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Good Morning Optimists!

Take me out to the ballgame!



Our Opening Day was greeted by **Bob Avery** and **Howard Fry**. There was a sense of great anticipation in the air.

Breakfast was a combination of French toast, scrambled eggs, two choices of sausage, fresh fruit, juice, and pastries. Master Chef, **John Marinis** was heard saying, "There was some stuff in the cooler I needed to use." Good job John. It was a great spread!

Donlie Smith and Boy Scout Leaders Nathan Bye and Jim Blair, our guests, in full uniform prowled the floor. **Greg Young** was hawking tickets for the 6th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop, **Frank Ross** was beaming in his new Rockies cap, and our visiting **Governor George Mills** was busy shaking hands and thanking everyone for their steady participation in Optimist activities. Purported new President-elect, **Ed Collins** is seen glad handing and whispering secret deals into the ears of undeclared voters. **Oscar Sorensen** watches with the concern of a father seeing his daughter walking out the door on her first date.

Utterings from Prez Ron

At 7:00 am sharp **Prez Ron** gavels the gathered to attention and **Howard (Howdy) Fry** wishing only the best to our beloved Rockies, recites the invocation, "*To work only for the best.*" Good words **Howdy**, thanks. **Prez Ron** then hands the

microphone to your editor, past-**Prez Phil**, who leads all in a thunderous rendition of "*Take me out to Ballgame,*" rattling the Hall and kicking the season into gear. High fives all around, game on!

Prez Ron began lamenting that he was looking for a recumbent stationary bike available for sale. It seemed to revolve around drying clothes, exercising, and saving money. See Ron for further details. It's probably not the end of the story. To which Gov. George announced Ron is running for the International Board of Directors (see *OI Hotline attached with the electronic edition*) and a gold watch would be awarded if he won. Let's all get behind our Governor and President and get **Ron Cisco** elected!

Guests

Governor **George Mills** showed up unannounced and as usual was in fine form and ready for action (see above). **Howdy Fry** introduced his lifelong water skiing instructor from Grand Lake, Barkley Davis. Barkley is in the process of forming his own construction company, and then quietly leaving his employer, who's name will go undisclosed. Previous guest **Richard Kerr**, and now newest member was greeted with the cheer of the Rockies taking the field. Welcome aboard Richard! "You're in for a great adventure, lots of fun, camaraderie and community activity, but keep you eye on everyone!" We leave no stone unturned. No jest un-uttered; No moment not enjoyed!

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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****

Guests Cont.

Elson Strong was then re-introduced by **Craig Eley**, just in case we forgot who he was. Welcome home Eldon!

Announcements

Thanks: In a wonderful Optimist moment **Howard Fry** asked **Brian Williams** to come forward and accept an official team shirt from the Susquehanna University of Selinsgrove, PA soccer team. Because of Brian's suggestion that Patrick Fry, Howdy's son, applied to Susquehanna, and all came to fruition and Patrick was accepted. What a nice moment!

Super Citizen Outing: **Don Thomson** reported that on Thursday, April 8th, 48 Super Citizens from eight schools spent the day at the Museum of Nature and Science participating in *Expedition Health*. The students spent 1½ hours discovering the magic in them with the many interactive stations. The "free pass card" enabled the students to record their individual results and print them at the end of their visit. **Jack Rife**, **Don StJohn**, and **Don Thomson** hosted and coordinate this years event. Lunches provided by **John Marinos**. Great Day!

Joke?: **Bryce** (one of a kind) **Slaby** told a joke something about oysters. It was a little complicated. We're watching him closely.

Ducks are Coming!: **Greg Young** touted the advantages of buying Duck Drop tickets in \$20 blocks. When asked about \$50 purchases it became complicated, but not undoable. The 6th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop will take place on Sunday, May 2nd, at 12:30 pm, George Wallace Park in Denver.



Reception: **Prez Ron** announced a Reception at the Gov's Mansion on April 15th for the East High School 2009 National Constitution Contest winners we helped sponsor in Washington D.C.

Scout Memorabilia: **Doug Morton** shared with us the memorabilia he has saved since he was hired by General Foods in 1963 to relocate to Denver. He showed us a 1951 Brooklyn Dodgers baseball signed by the whole team. He also unfurled his Boy Scout uniform that included a neckerchief of the "Order of the Arrow" and a very impressive merit badge bandolier. A voice from the peanut gallery yelled for him to "try it on." Laughter and good cheer prevailed.

Club Directory: **Craig Eley** announced the new directories are getting ready and if you don't like your picture get with him for a new photo shoot and show up "with a better face," pretty funny moment.

Election of 2010-2011 Officers: **Oscar Sorensen** introduced the slate of candidates for the upcoming election. The slate: 2010-11 President: **Ed Collins**, Vice Presidents: **Randy**



Marcove and **Paul Simon**, and Board Members: **Brian Williams**, **Frank Middleton**, **Ron Roth**, **Wyatt McCallie**, **Harry Fegley**, and **Les Larson**. The Election is next month on Camaraderie Day. The ballot box is waiting to be stuffed.

Non-Paid for Election Ad for MSOC President
ED COLLINS' he's the man!



What ya see, is what ya get!
2007 White Elephant Recipient

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Other Dates to Note

- **9Health Fair** at the Schlessman YMCA on April 25th, 6:15 am to 12:00 noon. Contact **Howdy Fry** at 303-300-4466.
- **Colorado Day:** Day May 1st hosted by the History Department of the University of Colorado Denver and held on the Auraria Campus. Please see **Karl Geil** to be a judge.
- **Furry Scurry:** Furry Scurry on May 1st at Washington Park at 5:30 am. See **Don StJohn**. Sell McMuttons, made by **John Marinos**. **Phil Perington** needs volunteers. Call 303-832-4578.

Greeters Needed: If you want to be an early morning Greeter, let **Dick Cohen** know. Contact Dick @ 303-320-1767 or richardmcohen@hotmail.com.

Weekly Greeters

| Date | Greeters |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| 4/16/10 | Greg Hurd & Woody Thibodeau |
| 4/23/10 | Jim Vanderkamp & Brian Williams |
| 4/30/10 | Howard Fry & Jim Tapp |
| 5/7/10 | Neil Atkinson & Michael Chavez |
| 5/14/10 | Al Gapuzan & Leo Hagele |
| 5/21/10 | Robert Avery & Woody Thibodeau |

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This Weeks Speaker

Boy Scouts of America Alumni Connection

Paul Bernard beckoned **Donlie Smith** to introduce our Guest Speakers; Nathan Baie and Jim Blair, of the Council Commission Board of Trustees proceeded to take us on a journey of the 100-year anniversary celebration of the Boy Scouts. Jim has been involved with the Boy Scouts for over 45 years. Jim asked everyone who was involved with the Boy



Photo by Don StJohn

Scouts to raise their hand and 95% of the room held up their hands. He went on to explain that the Boy Scouts were focused on electing 12 new members from the area to the Hall of Leadership for the purpose of serving youth in the community. The Boy Scout vision is based on character building. Over 20,000 in the Public School system in Colorado are influenced and guided by the Boy Scouts. It was also noted that another 20,000 girls between the ages of 14 to 20 are also involved programs promulgated by the Boy Scouts. One interesting statistic is that 90% of Boy Scout participants graduate from High School in DPS.

Nathan Baie reported Colorado has two camps: One in Colorado Springs, Peaceful Valley, and the other in the Allen's Park area, Camp Tahosa.

Colorado is the home of the 5th largest council in the U.S. It is estimated that as a result of the Eagle Scout program and the projects attached thereto generate over \$2.1 million annually. The Annual awards dinner sponsored, in part, by MSOC and Chaired by our own **Donlie Smith** had over 700 attendees. Nathan went on to say that Charter Sponsorships for Eagle Scout projects are available and can be viewed at their website. Family commitment and support is one of the main elements of the success of Boy Scouts.

There are 120 achievement badges that can be earned by a Boy Scout. The 2010 "Opportunities to Win" patches are the keystone of achievement. The National Jamboree will be held this year at Fort A.P. Hill, near Bowling Green, Va. And Closing Night Ceremonies will be broadcast to area Council's and Troops, plus to Dick's Sports Park. The Taste of Colorado on Sept 3-6th will feature a 10,000 sq. ft. venue that includes the Boy Scouts 40' tractor-trailer exhibition hall. This is the only stop in Denver.

To Join the Boy Scout Alumni Connection, [click here](#).

Drawings: King of Diamonds and no \$80 winner! Have Your Badge?: Dr. Bob Finkelmeier—no badge— oops! So sorry, so Oscar Sorensen got the draw. So sorry to Oscar as well. So the pot keeps growing.

Super Market Sales: **Cy Regan** reported sales for King Soopers at \$925 and Safeway at \$200.

Breakfast Drawing: **Gary Miller** won the free breakfast. So Sorry Karl!



| Super Citizen Presenters for April | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Day | School | Presenter |
| 13 @ 9:30 & 10:30 | Samuels | Bill Walters |
| 21 @ 2:20 | MPB | Dick Cohen |
| 22 @ 1:20 & 2:05 | McMeen | Bob Avery |
| 23 @ 9:10 | Holm | Joe Marci |
| 26 @ 8:00 | Highline | Woody Thibodeau |
| 29 @ 2:45 & 3:15 | Univ. Park | Frank Middleton |
| 30 @ 3:00 | Bradley | Howard Fry |

Monaco South Calendar

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|---------------------------|-----------|---------|---|
| Apr 16 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day |
| Apr 23 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Susie Hayes, <i>Silencing That Inner Critical Voice</i> |
| Apr 30 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Pending |
| May 1 | Sat | | State History Day Contest, Auraria Campus |
| May 1 | Sat | 5:30 am | Furry Scurry, Washington Park |
| Mark your calendar | | | |
| May 8 | Sat | 7:30 am | Colorado-Wyoming District 3 rd Quarter Meeting, Windsor Gardens, 595 South Clinton St. |
| Jul 4 - 9 | Sun - Fri | | 2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games |
| Jul 8 - 10 | Thu - Sat | | 92 nd Annual Optimist International Convention, Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel: online registration @ http://www.optimist.org/reg/ |

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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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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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