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The Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimists!

Today's Greeters

It appeared that **Terry Shroyer** was our only, lonely OFFICIAL greeter today, but **Greg Hurd** and **Frank Ross** hung around to fill out the greeting committee. Good job guys!

Invocation and Pledge

Les Larson invoked the "God of Hope" and led us in our pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Guests

Tom Mauro introduced neighbor John Wallace, now with Northwestern Mutual but was a United Airlines captain. Donlie Smith brought Mark Blair. David Lazeroff brought Scott Jensen. Good to see these guys today. Future members of course!

February Birthdays

President Phil named the members who celebrate in February, which brought on the famous rendition of "Happy Birthday" by members attending.

President Phil's History Lesson

- 1673 - first wine auction (in London)
- 1792 - U S Postal Service chartered
- 1811 - Austria declared bankruptcy
- 1839 - dueling was outlawed (to the chagrin of Pres. Phil)
- 1962 - John Glenn orbited the earth
- 1978 - best movie was Star Wars

Camaraderie Day Announcements

District Meeting

On Saturday, February 14th, **Greg Young** was recognized for leading an Honor Club at the Colorado/Wyoming District Quarterly Conference in Colorado Springs. Greg, on the right, is recognized by our own **George Buzick**, Immediate Past Governor of the District.



Board Meeting

Yellow Pages will be added to the Club's Directory of Membership. Three Optimist Clubs of southeast Denver will cooperate in future projects. Our membership currently stands at 133. Keep our optimism and growth going!

Optimist of the Quarter

President Phil recognized **Steve Kady** for his very active participation in Optimism, not the least of which was his guard of the cash box in the trailer during Christmas tree sales. Congratulations Steve!

Also recognized were **Howard Fry** and **Russ Paul** with Santa hats for their many hours at the tree lot. Congratulations!



Santa, **Howard Fry** with one of our customers.



Santa, **Russ Paul**.

Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado

Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am

Announcements Continued

Tri-Star Basketball

Gary Laman reported on the successful competition held recently.

Brain Bowl Experience

Paul Simon expressed his positive reaction in participating in this year's competition. He was happy to see so many youngsters at this academic event, and gave credit to **Karl Geil** and **Tom Mauro** for their leadership.

Wine Tasting Event

Paul Bernard was the announcer this week for the Denver Tech Center Optimist Club Wine Tasting, March 29th, 3:00-5:00pm, to be held at the Citron Bistro, 3535 South Yosemite Street, \$30.

Honeymoon Weekend

Howard Fry announced the return of the Honeymoon Weekend to be held the weekend of August 28th in Winter Park. He mentioned the sum of \$138, which must be per person, but I received no written info, sorry.

Thanks from Tom Hoch

Tom Hoch expressed his and Laura's thanks for the love and support from members during a difficult time when they suffered the loss of their son by accidental death. We will keep on praying, Tom, for divine comfort for you and the family.

New Slate

Oscar Sorensen warned us of the election to come a new president, or a VP (2 needed), or a board member (4 needed) for the next fiscal year. Nominations are welcome.

Essay Contest Winners

Joe Marci reporting: The judges for this year's theme, "*The Power of Youth*," all were impressed with the contestants' essays. The club winner is Jake Hazan whose essay has been submitted for the District Competition. The second place finisher is Robin Emerson. We had a tie for third with Asia Dorsey and Michael DeGregori. All these writers will be joining us at a future meeting along with Gordon Heaton, Thomas Jefferson HS teacher, and our three judges.

Optimist Junior Golf

First Applicant for Optimist Junior Golf **Bill Walters'** grandson, Hudson, is our first applicant. We wish him good fortune.

Monaco South Club Finances 101

From our Treasure, **Ron Gustus**, unlike many service clubs no portion of weekly breakfast, coffee, or roll costs are included in annual/quarterly member dues. The Club pays costs to the American Legion

Hall as follows:

- For use of the facility a \$1 fee is paid for each attending member per meeting.
- The Club pays the Legion Hall a separate amount for the breakfast, coffee, rolls, etc., at a rate less than what restaurants would charge.

The objective is to break-even on these costs and member charges are variable based on their choice. Charges are as follows:

- Full breakfast, plus tax and room charge (\$1) = \$7
- Coffee only (\$1) and room charge (\$1) = \$2
- Roll only (\$1) and room charge (\$1) = \$2
- Coffee (\$1), roll (\$1) and room charge (\$1) = \$3
- Orange Juice (\$1) and room charge (\$1) = \$2

Members attending and not having anything to eat or drink should pay \$1 to the cashier to cover the room charge. The Club pays costs for project guests, potential new members, and speakers. Non-potential member guest costs are to be paid by the host member. **Don St. John** has meal tickets available for members wanting to pay for multiple week charges. Your Board appreciates everyone's cooperation in helping out.

New Members Inducted

President Phil inducted **Michael Chavez** and **Lyn Jones**. Welcome to our fabulous club!



Photo by Don StJohn

Super Market Sales

Cy Regan reported sales of King Soopers cards \$1,000 and Safeway \$125. Get on board for this easy fundraiser for the club.

Winner on the Draw

Speaking of **Cy Regan**, he was this weeks big winner of \$80 after having his name drawn for wearing his name tag, and then drawing the right card. I think **Cy** owes **Ron Cisco** a portion of his winnings for arranging the cards in just the right way.



Photo by Don StJohn

Announcements Continued

Boy Scout Eagle Awards

Over 200 Eagle service projects are done each year for their communities, schools, and churches. These astounding projects are often immense in their efforts and results. All done by Scouts under 19 years of age and sometimes as young as thirteen or fourteen years old.

MSOC made awards possible for each Scout District and for the entire Council consisting of 7 districts. The Council winner was Chad Vorwaller who constructed a helipad for Flight for Live and AirLife in the Parker, Franktown, Elizabeth, and Kiowa area. He spend 144+ hours organizing and executing this project which took him 10 months to complete, working mostly with the FAA, Centennial Air Port, Flight for Life, AirLife, and Colorado Division of Aeronautics. Truly an amazing project.

Overall the award winners' projects took 2,637 hours to complete, which is over 1 and quarter years of work (40 hour work weeks). We can consider our own club and imagine the work it takes to organize and complete new projects and these projects are lead by young boys!

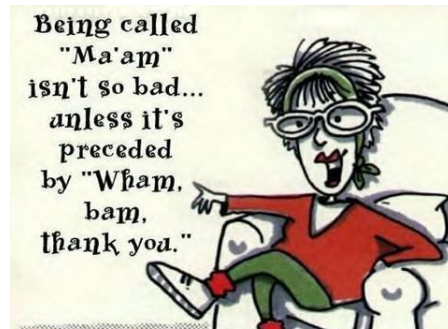
The selection committee was: **Donlie Smith, Bob Avery, Doug Morton, Tom Overton, Frank Middleton, Jack Kleinheksel, and Greg Hurd.** And **John Young**, who supplied and made up the beautiful awards. **Phil Perington** made the presentation at the Eagle Banquet with over 400 people in attendance. Thanks to all!



Job and Career Assistance

Optimist Club member **Dan Hugo** is seeking career leads. Dan writes, *I have a 20-year history in the non-profit sector covering all aspects of that industry. I also bring the drive and focus of an entrepreneur via my experience building two TV networks. Most recently, I've been involved in the financial world focusing on wealth management. Any leads in the non-profit sector, marketing and or sales arena, financial world, or new business venture where I can utilize my skills would be appreciated. Home phone is: 303-680-8215 and my email address is: hugo@live.com.*

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Monaco South Calendar

Feb 26	Thu	1:00/2:00 pm	Super Citizen, Lowry Elementary School - Greg Young
Feb 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Congresswoman Diana DeGette
Feb 27	Fri	11:00/11:30 pm	Super Citizen, University Park Elementary - John Young
Feb 27	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International - Randy Marcove
Feb 28	Sat	6:30-10:30 pm	Snowball Gala Carnival, Colorado History Museum
Mar 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Jack Rife, <i>Africa Trip</i>
Mar 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Susan Gustin, <i>Colorado History Day Competition</i>
Mar 14	Sat	7:00 am	<i>St. Patrick's Day Parade - MSOC Pooper Scoopers</i>
Mar 17	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Dist. 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Mar 18	Wed	1:15/2:00 pm	Super Citizen, McMeen Elementary School - Mychael Dave
Mar 18	Wed	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood - Kale Smith
Mar 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

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

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

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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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