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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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WELCOME



Opening Bell

At 7:00 a.m., January 6th President **Randy Marcove** brings down the gavel to start the last year of existence for the Monaco South Optimist Club... and the World. Only 349 days until December 21, 2012 when, says the Mayan calendar, the World will end. Stay tuned for further news of this upcoming event.

Invocation, Pledge & New Tradition

Scout Master **Ryan Thompson** not only did the invocation and the pledge, but also lead the group in a rousing tribute to Llamas (*don't forget the Dali Lama and Barack O'Llama*), followed by a rousing rendition of Yan-kee Doodle Dandy by our resident honky-tonk pianist – **Ron Gutru**.



Recognition & Guests

Prez **Randy** recognized two errant Al's, whom we haven't seem for a while. Welcome back to **Al (Alton) Perington** and **Al (Allan) McCall**.

Prez **Randy** also recognized **Jeanette Thompson**, our current Lt. Governor and member of Tamarac Optimists, who announced that there would be a "Super Zone" meeting, including zones 6-10 of the Colorado/Wyoming District at the Littleton United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 7th. The meeting is designed to share Optimist information with as many members as possible, at a minimum cost. Jeanette

also mentioned that the 2nd Quarter Board of Directors meeting would be held in Estes Park at the Stanley Hotel, February 9-10th. All Optimist members are invited to attend. The club will pick up the tab for Saturday lunch for all attending members. Check out the current District website for details, at www.optimistcowy.org/.

New Member Orientation

Randy announced that there would be a New Member Orientation on Monday, January 9th at 6:30



p.m. at District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102. Check with **Les Larson** for details. Everyone who hasn't attended this orientation is invited to attend, but it is designed primarily to

answer questions that new members may have about Monaco South, Optimist International, etc.

Announcements

Print Cartridge Recycling: Randy also announced that, if you have old printer cartridges, you should give them to **Greg Young** for recycling. The club gets the benefit of the "buy back program."

Tree Lot Recognition: **Bryce Slaby** recognized **Joe Marci** as the "backbone" of the Christmas Tree Lot, which was, once again, a huge success. Additional recognition was paid to **Mike Miller** and all the day managers, along with Tuff Shed's, Greg Erickson.

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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

Honey Moon Weekend: Howard Fry gave a heads up for the Honey Moon Weekend, which will be held July 20-23 at the Mary Jane Ski Area (*Editors note: Is this yet another Medical Marijuana Purveyor?*) and which will cost a mere \$148 per person for six-meals and two nights lodging. Signup sheet to follow.

Oratorical Contest at TJ: Keith Galloway will continue in his efforts to rejuvenate the Oratorical Contest at Thomas Jefferson High School. This year's contest will be held on March 6th. More information on this as details become available, but put it on your calendar to get out and support Keith in his efforts.



Gun Safety & Locks: Paul Bernard has some gun locks, donated by the Veterans Administration, for use by members. In light of some of the tragic consequences recently reported in the newspaper, if you don't already have your weapons secured, now would be a great time to do so. See Paul if interested.



CO/WY District Newsletter: Our media guru, Paul Simon, urged us to read the *Colorado/Wyoming Optimist District Newsletter*, as it contains information that will keep us aware of what's happening within the district. Paul also mentioned that he and Randy Marcove will be doing a presentation on "Use of Social Media to Promote Optimism" at the 2nd Quarter Meeting in Estes Park. The newsletter can be downloaded at: <http://www.optimistcowy.org/Newsletters/Jan2012.pdf>

Super Citizen Presenter's: Joe Marci announced we could use a presenter at the Lowry Super Citizen event. See Joe if you can volunteer. Joe also said that the tree lot was a great success, thanks to more than 2,000 volunteer hours provided by the members of MSOC. Great Job!

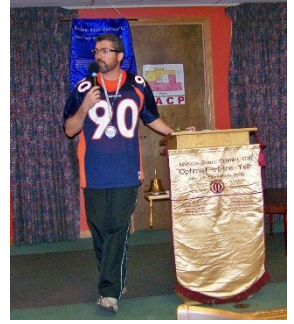


President Randy Marcove, shares the microphone with Jeanette Thompson, our current Lt. Governor and member of Tamarac Optimists, who provided details on the Colorado/Wyoming District "Super Zone" meeting, to be held on Saturday, January 7th at the Littleton United Methodist Church on Saturday.

Photo Don StJohn

Who Wears Number #90

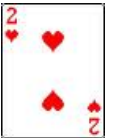
Although our president claimed he was wearing Donlie Smith's number 90 jersey shirt, the truth is that's only partially correct. According to Kirk Kaptain, staff writer for *Mile High Report*, there were nine players that wore #90 in *Denver Broncos* history and the jersey is currently occupied by Jason Hunter. There isn't much to look at, but check out the lineup and we shall see who the Greatest Bronco to wear #90 is:



- ⇒ Jason Hunter, DE 2010-Present
- ⇒ David Veikune, LB 2010
- ⇒ Kenny Peterson, DL 2006; '08-09
- ⇒ Paul Carrington, DE 2007
- ⇒ Darius Holland, DT 2003-04
- ⇒ Jerry Johnson, DT 2000-01
- ⇒ Neil Smith, DE 1997-99
- ⇒ Dan Williams, DE 1993-96
- ⇒ Ron Holmes, DE 1989-92
- ⇒ Freddie Gilbert, DE 1986-88

Drawing

With \$130 in the pot and the *Deuce of Hearts* as the target, there were many tickets sold by Dr. Bob but, when the smoke cleared, the pot was still intact. Both Tom Wos and Phil Perington had a shot were unsuccessful. Both Mike Miller and Ron Gutru were double winners, but had to settle for cups, since the maximum of two-draws for the pot had already been claimed by Tom and Phil. Wyatt McCallie also claimed a cup, as did Al Perington. Although Lynn Jones was wearing his nametag, he was also unsuccessful at drawing the elusive deuce.



Karl Geil, from page 4: many years of affiliation with Cherry Creek Schools. Karl Geil has, for many years, headed the training for Brain Bowl readers and has significantly increased the reputation of professionalism of our readers. Frank Ross has been instrumental in developing, building and repairing the "Buzzers" used by contestants. For past several years, Paul Simon has been responsible for recruiting volunteers.

In closing, Karl said that the support of Monaco South members this year will be more important than ever, since we will need additional staffing for the Championship Rounds and the increased participation in the Southern Region (Colorado Springs). Signup sheets will be available at the next few meetings.

Our Speaker Today - Karl Geil

The Brain Bowl is Coming!

Speaker today was our own **Karl Geil**, who filled us in on the particulars of the 2012 Brain Bowl. After showing a brief video of Channel 2's coverage of a



past Brain Bowl, Karl announced that this year's event will be bigger and better than ever. There will be three regional events, and new this year, a championship round, which will feature the top six teams for each grade from the regional contests.

As Karl is fond of stating, "For those of you who are not familiar with the Brain Bowl, it's like Jeopardy with teams." Each team of five students competes with other teams in their grade level (6th, 7th, or 8th), answering general knowledge questions appropriate for their respective ages. Teams advance on the basis of points accumulated during morning rounds, with teams from each of the three levels going on to the head on head competition held in the afternoon.

Approximately 1,000 to 1,200 students will be participating in the various regions this year, which means each regional competition will require some 135-150 Optimist volunteers. Various jobs, including readers, scorekeepers, timekeepers, test proctors are available and no prior experience is required. Training is held for most jobs the morning of the competition. In order to ensure top quality, those who wish to be readers must attend approximately 2 hours of training prior to reading in any competition.

This is one of the premier events in the Colorado/Wyoming District and was supported last year by members of 35 of the 61 clubs currently in the District.

The event has won the prestigious "Community Projects Award" at the international level and is well known throughout Optimist International as well as the middle school educational community in Colorado and Wyoming.

Monaco South Optimist Club is one of the strongest supporters of this event in providing both funding and volunteers. In addition, **Tom Mauro** should be recognized for his efforts in rejuvenating the Brain Bowl, which was in serious danger of disappearing after

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Photos Don StJohn

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
1/13/12	Paul Stratton & James Riley
1/20/12	Woody Thibodeau & Nick Newey
1/27/12	Bob Avery & Jim Riley
2/3/12	Terry Shroyer & ?
2/10/12	John Oss & Jim Riley

Be a Greeter, see OC Larson.

Super Citizen Presenters for January		
12 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Paul Stratton
18 @ 2:30 pm	MBP	Harry Fegley
20 @ 9:10 & 10:00 am	Holm	Phil Perington
20 @ 12:25 pm	Samuels	Phil Perington
24 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	Steve Kady
27 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Tom Charters

Be a Presenter, see Joe Marci.

Monaco South Calendar

Jan 9	Mon	6:30 pm	New Member Orientation, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Jan 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Leslie Pera, Boys Hope Girls Hope
Jan 14	Sat	9:00 am	Brain Bowl Reader Training, Valmont Presbyterian Church, Boulder, CO
Jan 17	Tue	6:00 pm	Brain Bowl Reader Training, Heritage High School, Littleton, CO
Jan 18	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Jan 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Jan 21	Sat	7:00 am	North Region Brain Bowl, Superior High School in Louisville, CO
Jan 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Karen Blackman, Colorado Oral-Deaf Pre-school
Jan 28	Sat	9:00 am	Brain Bowl Reader Training, Euclid Middle School, Littleton, CO
Feb 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

**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		

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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.