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Editor for March—Greg Young



GOOD MORNING OPTIMISTS!!

Today's Greeters

Top o' the morning to ye! Today's enthusiastic greeters were one of our newest members, **Harry Fegley**, and he was partnered with **Nick Newey**.

Invocation and Pledge

Harry Fegley also gave the invocation, urging us to pray for the less fortunate and help all mankind. Harry then guided us in our pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Opening Bell

President Phil Perington allowed the **Monaco South Irish Glee Club** to come up and serenade us with great renditions of *Wild Irish Rose*, *Irish Lullaby (Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ra)*, and *When Irish Eyes are Smilin'*. As usual the ringleader, **Cy Regan**, the lead singer, was trying to keep the rest of the "Irish (?)" on tune and in time. What a great voice Cy has!! Of



Photos by Don St. John

Thanks to **Randy Marcoves** and his new cellphone here is a video he took and placed on YouTube MSOC Irish Rose. Go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqGElTYC46I>

course, most of the singers will be scooping poop at the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, and singing a different tune.

President Phil tried to limit the history today without success:

- Being Friday the 13th, we are all suspicious.
- In 1781, William Hershel discovered Uranus, thereby providing Mike Myers with endless jokes.
- Edmund Halley predicted March 13, 1759 as the return of the comet bearing his name to this day...and by golly it did! Next one will be July 28, 2061. Hope we're all here to see it.



Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

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

Every Friday Morning, 7:00 - 8:00 am

President Phil trivia continued...

There were numerous birthdays mentioned but none that was newsworthy. Did someone mention Liz Taylor?

Guests

We had only one guest today. **Lawrence Kohlman** was a return guest of **Bill Walters**. Hopefully some more arm twisting will get him to join!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

Oscar Sorensen announced that we are looking for a few good men for the slate for next year's officers. We need a new President, two Vice Presidents, and at least four for the Board of Directors (more can apply as there always seems to be some turnover during the year). So step up and make yourself available to Oscar, or other nominating committee members: **Joe Marci**, **Bill Litchfield**, **Dr. Ed Fankhauser**, or **Kent Gloor**. Elections are in April.

Speakers Needed

If you know of speakers or want to explore a new area, call or email Paul Bernard with ideas at 720.339.8025 or pxbernard@gmail.com.

DTC Optimist Club Wine Tasting

Do not fail to sign up for the best event this month: DTC Club is hosting a **Wine Tasting** event at the Citron Bistro, on March 29th from 3-5 pm. Cost is only \$30 per guest if you buy **now** from **Karl Geil**, **George Buzick**, or **Paul Bernard**. If you wait, it will cost you \$35 at the door. Spouses and/or friends are invited. Wines of South Africa are featured along with great hors d'œuvre.



HOWDY, Partner!

Frank Middleton handed out a flyer on the Western Hoedown and Barbeque. Put Saturday, April 18th down as the place to be for fun and dancing...no expertise required! The event is at the Outpost Club just west of Havana at 10101 Colorado Ave. Inexpensive drinks and a great meal (no price increase since 2006) make this a must for you and your swing dance partner...lessons included! Checks for \$21 per person to Frank as soon as you can. Get the trail dust off that Stetson, and ya'll come!

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE TO SEE IF YOU CAN HELP OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR JOBS, and LET RON GUSTAS KNOW IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR WORK
Go to: <http://www.monacosouth.org/>

TAMARAC OPTIMIST CLUB: SALE!!

The ladies of **Tamarac Optimist Club** are going to have a couple of fundraisers you and your spouse might be interested in attending. They will hold a garage sale April 17th & 18th at the home of Sandy Harden located at 4060 S. Tamarac Dr. On August 6, 7, & 8 they will have "**Claire's Boutique**" at the home of **Claire Young**, 3621 So. Peach Way. Also, if you have some items you would like to donate to sell at either of these events please contact Claire (3/692-8202) the week prior to the events.

Have a Heart

Heartsaver, First Aid, CPR & AED Class

Saturday March 28th
8:30am-4pm

Augustana Lutheran Church
Be prepared to save a life

The American Heart Association course is designed to prepare people to provide CPR, first aid, or AED use in a safe, timely, and effective manner. Cost of course will be \$30 which includes the Book and certification card. Please register for the course by contacting **Joyce Thomson** at 303-757-4273 or e-mail djthomson@earthlink.net.

IF YOU DONATED TO THE OI FOUNDATION LAST FISCAL YEAR, GO ONLINE TO THE OI WEBSITE (<http://www.oifoundation.org/about/vote2009.htm>) AND VOTE FOR JIM BROWN FOR THE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Whoozit? Pics from the Past



Name this member (pic from the 1995 Club Directory)! Find him at the next meeting and say Hi!

Super Citizen Presenters Need for April & May— see Joe Marci to Sign Up

I paid for my coffee today; did you?

OUR SPEAKERS TODAY:
Susan Gustin, Colorado
History Day



Our speaker today was **Susan Gustin**, Asst. State Coordinator for Colorado History Day. Colorado History Day is the local competition for National History Day, which is a year long program. The mission of National History Day is to improve the teaching and learning of history in elementary and secondary schools so that students become better prepared, knowledgeable citizens. For nearly 30 years, Colorado History Day has been fostering history education in grades 6 through 12. By providing teacher resources and statewide contests, over 1000 kids can participate in a fun and educational learning experience.

Kids in this program learn to do historical research by digging into original documents, and doing original discovery in an area defined by an annual theme. This year's theme is *The Individual in History: Actions and Legacies*. Examples of individuals who cared deeply about a cause and nudged history forward are Eleanor Roosevelt in her quest for human rights, John Peter Zenger and the fight for freedom of the press, and Walter Reed in his quest for a cure for yellow fever. The list can extend exponentially. Individuals who were activists, world leaders, scientists, or artists followed their fervor and focused their life's work that eventually became a catalyst for events to unfold in history. In each case the decisions and the route that the individual followed ignited a change. An example right here in Colorado is Kit Carson, and the influence he brought to Fort Garland and the San Luis Valley.

Students can participate in five categories: Documentary, Exhibit, Written Paper, Performance, or

Web Site. Susan showed us some pictures of past exhibits...one very clever one using a garbage can as a rotating display on the far reaching effects of agent orange from the Viet Nam war.

663 Colorado kids competed at the state level last year with 65 going to National. One of our kids got 3rd in Web site design and four all together won prizes.

Denver History Day is April 4th, and if you want to get involved contact Becky Muggli, Regional Coordinator, at becky_muggli@dpsk12.edu or **Karl Geil**.

On May 2nd, Judges are needed for Colorado History Day, and Susan handed out sign up form. If you missed it, call **Karl Geil** and he can get you the information or call Susan at 303-556-6647. Training is 2 hours on April 21 or 25 and the event will last about 5 hours. All you need is common sense and willingness to affirm the participant's desire and enthusiasm for history. Let's all sign up to support this get kids event!! Food is provided!!

Find out more at the website:
www.coloradohistoryday.org

President Phil presented a \$300 donation to Susan for our support for the project.

Supermarket Gift Card Sales

Cy Regan announced we sold only \$1,400 today. Not bad, but let's do more next week. These cards work just like a debit card, and you get 100% of the value in groceries or gas, and the club gets 5% back from the store. What could be easier!?

Closing Bell (s)

No one won, even though **Tom Mckee** had two tries!! The pot next week will be \$60. **Karl Geil** led us in the Creed.

Monaco South Calendar

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 19	Thu	9:00 am	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary School - Phil Perington
Mar 19	Thu	5:30 pm	Super Citizen, Hamilton Middle School - Nick Newey
Mar 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Mar 20	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International School - Steve Kady
Mar 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker pending
Mar 28	Sat	8:30 am-4:00 pm	Heartsaver, First Aid, CPR & AED Class - Joyce Thomson
Mar 29	Sun	3:00-5:00 pm	Denver Tech Center Optimist Club Wine Tasting
Apr 18	Sat	6:00 pm	Western Dance, Outpost Club - Frank Middleton
May 1 & 2			Furry Scurry, set up on Friday @ 3 pm and Saturday @ 5 am
May 2	Sat	7:00 am	Colorado History Day Judging/volunteers—Karl Geil
June 28	Sun	All Day	MS150 Rest Stop

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
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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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