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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush



Good Morning Optimist

To start the New Year, 2013, **President Paul** called on **Bryce Slaby** to open the meeting with the invocation. Bryce told us that the shortest distance between two people is a smile. Then, with the assistance of **John Young** and **Oscar Sorensen**, he paid tribute to MSOC members who have passed away by reading their names and ringing the club bell.



In Remembrance

Larry Richter	1991	Harlan Riffel	2004
Charlie Korsoski	1992	Ralph Symalla	2004
Carl Bouldin	1992	Stan Cohen	2006
Bob Rivera	1992	Jimmy Brown	2009
Harold Meyer	1993	Bill Turman	2010
Arch Jefferies	1997	John Moser	2010
Dave Butler	1998	Coy Horton	2010
Steve Jessen	1998	Gerry Davis	2011
Robert Sullivan	1999	Tom Evans	2011
James Shannon	2000	Bill Walters	2011
Tilman "Tim" Day	2001	Paul Gleditsch	2011
Peter Harrity	2001	Marlin Kent	2012
Al Brunner	2003		

He then led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

From the Prez

Prez Paul let us know that **Gary Laman** has been diagnosed with cancer but indicated that the doctors do not know much else at this time. He is currently

admitted into Exempla St. Joseph Hospital for more testing. Let's keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

Others to keep in thoughts and prayers are Cindy Eley, wife of **Craig Eley** and Susan Kady, wife of **Steve Kady**. Your editor is sure there are others, so please keep us all informed.

Dolls for Daughters

Dolls for Daughters sent a thank you note to the club for our participation in their holiday toy distribution. They distributed some 27,000 toys to 3,100 children last month. Paul thanked all members who help with this project.



Announcements

OI Dime-A-Day Program: **Freddy Pasternack** called up all those members who have made the Dime-A-Day pledge to give a dime each day for the year to the Optimist International Foundation. He distributed lapel pins to each of the members who have fulfilled their pledge and reminded us that his goal is to get 100% participation from our members. He has thirty members to date. The total gift is only \$36.50 (Editor: That is 365 days times \$0.10 for those who want to check my math.) per member. Come on guys, we can do this. You can find the Dime-A-Day pledge form on the *GUMS Distribution Email*. See photo page 2.

New Year's Resolution: **John Young** announced his New Year's Resolution this year. He promised, "Not to mess with perfection."

Belated Recognition: **Ron Cisco** presented **Barry Barker** with the championship belt for winning this year's chilly cook-off. Barry was not present when the results were announced at our meeting after Christmas. Barry (you sly dog) found a way to keep his prize winning chilly in the headlines a week longer.

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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 Continued

Pass the Pot: The pot was passed around once again to collect donations for a tip to **John Marinos** who prepares the breakfast for us each week. Later in the meeting, **Frank Middleton** presented John with the thank you tips from the membership for 19 years of faithfully serving breakfast at our weekly meetings. John thanked the club and said that his 40 grandkids will enjoy the extra money. He informed us that he and Patti recently celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!



A hearty thank you to John Marinos and congratulations to you and Patti.

Photo Don StJohn

OI Dime-A-Day Program Contributors.



Freddy Pasternack, front right of center, recognizes some of the contributors to the OI Dime-A-Day Program.

Photo Don StJohn

New Club Building: We were reminded about the effort to build a new optimist club with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) by **Dick Cohen** and **Ron Gustas**. This club will be built around the idea of supporting research to develop a cure for Type 1 diabetes. The informational meeting is set for January 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the JDRF Office located at 8055 E. Tufts Avenue. If you know anyone touched by Type 1 diabetes, please invite them to this meeting so that they can see how to magnify their efforts in fighting this disease. See the details on the GUMS Distribution Email.

Oratorical Contest: The high school oratorical contest has been penciled in for Friday, March 1, 2013. **Frank Rowe** reported that students from Thomas Jefferson and George Washington High School are being invited to participate. He will give us more information as the organizational effort ramps up.



Final Christmas Tree Lot Report: The Tree Czar, **Joe Marci**, reported that we sold 1,256 trees, over 1,000 feet of Garland and 300 wreaths. The most sold tree was the Noble Fir at 375 followed by Fraser Fir at 243. Finishing way back (in fact, last) was Concolor at 23. Did we even have Concolor? *Editor: I'm told they got mixed up with the Canaan Firs. So here are the differences:*



Concolor Fir is a soft, long-needled fir. Its open branching allows for a good number and size of decorations, while its long needles provide fullness and a dense appearance. The Concolor's citrus-like scent makes it a pleasing tree for indoors. It can retain its needles for several weeks.



Canaan Fir, also called West Virginia balsam fir, is a little known tree that is native to isolated pockets in the mountains of West Virginia and Virginia. Some have suggested that, during the last glacial period, a continuous fir population extended from North Carolina north along the Appalachian mountain range into Canada.

Information from Ricky M. Bates, Assistant Professor of Ornamental Horticulture, Department of Horticulture, Penn State University.

Editor: I'm sure now that you see this information, this mix up will not happen again.

Joe Marci also reported that **Russ Paul** was the number one man-hour volunteer. There were rumors that Russ was sleeping under the trailer. The other top 6 members who worked 40 hours or more at the lot were: **Barry Barker**, **Greg Young**, **Les Larson**, **Gary Miller**, **Lynn Jones**, and **Mike McMahon**. Joe also thanked the other 100 members who donated time to this project.

Editor: We didn't get any specific information on the Santa House. Perhaps he is back at the North Pole preparing for next year.

American Cancer Society Optimist Club: Or, FRACSOC, or **Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club**. **Phil Perington** announced that the FRACSOC club, sponsored by Monaco South last year, would be conducting two fund raisers. The first is set to take place on Sunday, January 27th, from Noon to 3 p.m. They will be sponsoring a chilly cook-off. Since ours is called the Chilly Cook-off, they have decided to call theirs the **SUPER CHILLY COOKOFF**. They invite anyone, including Barry, to enter and to come by and taste the entries. The cost to enter a chilly is \$15.00 and to taste the chilly is \$10.00 (I don't think each). If you are a chilly lover (and even if you're not), come by and support our new club in this effort. See the flyer attached to the GUMS distribution email. Volunteers to assist are also being sought, contact **Patty Hasty**, pattyhasty@msn.com, if interested.

The second fund raiser will be a silent auction; but more on that later.

Final Bell

The Pot Drawing Winners were: **Bryce Slaby**, **Donlie Smith**, **Tom Mauro**, **Michael Chavez**, **Don Thompson**, **Tom Mauro**, **Oscar Sorensen**, and **Ron Cisco**, but no one took the big pot. Dick Cohen's name was drawn for having his badge, but he too walked away with no pot.

Dick Zolman closed the meeting by leading us in the Optimist Creed. **PROMISE YOURSELF**

The Brain Bowl is Coming Our own Karl Geil

Karl Geil was our speaker this morning as he gave an extended report on the upcoming Brain Bowl. This project was started in 1983 by the Buckingham Optimist Club (now the Gateway Optimist Club). In the 1990's, the original project chairman left the project and it began to dwindle. Monaco South adopted the project at that time and it has since grown to involve some 60 different schools entering over 200 teams involving over 1,000 students.



Karl Geil talks about the upcoming Brain Bowl starting January 12th.
Photo Don StJohn

It is an academic competition much like the old GE College Bowl. For you youngsters, Karl calls it Jeopardy with teams. Students participate with teams in the 6th, 7th and 8th Grade age groups. Every school in the states of Colorado and Wyoming is invited to enter teams. There are now 3 different regional tournaments and a district wide championship tournament. The dates for the tournaments are: North-ern Region is on January 12th at Monarch High School in Louisville; the Central Region is at Littleton High School on January 26th; the South Region is at Carson Middle School in Colorado Springs on February 9th

with the Championship Tournament set for February 23rd at Douglas County High School.

About 35 Optimist Clubs supply volunteers to work these competitions but Monaco South is the "heavy lifter" club. This project won an Optimist International award for multi-club sponsored projects. They are in need of volunteers to act as readers, proctors, runners, score keepers, time keepers and administrative personnel. Readers need to attend a special training session prior to the competitions.

If you would like any additional information, you can go to

www.optimistbrainbowl.org or call **Karl** or **Paul Simon** (the volunteer in charge of volunteers).

We need your help to make such a big project a success!

Editor: If you think you could compete, here is a toss-up question for you:

Question: How long is a rope? (Answer below)



Answer: From one end to the other.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
1/11/13	Nick Newey & Jon Wachter
1/18/13	Randy Marcove & Les Larson
1/25/13	J.R. Gieck & Joe Marci
2/1/13	Jim Vander Kamp & Barry Barker

Super Citizen Presenters for January

Jan 9 @ 8:30	Highline	John Stoffel
Jan 11 @ 9:45 & 10:15	Samuels	Les Larson
Jan 18 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45	Holm	Phil Perington
Jan 23 @ 2:30	MPB	Gary Strowbridge
Jan 25 @ 3:00	Bradley	John Young
Jan 31 @ 1:00 & 1:45	McMeen	Jack Kleinheksel

Monaco South Calendar

Welcome 2013 Happy New Year!

Jan 11 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Place Bridge Academy
 Jan 12 Sat 7:00 am North Region Brain Bowl, Monarch High School, Louisville
 Jan 15 Tus 6:30 pm New JDRF Optimist Club, JDRF DTC Office, 8055 E. Tufts Avenue, Suite 770
 Jan 16 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Jan 18 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Education for Women in Middle East & Africa, Chris Stanton
 Jan 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Jan 26 Fri 7:00 am Central Region Brain Bowl, Littleton High School
 Jan 27 Sun Noon - 3 pm FRACSOC Super Chile Bowl CookOff, American Cancer Society Building
 255 South Oneida Street (Enter on lower back)

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Safe	1995-96
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ed Collins	2010-11
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Randy Marcove	2011-12

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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.