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Good Morning Optimist

The Rockies win on Thursday; therefore, the sun will come out tomorrow—if only for a brief time. Which it was. All's right with the World—Well, almost!

Another Friday in the land of Monaco South! **Paul Stratton** and **Frank Middleton**, along with **John Camaraderie Young** were here to greet everyone with a smile and a handshake. Frank gave everyone a different seat assignment, since today is Camaraderie Day!

Invocation & Pledge



After another fabulous breakfast, **Greg Hurd** read the invocation regarding Patriotism and the May meeting was off to a rousing start. President **John Oss** rang the bell at precisely at 7 a.m. to call the meeting to order.

Guests

Don Thomson introduced **Mike White**, who recently retired from Xcel Energy and now has time to spend his Friday mornings at the fabulous MSOC breakfast. Don said he coached Mike in both football and baseball at West High School. Mike said Don has been trying to recruit him for years, but he never had the time before. Hope to see you back Mike!

Don Iley brought his son **David**, a frequent guest and sometimes drawing winner.

Also in the house was **Todd Olson**, painter extraordinaire, back for a short time from Delaware. Todd and Becky moved to Delaware to be closer to their grandkids. Welcome back Todd!

Another member we have not seen for a while, is **Tom Kramis**, after various doctors put him back together after tangling with a tree while skiing this past winter. It has been a long, arduous road but Tom is back at work and almost as good as new.

From the Prez

Prez **John Oss** presented **Noel Hasselgren**, one of our newer members, with the Colorado/Wyoming District "Rookie of the Quarter" award that was an-



Noel Hasselgren, left, reads the presentation notes for his recognition as CO/WY District's 3rd Quarter "Rookie of the Quarter," while Prez John Oss looks on.

Photo Don StJohn

nounced at the recent 3rd Quarter Board meeting. This award is presented to a new member who has actively participated in District activities since joining. Congratulations to Noel—we look forward to his continued great participation.

Announcements

2015-16 Board: Prez Elect **Don Iley** said he is still looking for a Club Treasurer for next year. **Harry Arkin** has taken on the challenge of being next year's Secretary.

Junior Golf: In the absence of **Joe Marci**, **Ron**

Cisco is collecting money in support of the efforts to send 26 kids to Florida for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship (OIJGC). See Ron if you want to be a hole sponsor or would like to participate in the fund raiser golf tournament to be held on Tuesday, June 9. You still have an opportunity to see the Fabulous Rockies beat Miami on Sunday, June 7. See Ron, Joe, or **Bob Meyer** for tickets.

Handouts at Rockies Game: **Michael Chavez** reminds us, do not forget to sign up to distribute handouts for the Rockies game on Friday, June 5. Free admission for only a couple hours of standing in the beautiful Colorado sun with other Rockies fans. Bring your friends neighbors, etc. Anyone over the age of 16 is eligible to participate.

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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 Continue

Las Vegas Night Fundraiser: Paul Simon, the Lt. Governor of Zone 8, and one of the prime movers of the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club (FRACSOC) announced that the Las Vegas night fundraiser was a great success, and raised over \$5,000.

Gateway Optimist Club: Paul Simon also mentioned that the Gateway Optimist Club is sponsoring a pancake breakfast at the Village Inn on I-25 and Iliff on Saturday, May 23. Tickets are available at the door.

Bring in a New Member: Further Paul Simon shared that, through the beneficence of our own Frank Middleton, The first five members who bring in three or more members to any club in the District by the close of this Optimist year (September 30) will receive \$100. Frank is bankrolling this prize, along with Kent Gloor, District Governor elect, Curt Merrill and others. A great chance to help build the club membership and be rewarded in return.

Monaco South in Top Ten: Speaking of new members, treasurer Greg Young, shared after reading Ol's president Ken Garner's Hotline Message, "Top 15 Clubs by Membership" (May 2015), that we need to continue our unbroken string of Honor Club Achievement, by raising membership to 153+. See the message by [CLICKING HERE](#). As of April 22, 2015, the Optimist Club of Monaco South is number ten of the top fifteen club's in Optimist International. Therefore, everyone bring a guest as a prospective member. We need members who can work the projects and stay as one of the top fifteen and achieve Honor Club.

T1DOC Online Auction: Ron Gustas announced that the T1DOC online auction benefiting JDRF and helping to send kids to a Diabetes Camp will close at 9 p.m. on May 17. If you are reading this before 9 p.m. on Sunday evening, go to www.32auctions.com/ to look at and bid on over 60 available items. Creating a bid account only takes a few moments.

Included in the auction are foursome golf packages for Bear Dance Golf Club, Fitzsimmons Course, and Overland Park Course. Many other lodging, restaurant, entertainment, gift card, etc., items are also included. New items have been added in the last couple of days and some offer low minimums and significant discounts. All proceeds go to support the kids. Winners will be contacted by a T1DOC representative to arrange payment and item delivery. Many thanks to MS members who have made the auction a success.

HOBY Leadership Conference: Paul Bernard



reminded us of the HOBY Leadership Conference to be held on Saturday, June 13 at the DU Campus. Previous conferences have been held in Lakewood and Golden but, since this one is right in our own backyard, there is no reason we

should not have an outstanding turnout for this worthwhile event. See the HOBY 2014 slide show by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Happy Bucks

A number of Happy People contributed to the Childhood Cancer Campaign by throwing their "Happy Bucks" in the old spittoon. Among them were, Gary Strowbridge who was thankful that his wife made him go to the skin doctor, who discovered and removed a cancerous skin growth, Mike McMahon who is almost totally recovered from surgery as a kidney transplant donor said that the women who received his kidney is also doing well. Additionally, Bob Avery was thankful for his 35 years of wedded bliss to his wife, Dorcas. Thanks to all!



Our Visitors Next Week

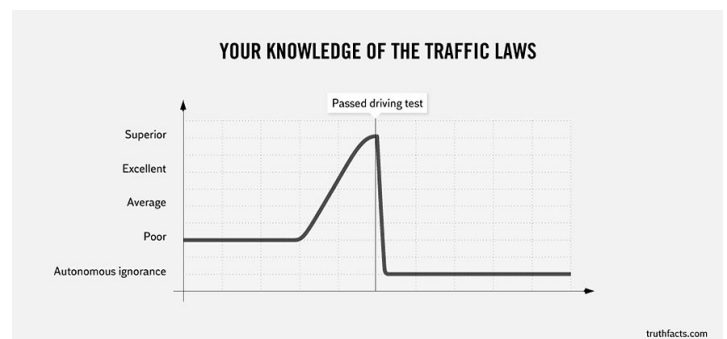
Prez Oss reminds us that, "next week both East High School Scholars and Thomas Jefferson Sullivan Scholarship Winners will be here. We have been doubled up multiple times over the last few months. That is good and bad. We have three dozen active projects so some conflicts are inevitable. High activity is good. Nevertheless, it requires more care to limit doubling up our commitments."

Weekly Drawing

There was \$130 in the pot for this weeks drawing, with some of the usual suspects getting involved. Karl Geil, Allen Yockey, and Jack Kleinheksel winning money cups, but neither Greg Young, Scott Walker, nor Curt Boell were able to draw the Jack of Spades, so the pot continues to grow.



A bit of Humor: Unique Graphs



Familiar Optimist International (OI) Terms

New members (and sometimes Old Members) are not always familiar with some of the terms often used by those who have been around Optimism for any period. For your delight and edification, here are some explanations of acronyms and terms:

- ◇ **OI:** Optimist International (The administrative body headquartered in St. Louis, MO.)
- ◇ **OI Foundation:** Organization that funds oratorical, essay and other scholarships. Contributions to the OI Foundation are tax deductible. (Contributions to most Optimist Clubs are not.)
- ◇ **Optimist International Mission:** *"By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids."*
- ◇ **OI Motto:** *"Friend of Youth."*
- ◇ **Colorado/Wyoming District:** One of 53 Districts in Optimist International currently consists of 51 clubs and about 1700 members lead by the District Governor. There are 52 clubs in Colorado and One club in Cheyenne Wyoming.
- ◇ **Zone:** A zone is a segment of a district consisting of 5-7 clubs, usually in the same geographic area and lead by a Lt. Governor. There are currently 11 zones in the Colorado/Wyoming District.
- ◇ **Brain Bowl:** An academic competition open to middle school students in Colorado and Wyoming. Teams of up to five students compete answering general knowledge questions. One of the best-supported activities in the District.
- ◇ **Oratorical Contest:** This contest is open to all students under the age 18 and provides an opportunity to

improve public speaking skills. Competition starts at the club level and winners advance to higher levels by giving a four to five minute oral presentation. The District winner is awarded a \$2500 scholarship.

- ◇ **Essay contest:** Competition starts at the club level. Participants advance by writing 400-500 word essays on a topic selected by Optimist International on an annual basis. District winner is awarded a \$2500 scholarship.
- ◇ **Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH):** Using the same topic as the Oratorical Contest, this contest allows those who cannot hear the opportunity to communicate, either through oral presentation or signing. Winners of District competition receive a \$2500 scholarship.
- ◇ **JOOI Clubs:** Junior Optimist Octagon International: Designed to teach students the importance of service to community these clubs work in association with Optimist Clubs in performing service projects. There are 3 levels of JOOI clubs: Alpha Clubs for elementary schools. Junior Optimist Club for middle schools and Octagon Clubs for High schools.
- ◇ **Childhood Cancer Campaign (CCC):** Charity officially sanctioned by Optimist International and supported through individual contributions from various members throughout the organization. Supports research and treatment of childhood cancer.
- ◇ **Friend of Optimism (FOO):** Generally, honorary members of an Optimist Club who may not be active in attending club meetings, but generally support the purposes of Optimism by sponsoring events, contributing funds, and assisting in activities.

Weekly Greeters	
5/22/15	Craig Eley & Joe Marci
5/29/15	Michael Chavez & Fred Pasternack
6/5/15	Mark Metevia & Jeff Johnston
6/12/15	Noel Hasselgren & Robert Wardlaw
6/19/15	Tom Glazier & Allen Malask
6/26/15	Nick Newey & ?
Need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or jon_wachter@msn.com	

Super Citizen Presenters May		
May 20 @ 2:30	MPB	Harry Arkin
May 21 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Bob Avery
May 22 @ 1:40	Univ Park	Paul Stratton
Super Citizen Presenters June		
The month of June brings a close to this years Super Citizen programs with the selection and presentation of the Charlie Korsoski Awards and Perfect Attendance Certificates.		
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 gardnerrb@gmail.com		

May 21 Thu	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
May 22 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - East High School Scholars, Beth Gower & Sullivan Awards
May 29 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
June 5 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Excellence in Education Presentation
June 5 Fri		Handouts at Rockies Game, see Michael Chavez
June 7 Sun		CO/WY District Optimist at the Rockies Game, see Bob Meyer, Joe Marci, or Ron Cisco
June 13 Sat		HOBY Leadership Conference, see Paul Bernard

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bob Safe	1995-96
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Cy Regan	1999-00
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Stan Cohen	2000-01
John Young	1982-83	Don St. John	2001-02
Pat Bush	1983-84	Jack Rife	2002-03
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Greg Young	2007-08
Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Paul Simon	2012-13
Mark Metevia	1994-95	Jon Wachter	2013-14

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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.