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Good Morning Optimist

Greeters **Tom Kramis** and **John Young** brought smiling faces and warmth to their duties as greeters on a cold Friday morning, January 27, 2017. *Did you know? The United Nations General Assembly designated January 27 as the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz -Birkenau, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Or that, on this day in 1756, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.*



Tom Kramis & John Young meet and great this morning.
Photo Noel Hasselgren



Invocation & Pledge

Paul Gibson delivered our invocation today, speaking on the topic of encouraging tolerance among nations and among people. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

From the Prez Board Meeting Updates

Junior Golf: Due to the success our district has had with this program, OI has given us more golfer slots this year. Last year there were 26 golfers who went to Florida for the OI Championships, and this year there will be 66. Currently there is \$1,500 in the budget to support the Junior Golf program. **Joe Marci** attended the board meeting with this report, and the board brought to the meeting a motion to approve an additional \$1,500. We had a voice vote among the membership and the motion carried. Joe says thank you and he will keep us posted on the progress of the program.



Constitutional Law Scholars: The board also approved a \$300 contribution to the Constitutional Law Scholars of East High School. They won the state competition and are heading to Washington D.C. for the Nationals in the spring.

T1DOC Club: The Type 1 Diabetes Optimist

Club club is having a fundraising auction, and the board approved a contribution of \$125. **Greg Young** will use the money to put together a basket to be auctioned off at the event.

Board Resignation: **Chris Dunphy** has resigned as a club vice president due to commitments for his growing business. Craig asked that if there are members interested in stepping up and filling the vacancy, please let him know via email @ craigceley@gmail.com. As a reminder, the board meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Club Membership: Also, 10 members have dropped from our club in the last few months after dues notices went out and no responses were received. Therefore, please help in finding no members so we can keep the Club strong.

New Website: The new and improved website will be up this week. The home page will look different, but check out the calendar for times, dates, and locations of events and projects, and also links to maps. The newsletter will continue to arrive in your email inbox, but the link will take you to the website. Check out the upgrades at www.monacosouth.org.

Political Speakers & Content: Some concerns about political speakers and content at our meetings has been expressed to the Board. The board has created a sub-committee to consider these concerns and will have discussions over the next few months and report back at a future board meeting. The sub-committee members are **Craig Eley, Jim Easton and Wyatt McCallie**.

Senior Moments Program: **President Eley** introduced a new program called **Senior Moments**. The idea of this program is to visit with and presenting to the residents at senior living communities, for example the Eastern Star Retirement Campus, an assisted living facility at 2445 S. Quebec St. Craig passed around a sign up for those interested. The first date is not determined yet, but the goal would be to do this once a month at 10:00 a.m.

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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******

From the Prez Continued

2nd Honeymoon: Mark your calendar, the Monaco South 2nd Honeymoon is back! *September 7-11, 2017*. On Thursday, September 7 we will travel three hours to Glenwood Springs, Colorado (maybe see some fall foliage colors on the way), where an array of activities, fun and food awaits us. We will stay in the historic Hotel Colorado, where Teddy Roosevelt always stayed when he was in the area. The Hot Springs Pool is on the grounds, where we can take a good soak if we wish.



Those who wish a vigorous outing can go down the road a bit and tackle the Hanging Falls Trail – totally worth the climb. A gondola ride up Glenwood's Iron Mountain will take us to the spectacular Glenwood Caverns, not nearly as large as Carlsbad but untouched and pristine, with delicate cave bacon, stalactites and lots of other sparkling things. An easy stroll underground can be followed by a zoom down on the Alpine Slide if we wish.



There is great food in Glenwood, especially if you enjoy Italian. A backcountry ride in a Unimog will take us effortlessly to the scenery only seen from off the road. And just down the road is the charming village of Redstone, where tours of the Redstone Castle are available.

This excursion is designed for those who may not be as mobile as they used to be, but also has options for hiking, golfing, climbing, etc., for those looking for such adventures. Best of all, and at no extra charge, we will enjoy the fellowship of Monaco South Optimists and their spouses and significant others.

We need to know as soon as possible how many are interested, because rooms go fast in Glenwood Springs. Send an email to Craig Eley with a non-binding expression of interest. Once we get an idea of interest, we will firm up prices. In the event they run out of rooms, the reservations will be made in the order the emails are received by Craig.

Announcements

Tree Lot Update: Joe Marci thanked the club members for the 1,800 hours worked at the tree lot this season. It was a very successful year, with the second highest number of trees sold - 1,375.

Jack Kitchell Update: Don Thomson reports that Jack Kitchell had his right hip replaced Monday at Skyridge. He was discharged on Thursday and is home now and resting well.



OC Larson Update: OC Larson is still at Orchard Park and is making progress. He is eating well and responding to physical therapy. His sister from Nebraska will be with him this weekend, and visitors will be welcome next week.



GUMS Email Distribution List

Please be aware that the Constant Contact email distribution list for GUMS was recently updated. Therefore, if you want to receive GUMS at a different email address you may change or add to it by clicking on "UPDATE PROFILE" shown at the bottom of this distribution email — in the footer.

Once done a new webpage will open like the one below to make changes.

This page will also ask for some additional information that needs to be supplied for you to update your email address. available though January 2017.

MSOC Shirts: Greg Young modeled a MSOC shirt, and passed around a signup sheet, multiple colors are available! Bring a check to pre-pay: \$25 for shirts with no name, \$30 for shirts with embroidered name.

Super Citizen Program: Don Thomson reported on a successful Super Citizens assembly at McMeen yesterday. Don thanked Pat Bush and Michael White for being there (as usual!).



Eagle Scout Award Banquet: Jack Kleinheksel said that yesterday the committee started to review service projects for the Eagle Scout Award Banquet, which will be held on March 3rd. Jack wants to make sure that everyone knows that Donlie Smith was the visionary behind this event, and the driving force of this yearly recognition. Well done Donlie!

McDonalds Redesign: Steve Kady wanted everyone to be aware that McDonalds is redesigning the Big Mac, and that they recently gave out a limited number of bottles of their here-to-fore secret sauce. Steve has one and is willing to part with it for the right price. He is accepting offers (minimum bid \$5), and you have a good chance of being able to get it for less than the EBay advertised price of \$10,000! One seller even put the sauce up for \$100,000.

MSOC Ski Day: Bob Avery announced that he will be hosting ski day at Copper Mountain on Monday, March 13th. Please let him know if you are interested in a day of skiing and camaraderie.

Bob then put in a half-hearted effort at reading four jokes (not worth repeating). He even booed one of his own efforts, which tells you something.

Sweetheart Breakfast: Keith Gallaway was not in attendance, but Craig Eley shared that the Sweetheart Breakfast is coming up on Friday, February 17th

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Announcements Continued

at 7:00 a.m. So far, 40 people are signed up. Wear your finest Hawaiian attire and prepare to be whisked away to the Hawaiian Islands by Keoni Coelho. Keon opened for Don Ho in his previous days in Hawaii. Your sweetheart will love the romantic Hawaiian love songs and his warm and friendly style.

The location is the Yak and Yeti restaurant at 9755 E. Hampden and the cost is \$17.00 per person. The signup sheet will be circulating for the next few weeks or you can contact Keith. Payment should be made to OCMS and given to Keith by check or to **Greg Young** by check or credit card. You can also register and pay by credit card online at Monaco South Market, [Click Here](#). Please sign up and pay by February 10th.

Tri Star Basketball: **Michael Chavez** made a Tri Star basketball announcement on behalf of the project chairman, **John Bamford**. The event will be Tuesday, February 21st, 3:30 pm at the Cope Boys and Girls Club. It is a skills competition for 8-13 year old's, judged on dribbling, shooting, and passing abilities. Please sign-up to be scorekeepers or monitors. Michael says we need a least six more volunteers.

Special Olympics Colorado Polar Plunge: **Mike McMahon** reminded us that the Polar Plunge is Saturday, February 11th at the Aurora reservoir. As always, Mike is looking for fellow jumpers! But if the idea of jumping into freezing water makes you shiver, Mike is taking donations as well. The Polar Plunge supports the athletes of Special Olympics Colorado. Mike reports that MSOC members have pledged over \$1,000 and express his heartfelt thanks. You can still go online to support him, [Click Here](#).

Optimist Brain Bowl, Central Region: **Karl Geil** announced the Central Region tournament was held last Saturday at Heritage High School in Littleton. Approximately 390 students, or 76 teams competed. Teams from Slavens Middle School were the 6th Grade and 7th Grade Champions, while a team from Powell Middle School were the 8th Grade Champions. Hamilton Middle School will be repre-

sented at the Championship tournament by a team in the 6th grade and one in the 8th grade. Additional results attached. Of the 132 volunteers who participated, 35 of them, 26.5%, were from Monaco South: **Greg Young, Randy Marcove, Harry Fegley, Kent Gloor, Scott Walker, Joe Marci, Bill Morgan, Paul Stratton, Noel Hasselgren, Don Thomson, John Greene, Bob Avery, Allen Pierce, Tom Kramis, Paul Simon, Michael Chavez, Tom Overton, Jim VanderKamp, Terry Shroyer, Bill Blunden, Everett Gardner, Mark Burns** (friend of Paul Simon), **Paul Bernard, David Telpner, Craig Eley, John Oss, Frank Middleton, Phil Perington, Mark Metevia, Gary Strowbridge, Curt Merrill, Barry Barker, Peter Dimond, Pat Bush, and George Buzick.**

Thanks to all who participated. The biggest problem encountered was that the volunteer crews in the competition rooms were not completing the score sheets correctly, and the Runners were not checking them before leaving the rooms. We have two more tournaments to put on: The South Region on February 4th at Horizon Middle School in Colorado Springs and the Championship tournament on February 25th at Hamilton Middle School. Please help us make these last two tournaments great experiences.

CO-WY Conference: Governor **Paul Simon** said the 2nd quarter conference is coming up on February 11 and he is encouraging all to come and have fun and learn. Monaco South will reimburse you \$25 of the registration fee, which means for \$10 you get a continental breakfast, lunch and the opportunity to share with some of the finest people.

It will be a great conference. Talk to your Lt. Governor's **Jon Wachter, Mike McMahon, or Mike Chavez** in the district and members of Monaco South.

Paul expressed thanks to the board for the club's donation of \$300 in support of the conference project, which is assembling activity bags for kids at Children's Hospital. Paul is offering a sponsorship of a new MSOC member (1 year or less) who would like to attend. Reach out to Paul for details.

Drawing

With \$60 in the pot for the taking; it was merely a matter of finding the five of diamonds.

Cups went to: **Carl Brown, Don St. John, Karl Geil, Jack Kleinhessel, George Buzick, and Peter Dimond.**



Jim Easton and **Noel Hasselgren** went for the big money, and both were met with good-natured cries of "he's a loser!" when they came up empty.

Nametag - **Cy Regan** had his on, but alas, \$60 was not in the cards for him either.

Weekly Greeters

2/3/17	Dick Zolman & Harry Arkin
2/10/17	Bob Avery & Ron Cisco
2/17/17	John Young & Michael Chavez

February Super Citizen Presenters

Feb 15 @ 2:30	MPB	?
Feb 16 @ 2:15	Univ. Park	?
Feb 17 @ 1:00	Samuels	?

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40th Year — Chartered in 1976

Feb 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 4	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl, South Tournament, Horizon Middle School, 1750 Piros Drive, Colorado Springs
Feb 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 11	Sat	8:00 am	2 nd Quarter CO-WY District Conference, Family Resource Pavilion, 9700 E. Easter Lane
Feb 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 22	Wed	6:30 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Feb 25	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl Championship Tournament, Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E Dartmouth Ave.

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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
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Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
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Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
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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.