools will pre-order their T-shirts (Karl will need volunteers to help deliver them), the Central area competition will be held at Heritage High School instead of Overland High School, and new to the tournament—a fourth competition featuring the winners of the North, Central, and South, area Champions for a Grand Championship. Awesome! As usual, we look forward to having the greatest amount of Brain Bowl volunteers come from OCMS.



Urban Navigator Challenge: **Eldon Strong** shared his experience from last weekend's participation in the Urban Navigator Challenge for the benefit of Brent's Place. Eldon told us that there were competing teams at places unknown—only solved by subtle clues—to perform a skillful challenge. Members participating were Eldon and his wife Roxie, Jack Rife and his wife Kathy, and Bruce Siegrist. Thanks to all!



Operation School Supplies: **Oscar Sorensen** let us all know that the Operation School Supplies is in full force. Retail stores reduce their prices on school supplies after school starts and Oscar seizes the opportunity. Thanks to a lead from **Phil Perington**, Oscar has purchased 60 backpacks at \$5 each. These backpacks will be filled by school volunteers with food donated by Whole Foods, and sent home to the 38-40 families in need at Holm Elementary. The participating family names are provided by Social Services, similar to our Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket Programs. *Editor's note:* Guest Mike McMahon's wife runs the

same program at Bradley International. They had 50 qualified families on the program last year, and Oscar will see what he can do to provide backpacks for them as well. Who says Oscar is a grouch?

MSOC Cub Scout Pack: **Frank Middleton** reported that **Bryce Slaby**, **Jon Wachter**, and **Greg Hurd** attended the Cub Scout booth at Bradley International's Back-to-School-Night last Wednesday evening. In total, 21 students have signed up expressing their interests in this fantastic program. Only five students are needed to for a pack. Great job fellas! Join Night is on it's way.



A Bit of Humor: **Dick Nickoloff** told us that bitter-sweet news about Forrest Gump's untimely death. In order to get into Heaven, Forrest had to answer a series of difficult questions. Bottom-line, get as many people as you know who go by the name Andy to join our club!



2011-12 Super Citizen Program: Super Citizen is right around the corner. Most of our schools will have their first presentation in October. A tremendous Thank You! to **Don Thomson** for organizing yet another year of this fantastic program. The schedule is forthcoming. By the way, we will need one more photographer this year. Please contact Don at 303-757-4273, or email at djthomson@earthlink.net if you are interested.

This Weeks Drawing

Drawing The day's lucky card was the 4 of Diamonds for a huge pot of \$10—thanks to our guest last week! Favored cup winners were: 2-time winner **Frank "Lady Luck" Ross**, **Bryce Slaby**, **Don Thomson**, and **John Stoffel**. Drawing for the pot, but coming up with the wrong cards were **Jack Kleinheksel** and **Eldon Strong**. Guess what? For the benefit of wearing his name badge, **Russ Paul** took a final stab for the winner, and won the pot! Congratulations on your windfall Russ!



In Closing

Led in the Optimist Creed by **Russ Paul**. *Promise yourself... To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind....* Thank you Russ!

Incidentally...

As of August 31, our OCMC only needs SIX more members or FOOs (by September 30th) to reach our Honor Club Status. **We can do it!**

Guest **Mike McMahon** recognized our Optimist Creed, written by **Christian D. Larson**, included in the Foreword of the book: *The Key: The Missing Secret for Attracting Anything You Want*, written by Dr. Joe Vitale. Let's get him an application!

Member **David Lazaroff** has been speaking at Optimist and Rotary Clubs on the topic of his new book "*Live It Up! 10 Ways to Share Joy When Your Friend*

Paul Bernard steps in as Guest Speaker

Paul Bernard stepped in as our Guest Speaker, Entertainer, and State Historian this week due to cancelation. He asked some great questions, but as a collective group, he could not stump us. Evidentially Paul has been watching a lot of the History's Channels show, *How The States Got Their Shapes*. One question he did not ask that was on his list of questions: What two States don't have counties? Answer: Louisiana and Alaska. Coincidentally, according to Oscar Sorenson, what two States start with the letter "L"? Louisiana and "Laska"! Thanks to both gentlemen for the trivia.

Next, and not to waste an opportunity, **President Ed** toured the meeting hall to give an opportunity to have some of our newer members introduce themselves. First off was Plumber Extraordinaire was **James Riley**. James has two boys, Lukas and William, and a wife named Sabina. He also has a fifteen year old dog named Hunter. He moved from Texas to Colorado about eight years ago, and "reckons" he'll stay here. *Editor's shameless plug*: James installed a tank-less Hot Water heater in my house last week and I couldn't be happier. I invite any into my home for a demonstration of his fine work and to see how the water heater functions!

Next on the microphone tour was **Tom Charters**. Tom has also been in Colorado for about eight years, moving from Chicago. He is married, is a Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, and attended FSU. Welcome to the club Tom!

Our own Piano Man **Ron Gutru** recently joined us as a FOO. Ron has owned an Electronics Manufacturing compa-

ny since 1962, and sold it in 2010. Talk about Optimism, he is still waiting for the check! Ron has three daughters, and will be 85 years old in December. Thanks for joining Ron!

John Oss (the "O" is long, like in Post), is originally from Minnesota. He first came to Colorado in 1959, and then spent 20 years in the Air Force. Thank you for your service John. He also has five sons, and recently celebrated his 50th Wedding Anniversary. John will be joining the OCMS board of Directors for a two year run come this October 1st. We're all looking forward to it John! *Editor's note*: Rumor has it he'll be starting as a GUMS editor soon.

Tom Hoch intervned with a quick quip about a trip he and **Prez Ed** took to the oldest pub in Ireland: the Crown Pub. It turns out that if "you know" the State Capital of Alaska (Juneau), you may have a pint purchased for ya!

Next on the microphone was not a new member yet, but was a past President of OCMS and the retuning guest of **Russ Paul**. Pat Bush is a Structural Engineer. He described himself as, "Not a native to Colorado, but close." He's been here since 1955 except for one year in Connecticut. He joined our club in 1980, had his Presidential term and then left in 1997 due his work load. Thank you Russ for bringing him back for a visit! Pat we all hope you'll rejoin!

Tom Wos became a member in December 2010 and is a Mechanical Engineer. He was born and raised in Arizona, and shared with us that it was very uncommon to find other Arizona natives while he lived there. Tom moved to Colorado in 1982, met his wife Nancy, and they have two children. Tom was sponsored by **Kent Gloor**.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
9/9/11	Ron Carlson & Tom Hoch
9/16/11	Doug Arnold & Jim Easton
9/23/11	Joe Marci & Robert Wardlaw
9/30/11	Leo Hagele & Russ Paul

MSOC Banquet

Saturday, September 24th at 6:00pm
Blossoms Restaurant at 2888 S.
Heather Gardens Way in Aurora

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Has Alzheimer's." His book has been well received by readers. He is in conversation with the Leeza Gibbons Memory Foundation regarding adding his book to the tools they use to support care givers. In November, the Colorado Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will feature David in their new program highlighting local authors. You can get a signed copy of David's book when he shows up at our meetings or by ordering at www.holistic.com. This book is a true writing of optimism!



Don't forget to purchase and/or reload your Grocery Cards! See Cy Regan or Donlie Smith



Monaco South Calendar

Sep 9 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Maximize Social Security Benefits
 Sep 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Sep 21 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Sep 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Ann Rowe, DPS Board
 Sep 24 Sat 6:00 pm Monaco South Installation Banquet, Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way
 Sep 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Don Mares, CEO of Mental Health America of Colorado

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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
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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.