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Editor for this Issue—George Buzick



Good Morning Optimists

"I'm Optimistic, in the sense that I don't see how things can possibly get much worse," states **George Buzick**, editor this month.

Phil Perington, soon to be Governor of the Colorado/Wyoming District, was the one and only greeter for this morning. And a fine job he did!

First Bell & Invocation

President Ed gaveled the meeting to order at approximately the right time. The invocation by **Karl Geil**, reminded us that, in the dog-eat-dog world of today, it is hard to practice the tenet of the Optimist Creed regarding being "...just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own." But that we should nevertheless, try our best!

Member and guests were treated to another sumptuous breakfast by our own **John Marino**. We don't know how he does it week after week, but we're certainly glad he does!

Guests

Freddie Pasternack had several guests today, one of whom actually showed up. Ed Stein showed us some breath taking panoramic photos of Eldorado Canyon and said that in addition to photography he also teaches computer classes here at our very own American Legion Hall.

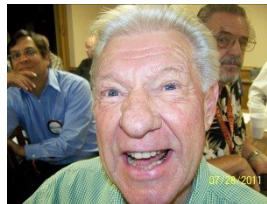
Steve Kady announced that his friend, **Ron Gutru** was attending for the third time. *Has anyone told Ron that the third free breakfast triggers automatic membership to the club?* We had a pseudo guest in the guise of **Paul Rosenthal**, a former member returned!

Special guests of **Dick Nickoloff** were his wife Jan-

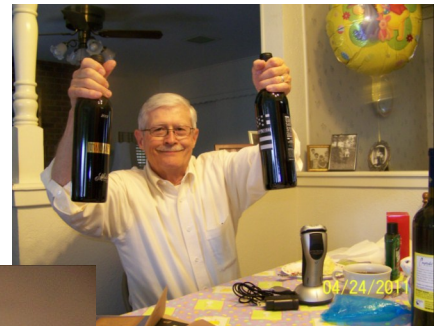
is, son-in-law David and daughter Emilie, who thanked the club for supporting of the University of Colorado Hospital Burn Center. Emilie raised over \$1,600. In June 2011 Emilie competed in the Coeur D'Alene Idaho Ironman triathlon after recovering from Stevens Johnson Syndrome caused from an unknown allergic reaction. Her story was captured by Channel 7 ABC and she was featured in an ad run in the August issue 5280 magazine. See Emilie's story at <http://teamemilie.blogspot.com/2011/06/three-goals-down-one-to-go.html>.

Revealing Pictures

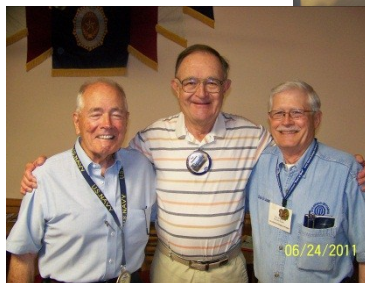
What you find when one of MSOC chief photographer's, Don StJohn, shares his cameras memory card.



Who else but Oscar Sorensen!



Above, clean shaving photographer Don sharing and enjoying his April birthday gifts. Some wine and a new electric razor.



Three smiling MSOC members, left to right, Cy Regan, Donlie Smith and Don StJohn himself.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

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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****

Member Updates & News

Rumor has it that **Bob Avery**, intrepid cyclist, has given up his car and will ride his bike everywhere until the economy improves. Good Luck on that Bob!

Ron Carlson is recovering from a blood clot in his leg. Although Ron is at home and doing well he has to take it easy for a while. There has been a noticeable decline in the end of the meeting "pot drawing," since Ron is a major contributor to this event. Hurry back Ron!

Russ Paul will soon be undergoing surgery to have a growth removed from his kidney, plus his gallbladder removed. We'll keep you in our thoughts and prayers Paul. Please keep us informed on your progress.

Harry Johnson was recently awarded a medallion by the 460th Space Wing, formerly the 460th Bombardment Group for his service to our country during WWII and will be leaving for Washington D.C. in September to be further recognized. Thanks for your service Harry!

John Oss recently celebrated his 50th anniversary and also took the message of Andrea Mauro to heart, our speaker July 22nd, by interviewing and video taping his 95 year old mother-in-law.

Marlin Kent, as many of you know Marlin is now living with his daughter in north Denver; therefore, he seems to be out of touch. Marlin seems to be doing well, so give him a call. He can be reached at: 303-246-6794.



Announcements

Channel 6 Telethon: **Bryce Slaby** reminded those who will be working the PBS telethon on Thursday evening, August 11th starting at 5 p.m.

March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball Tournament: Cy Regan reminded us about the March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball event tomorrow and solicited a few more volunteers, since a couple of those who previously volunteered will not be available. Cy is forgoing this event, which he has chaired for the past several



years, because he thinks it is relatively important that he be present at his son's wedding.

Colorado/Wyoming Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** mentioned that some of the golfers who represented Colorado/Wyoming district in Florida will be here on August 19th to talk about the experience. Joe also said he was, once again, selling Entertainment Books for \$30. Get 'em while they're hot!

MSOC Installation Dinner: **Ron Cisco** and **Phil**

Perington have confirmed the Installation Dinner scheduled for Saturday, September 24th at Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 South Heather Gardens Way. Cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. A choice from two entrees is available. The cost is \$26 per person.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk:

Ron Gustas and **Dick Cohen** reminded everyone of the up-coming 10th Annual Walk for Diabetes, September 11th at the Pepsi Center. Proceeds from the walk go to fund research for a cure of Type 1 Diabetes and/or develop improved treatment methods for the thousands of Colorado kids and young adults affected by this life threatening disease. Members can help in any or all of the following ways:

1. Make a tax deductible monetary pledge to JDRF.
2. Help set-up the Pepsi Center "Walk" site starting late morning on Saturday September 10th.
3. Walk the 2½ mile course as part of the team that Ron and Dick support.

Volunteers receive lunch, a t-shirt, and an admission ticket to Elitch Gardens good for the rest of 2011 season. contact either Ron Gustas at rgustas@earthlink.net or Dick Cohen at richardmcohen@hotmail.com.

2011-12 Super Citizen Program: **Don Thomson**, coordinator for the Super Citizen recognition program, reminds us that DPS schools open on August 18th and our Super Citizenship program will begin in October with possibility 11 schools. This will be our 30th year of Super Citizenship with our club. Representatives for each school are:

- Bradley — **Randy Marcove**
- Hamilton — **Tom Mauro & Karl Geil**
- Holm — **Donlie Smith**
- Lowry — **Paul Stratton**
- McMeen — **Don Thomson**
- MPB — **Pat Sullivan**
- Samuels — **Kent Gloor**
- Slavens — **Tom Hoch**
- University Park — **Jack Rife**
- Highline Academy — **Jim Easton**
and if they agree,
- Southmoor Park — **Bob Avery**



We will be hosting the Principals from these schools to breakfast on Friday, August 26th.

Photographers for the program are: **Marc Goodbody**, **Wyatt McCallie**, and **Greg Young**.

If you want to be a Super Citizen presenter in the upcoming months, please see **Joe Marci** to get on the schedule. Don shared that we awarded 750 plus students last year and hope to increase those numbers this year.

Don stated the **Charles Korsoski Awards** are given out in May, plus he needs suggestions and volunteers for our Super Citizen annual field trip in the Spring of the year, if you have any suggestions for next Spring trip, let Don know.

Speaker: Emma Alexander
Up With People Tour

In spite of valiant efforts by **Paul Bernard** and our guest, Ed Stein, the lap top computer, which contained the background info for our speaker, would not function. Trouper that she is, Emma Alexander, of *Up With People*, wowed the audience with her extemporaneous review of her six-month tour with this group of energetic and talented young people. You may remember Emma, who visited us soliciting support for travels with *Up With People* in December of last year.

In addition to her overview of her travels from Orlando to Europe, to the Bahamas and then to Mexico and back home to Denver, Emma brought two friends from the group who had traveled with her. Both Cristian, who is from Sweden, and Teresa, who is from Mexico, spoke excellent English, and were as energetic and outgoing as Emma.

All said that the community service they performed in the various countries had given them a different perspective on life and reminded them how lucky they were to be able to enjoy a life relatively free of fear, hunger and poverty. You can learn more about this wonderful organization by visiting their website at: www.upwithpeople.org.

Several members commented on Emma's ability to hold the audience attention with no visual aids. When asked what Emma would do now that she had completed her assignment with Up With People,

Emma responded in a stage whisper, "I have to finish High School."

As a close to their program and by special request, Emma, Cristian and Teresa sang "Happy Birthday" in honor of Bob Hugo's 85th. This may be the only time in the known history of MSOC that someone got a straight rendition of this classic.

You can read more about Emma's travels in her emails posted on our website @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/>.



Photos Don StJohn



Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
8/12/11	Fred Pasternack & Doug Arnold
8/19/11	Phil Perington & Les Larson
8/26/11	Kari Tae & Gary Strowbridge
9/2/11	Don Thomson & George Buzick
9/9/11	Ron Carlson & Tom Hoch

Colorado/Wyoming District Convention
Breckenridge, Colorado
August 26-28, 2011
For Convention Registration, see cover email
For Convention Agenda, see cover email

Monaco South Calendar

- Aug 12 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Keir Mather, Illusionist
- Aug 17 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Aug 19 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Aug 26 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Super Citizen School Principals
- Aug 26-28 [Colorado/Wyoming District Convention, Breckenridge, Colorado](#)
- Sep 2 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Sep 24 Sat 6:00 pm [Monaco South Installation Banquet, Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way](#)

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

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

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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.