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Good Morning Optimist Fools are Made Not Born

All Fools Day and other distractions: The day opened with Greeters, **Steve “Thumper” Kady, Tom Hoch** and



Rich Wagner waving in the crowd and pranking those not yet fully awake. The **John Marinos** Breakfast Buffet was an outrageous combination of T-bone steaks (cooked to order), French

Toast and fresh apricot marmalade, Eggs Benedict, croissants and freshly churned butter, spinach and ham crepes, Blueberry pancakes with pure warmed Vermont maple syrup and café au lait. Fresh squeezed orange juice and hand dipped chocolate donuts were also served. Thanks for the memories John!

Opening Day: It was Opening Day and the Rockies attired included: **Joe Marci, Ron Carlson, Bob Avery, Ralph Pedersen, Tom Wos, Frank** (in full purple) **Ross, Jon**



Wacter, Scott Walker, Kent Gloor, (sitting in for Randy) **Phil Perington**, and the one and only “Mr. Baseball” **Tom Mauro**. To add to the excitement Tom was distributing pre-paid 2011 tickets to all those going to games during year. The spirit was high and baseball music played, celebrating the season. President **Ed Collins** gaveled the assembled to attention at 7:06 sharp and **Lynn Jones** read the invocation celebrating the arrival of Spring and a bodacious roar of “Play Ball!” followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Prez Ed announced we had two guests today: **Mark Metevia**, our past President #19 for 1994-95. Where ya been Mark? It's great to see you again and for many (including a curious **Paul Simon**) for the 1st time. **Casey Funk**, a member since 1994 and one of the best kept club secrets, was in attendance. Welcome home Casey! We hope to see more of Mark and Casey in the future.

Utterings from the Prez

Prez Ed reported that, by Board approval, we are presenting two new FOO (Friends of Optimist) memberships to Greg Erickson of TUFF SHED and the General Manager/ Chef of the HYATT REGENCY DTC HOTEL. Note: MSOC will receive a complimentary membership credit for any new member if we provide one more FOO Membership. In honor of the day your editor is thinking maybe Richard Burton in memory of Liz Taylor. Why not?

Neil Alderson sent President Ed and the Club his thank-you letter for the \$300 contribution to the YMCA Youth program. Prez Ed also read a thank you letter from **Paul Gleditsch**, president and founder of *Bring On the Music* for MSOC's \$300 donation.

Charter member **Marlin Kent** has moved from Quincy Place to his daughter's home and a group of guys had a small celebration before his final day in residency at Q.P.



With assistance of **Prez Ed** the GUMS newsletter folding committee presented a commemorative certificate to the Q.P. managers, seen at left. The folding committee of **Marc**

Goodbody, Ralph Pedersen, Jim Piccinelli and Dick Zolman, along with **Marlin**, have been enjoying a complementary breakfast every Monday morning for the past four years. Many of the Q.P. staff, including the chef, came out to express their disappointment and to share their best of wishes to Marlin and the guys. Thank you Quincy Place!



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

Golf Anyone: Don Thomson announced Kathy Rife and his wife Joyce would like to hear from anyone interested in playing 9 holes of golf on Thursday afternoons from June to August. If interested contact Don.

Super Citizen Day: Don also announced that on April 7, Six Super Citizens from our 10 schools will attend an exhibit at the Museum of Nature and Science to see "Real Pirates: The Untold Story of the Whydah from Slave Ship to Pirate Ship." The event will be chaperoned by "Mouseketeers," Don St. John (photos), Jack Rife, Tom Hoch, Randy Marcove and Don Thomson. Lunch is being provided by John Marinos.

Cool Day at the Rockies: Joe Marci is scheduling "Cool Day at the Rockies" for Optimists in June and July. Stay tuned for dates and time. There will also be an Optimist Soccer Tournament at Dick's Sporting Goods Stadium in June and the Junior Golf Tournament. Go get em' Joe!

Ducks are Coming!: Greg Young quacked his way up to the microphone and reminded everyone of the upcoming DTC Annual Duck Drop, for the Peggy Lehmann Council District 4 school fundraiser. Your odds of winning are 3000-1, but you can name any of your entries if you get there early. See Greg for tickets.



Oratorical Contest: Keith Gallaway reminded all, about the upcoming Oratorical Contest at T.J High School on April 4, beginning at 6:00 pm. It should be an excellent event inasmuch as 2 of our 8 student entries are on the TJ Debating team. If you haven't seen this type of an event, be sure and check it out. It's amazing how much time and work these students put into their speeches.

Directory Update: Craig Eley reported the new Directory is being prepared and if you don't like your picture just bring another face and he'll take a new picture (no guarantees). Advertising is still a low, low price of \$25.00 per business card.

On the Move: Paul Gleditsch happily and proudly reported he had signed a contract with Volvo for his expertise. Way to go Paul!

Upcoming Officer Election: Kingmaker Oscar Sorensen reminded everyone of the upcoming Officer elections on April 22nd. There is no "pay to play" requirement this year so anyone can run without fear of odious payback obligations. See Oscar.

Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center: Dan Hugo announced The Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center will host a 30th Annual dinner/fundraiser for Abused and Abandoned Kids on May 5th. Individual tickets are \$250 or a table can be purchased for \$2500. He suggested a group of Optimist Clubs buy a table.

Closing Bell

Drawing: Because of last weeks win there is only \$10 in the pot. Everyone took a cash cup except for George Buzick (a true Optimist) and Fred Paster-nack (who never wins) was forced to draw. No winners.

Grocery Card Sales: No Grocery Sales reported, but Prez Ed said he had two free Opening Days Baseball tickets donated by Tom Mauro if anyone knew who was buried in Grant's Tomb. No winners. April Fools!

Name Tag Drawing: Karl Geil was the lucky winner but unlucky at the draw. Better luck next time buddy!

Creed: Our long lost and returning brother Casey Funk led the Creed, "... and be too happy to permit the presence of trouble!"

Updates & Notices

On behalf of Optimist International Executive Office here is the link to the April issue of the *Leadership Hotline*: <http://www.optimist.org/documents/Hotline-April2011.pdf>.

Tom Hock has captured the essence of our Saint Patrick's Day Meeting which was dedicated to Bill Walters and is called *BillWaltersGetWell* x264. To view go to: <http://vimeo.com/groups/85985/>.

Interesting Trivia

- If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on the right side of your mouth. If you are left handed, you will tend to chew your food on the left side of your mouth.
- To make half a kilo of honey, bees must collect nectar from over 2 million individual flowers.
- Tourists visiting Iceland should know that tipping at a restaurant is considered an insult!
- People in nudist colonies play volleyball more than any other sport.
- Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.
- Astronauts can't belch - there is no gravity to separate liquid from gas in their stomachs.
- The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. In the Renaissance era, it was fashion to shave them off!
- The name Google, the web search engine, is actually the common name for a number with a million zeros
- It takes glass one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!
- Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.
- Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.
- If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.
- Each year 2,000,000 smokers either quit smoking or die of tobacco-related diseases.

Guest Speaker, Candidate for Mayor, Michael Hancock

Two-term City Council District 11 member and Candidate for Mayor, Michael Hancock was introduced and thanked **Paul Bernard, John Stoffel** and the rest of the Club for allowing him to be our speaker this morning.

He talked about his family background, past political activity and business experience. As a Denver native and the 10th child of 10 brothers and sisters including 3 sets of twins, he stressed his experience at mediation and idea sharing. He attended Manuel High School and let us all know his wife was from our own T.J. High School.

Michael focused on his ability to work with City agencies, foreclosure matters and business development, especially companies looking at Denver that include Brazil, Australia and Japan. His commitment to zero tolerance for allowing any student to fail in school was based on an experience he had with a trade representative from Japan. The reason the Japanese company would not choose Denver was because of the low academic and competitive standards set by DPS. As Mayor he would work to change that problem.



Photo Don StJohn

When asked about the Douglas County voucher program he decline to make a commitment, but stated firmly he is opposed to the DPS practice of "Direct Placement" of unqualified teachers throughout the district, especially his. He went on to say he had no problem with tenured teachers, but it was almost impossible to remove a teacher once they earned tenure.

As for budget issues, he said the city was facing a \$100 million deficit and the Department of Safety was going to be trimmed by \$24 million and 100 jobs eliminated. The atmosphere at Safety, regarding the time it takes in resolving disciplinary matters is unacceptable and changes needed to be made. However, he did say that he felt 99% of the Police Force to be good, hard working and loyal officers. Regarding the pay increase approved by City Council he supported the decision and said it was just a tiny drop in the bucket of the big financial picture. He noted it is required by City Charter for Council to make such decisions for future administrations. The Pension Funds are sound but needs a little adjustment every year to stay in balance. The 5 furlough days required of all city employees are part of that process. There was a question about the punitive aspect of the new additional \$50 head tax and he agreed it was something that needed "to be looked at."

Gangs and safety in LoDo was a matter he felt was of great concern and he will work to crack down on miscreants and direct funds to the D.A's office to help prosecute RICO violations and related activities. Michael also is confident the Bronco's will play this year. There was no discussion concerning the Rockies, Nuggets or Avalanche.

In closing Michael Hancock thanked the group for our hospitality and energetic conversation. **President Ed** then presented him an Optimist cup complete with the Optimist Creed on the back and suggested he read it to City Council and get them squared away. It was an interesting and educational presentation and we all thank Michael for his words and camaraderie.

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
4/8/11	Randy Marcove, Ron Carlson, & John Oss
4/15/11	Kent Gloor, Bob Avery, & Tom Wos
4/22/11	Frank Middleton, Woody Thibodeau, & Allen Pierce
4/29/11	Ron Carlson & Michael Chavez
5/6/11	Fred Pasternack & Doug Arnold

Super Citizen Presenters for April		
8 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Steve Kady
13 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Doug Morton
20 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Rich Wagner
20 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Strowbridge
22 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Frank Middleton
22 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Samuels	Nick Newey
29 @ 2:30 pm	Univ. Park	Bob Avery
29 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Howard Fry

Monaco South Calendar

- Apr 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Oratorical Contest Winners
- Apr 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Apr 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Apr 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Essay Contest Participants
- Apr 29 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado History Day
- May 6 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- May 6-8 Colorado-Wyoming 3rd Quarter Conference, Ft. Collins Hilton
- May 7 Sat 5:30 am Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry, Washington Park
- May 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Donn Eley, President & Founder of Brent's Place

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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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
Bob Avery	1989-90	Paul Bernard	2006-07
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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.