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The Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Sitting in for Bill Walters—Robert Wardlaw



Good Day Optimists!

All the News That's Fit to be Read

Good Morning

Good morning Optimists! Members were greeted this morning by **Woody Thibodeau** and **Jim Vander Kamp**. What a beautiful spring morning it is!

Invocation & Pledge

President **Phil Perington** calls the meeting to order. **Jack Rife** delivers the invocation this morning highlighting efforts of those who sponsor new members to the club, the lifeblood of continuation and sustained strength for optimism. These people give the great gift of optimism to help spread the word in our community. Jack then led in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Guests

No Guests were announced this morning. **Ron Gustas** did announce that Optimist International has begun a program that allows new members joining the club who are unemployed can have their dues waived for up to 5 quarters. See, *Give a 'High Five' Back to Your Community at: <http://www.optimist.org/default.cfm?content=members/Members.htm>*.

Utterings from Prez Phil

On this day in history: Birthdays include, Shirley McClaine, 75; Barbara Streisand, 67; Mayor Richard M. Daley, 67; and Author Sue Grofton, 69. In 1962

the Massachusetts Institute of Technology achieved the first satellite relay of a television signal. In 1953 British statesman Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. In 1800 Congress established the Library of Congress. On this day in 1898, Spain declared war on the United States after rejecting America's ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba.

Our Speaker Today, Jim Vander Kamp

Our speaker today is our own Jim Vander Kamp who spoke about the Roundup Fellowship: Community Services for People with Developmental Disabilities. Visit [Roundup Fellowship](#).

Roundup Fellowship's mission is to serve children and adults who have developmental disabilities-recognizing their worth, affirming their contributions, and promoting dignity in all relationships. Operating as a private nonprofit agency since 1973, Roundup offers a continuum of innovative, community-based programs. In each setting, the goal is to enable individuals to develop the skills and attitudes needed to participate more fully at home, on the job, and in the community. Continued on page 3



President **Phil**, left, thanks our speaker for today and MSOC member **Jim Vander Kamp**.

Photo by Don St.John

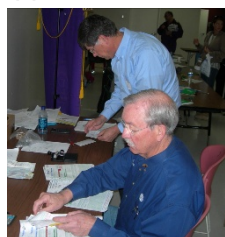
Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am
INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN

Announcements

Fred Pasternack (senior sports predictor) predicts a Nuggets sweep of the New Orleans Hornets, stay tuned to today's game to see how game 3 unfolds.



Jack Rife stands in for **Howard Fry** in thanking members who helped out with the 9News Health Fair on Sunday, April 19th at Schlessman YMCA. Members helped bring in \$30,000 on a busy day and the actual money taken in, was extremely close in accounting terms, attention to detail is always appreciated. Thanks goes out to **Ron Gustas,**



Ron and George doing their accounting.
Photos by Howard Fry

George Buzick, Bryce Slaby, Pat Sullivan, John Stoffel, Sewell Black, Fred Pasternack, Russ Paul, Les Larson, Donlie Smith, Al Gapuzan, Michael Chavez, Leo Hagele, and Bill Walters. Special thanks goes out to Ron and George at the reconciliation table for their accurate count that allowed us to go home at a very reasonable hour.

Breakfast Costs

Back to **Ron Gustas'** announcements. The club charges \$2 for coffee, \$7 for breakfast and is charge \$1 per person by the American Legion for use of their facility. Year to date, the club is running a deficit, so please pay for what you use and if you think of it, put a buck in the coffee can to help us pay off our shortage. Thanks!

Super Citizen

Joe Marci presents an opportunity to be a presenter for Super Citizen at the Lowry School on June 3rd, which is quickly signed up for by **Les Larson**, thank you Les. Rockies tickets to support Jr. Golf are available for the game against the Padres, see Joe if interested. Also, the Adult Golf Tournament to support Junior Golf will be held May 13th at Flatiron Golf Course in Boulder. The scheduled help at the Ronald McDonald House has been cancelled due to the flu bug spreading around the house.

5th Annual Rubber Duck Drop

Last chance to buy tickets from **Greg Young** for the 5th Annual Rubber Duck Drop to take place May 3rd. Greg also has a need for assistance to help gather the ducks at the end of the course, so please let him know if you can help. Loads of great prizes and the proceeds support the southeast public elementary schools, Bradley International, Holm, Samuels, Slavens, and Southmoor.



Mentor Group

Frank Middleton reminds members about the mentor group immediately following the club meeting. Also, he thanks everyone for attending the Western Hoedown & Barbecue—about 70 in attendance and everyone had a great time.

Recognition

Paul Bernard awards **George Buzick** a green shopping bag for his help with the Oratorical Contest.

Furry Scurry

Don St. John gives the final call to volunteers for the Furry Scurry next Saturday. Please be there at 5 am and it will be best to park in South High School parking—avoid parking in the residential areas.

Korsoski Super Citizen Award

Don Thomson lets us know that the *Charlie Korsoski Super Citizen Award Program* will take place in May. Charlie originated the Super Citizenship program in 1982 which began with three elementary schools in southeast Denver: Samuels, Southmoor, and Holm. It has expanded to include an additional four schools. The purpose of the award is to reward good citizenship of students before their peers. Recipients are chosen by their teacher for improvement in academic grades, social skills, attitude, academic growth, good attendance, courtesy, helpfulness, cooperation, and improved behavioral skills. The *Charlie Korsoski Memorial Award Certificate* is signed by the our club president, and framed in a walnut frame.



MSOC new member **Jack Kleinheksel**, on right was presenter, along with School Rep **Pat Sullivan** at Most Precious Blood's Super Citizen awards program on Wednesday, April 22nd.
Photo by Greg Young

This year's Korsoski award winners will receive this special certificate and a U.S. Savings Bond. Our Super Citizenship program received the special project award from Optimist International in 2007. The program has become the flagship project for the Optimist Club of Monaco South for its 36 years of dedication to the youth of Denver. The Club has issued an average of 540 awards per year go to students in nine elementary schools and one middle school.

Did I Read That Sign Right?

*Toilet out of order. Please use floor below.
Automatic washing machine: Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.*

Jim Vander Kamp, continued from page 1

At Roundup there is an interdependent network of people, giving and receiving from one another, with an emphasis on quality services and long-term commitment.

Roundup Fellowship works with children and adults with various developmental disabilities, including mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and autism. Many of those served also have co-occurring mental health diagnoses or may exhibit self-abusive, destructive, and/or physically aggressive behaviors. Roundup maintains the belief that individuals with challenging behaviors and severe disabilities can learn and change through the use of supportive teaching and positive behavioral interventions.



Jim Vander Kamp, member and Executive Director of RoundUp.
Photo Don St.John

This Weeks Drawing

No one won the pot this week so the total grows and we will try again next week. Go forth and spread the word of OPTIMISM!

MPB Super Citizens



Super Citizen recipients Jonathan Hoopes and John Axley with family members and staff at MPB's Super Citizen program April 22nd.

Photo by Greg Young

Supermarket Gift Card Sales



Cy Regan reported a slow week on grocery card sales with a total of \$850. Let's try to get May started on the right path and come strong with support!

Our own **Cy Regan** making his spiel for supermarket sales.

Food for Thought, by John Young

***Optimists** are their own best friends. They have learned to like, love, respect, and believe in themselves.*

***Optimists** pay attention to how often they are having fun. Fun is one of the best and most effective ways out of depression and despair.*

***Optimists** know it is far better to trust, even if they wind up being hurt or betrayed. Not trusting others will result in psychosclerosis—a hardening of the mind, heart, and spirit.*

Monaco South Calendar

- Apr 29 Wed 1:15/2:00 pm Super Citizen, Samuels Elementary - Gary Strowbridge, presenter
- May 1 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Janice Blanchard, Bradley School Garden Program
- May 1&2 Furry Scurry, set up on Friday afternoon (3pm) & Saturday (5am)
- May 2 Sat 7:00 am Colorado History Day Judging/volunteers - Karl Geil
- May 3 Sun 12:30-3:00 pm Denver Rubber Duck Drop, Geo. Wallace Park
- May 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Nathan Bale, Boy Scouts Denver Area Council
- May 14 Thu 5:30 pm Super Citizen, Hamilton Middle School - Paul Bernard, presenter
- May 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- May 16 Sat 10:00 am Inner City Community Kids Fair
- May 21 Thu 1:00/2:00 pm Super Citizen, Lowry Elementary - Les Larson, presenter
- May 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Pending
- May 27 Wed 11:00/11:30 am Super Citizen, University Park Elementary - Sewell Black, presenter
- Jun 28 Sun All Day MS150 Rest Stop
- Jul 8-11 Optimist International Convention, Kissimmee Florida
- Sep 11-13 Weekend Honeymoon/Getaway Weekend-Colorado Arlberg Club-Winter Park
- Sep 26 Sat 6:00 pm Monaco South Year End Banquet—**SAVE THE DATE!**

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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
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John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
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Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	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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