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Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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Good Morning Optimist

Greetings

On this beautiful “Good Friday” morning and the start of “Pesach,” we were greeted by **Ron Gutru** and **Robert Wardlaw** with a cheery “Good morning!” This is a great way to start a day. Thanks to all who sign-up for the greeter role! It’s appreciated!

Invocation and Pledge

Mike McMahon led us in prayer: “*Promise Yourself to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own, and brush aside tendencies toward envy.*” And then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to America.

Baseball Season is Upon Us

Ron Gutru took a swing at a curve ball on the up-right, tickling the ivory to “*Take me out to the ball game.*” A 1908 Tin Pan Alley song by Jack Norworth and Albert Von Tilzer. [Give a listen: the first rendition.](#)

From the Prez

Randy Marcove introduced two Tamarac OC ladies, **Dottie Jefferies** and **Abigail Nichols** who spoke about the Childhood Cancer Campaign Duck Derby.

Dottie is the district chairperson for the childhood campaign. Abigail joined in the presentation and drew cheers and whistles with her presentation of “*Rubber Ducky.*” See the flyer attached.



Dottie Jefferies, left and Abigail Nichols
Photo John Oss

The Rubber Ducky fund raising event will be Friday, May 4th at 9:30 a.m., Trails Rec Center, Lazy River Pool, 16799 E. Lake Ave. There will be an optional brunch at LaPeeps, 1533 E. Ida Drive, followed by a guided tour of Brent’s Place.

MSOC Grandchild: Dottie Jefferies also mentioned that our club that helped build the Tamarac OC, and that now Tamarac has built the Cheyenne Optimist Club. On April 28th the Cheyenne OC are doing a benefit, “*An Evening With Legends*” to support youth alternatives in Cheyenne. See the flyer attached or [click here](#). **Kent Gloor** can give details and sell you tickets. A group is driving up.

Welcome Back: Prez Randy welcomed back **Tom Charters** and **Rich Wagner**. We’ve missed you!

New Member Orientation: now on Monday, April 16th at Denver Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann’s office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102, Denver. Our 2012 new members **Rich Wray**, **Ryan Thompson**, **Art Erickson**, and **Aaron Beery** will receive a briefing about the details of MSOC. All members are welcome!

GUMS Correction: Prez Randy mentioned his son who attended last week is a 5th grader, not 7th grader. Randy said he did pay for his breakfast. Do we have a budding Monaco South Optimist?

Joint Optimist Childhood Cancer Meeting: On Tuesday, April 24th **Randy Marcove**, **Paul Simon**, **Ron Cisco**, and **Phil Perington** will be attending an initial organization meeting for Childhood Cancer. More information will be forthcoming.

Announcements

Castle Rock Optimists Club: Aaron Beery, MSOC member, and president of Castle Rock Opti-

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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****

Announcements Continued

mists Club, reported the Castle Rock club is partnering with the Castle Rock Eagles to put on a Relay for Life event to be held July 14th, 12 p.m. until 7 a.m. the following morning at Douglas County Fairgrounds. He is especially interested in night owls to assist.

Nine Health Fair Sunday April 29th: Jack Rife, says our help is appropriate on the last day of the 9-day fair. **Howdy Fry** already has about a dozen folks signed up. Jack is spearheading an effort to feed the volunteers. He figures four or five people are needed to serve the volunteers at Schlessman YMCA.

New Directory is Coming: Tom Mauro encouraged submission of business cards with \$25 to make a million dollars in new business, Friday was the cut off for getting updates in the information in the directory. He also invited anyone, especially new members, to have a photo taken. As stated **Craig Eley** does his best to make you look good, but some of us probably can't even get into the zoo. It's likely okay for the directory. Thanks, Craig, for your service in this way.

Honor Marlin Kent: Tom Mauro mentioned that Marlin received the American Freedom Foundations award about 15 years ago and to recognize him donate a memorial gift of a hundred dollars or more to the OI Foundation which will come back to MSOC and be applied to our citizenship program. The gift will be tax deductible. **Greg Young** will accept your gifts.

Dept. of Corrections Industries Visit: Bob Avery is leading an April 12th facility tour. We will depart from the American Legion Hall at 7:30 a.m. If you are missing this trip, Bob is thinking he may be able to take another group in about six months.

Super Citizen's Visit: Don Thomson reported that Jack Rife will ride one bus with students, and he another for this years Super Citizen field trip. The trip is to the Denver's Dumb Friends League on Thursday, April 12th. There are six students from eight schools invited. Don has coordinated with the schools, the bus service, and the Dumb Friends League. **Harry Fegley** will join the group when they arrive.

Paul Bernard is Recovering Well: "Everything went well and the hip pain is gone! I just have to heal the surgery wounds and rehab the leg and I will be better than ever. Amazing technology! Hope to see you guys in a couple of weeks." **Randy Marcove** reported we should see him back by months end.

Channel 6 Auction: Bryce Slaby asked for volunteers at the Channel 6 Auction in June. He needs a bunch of volunteers. More details to follow.

Did you hear the one? While he had the microphone, the master of jokes, **Bryce Slaby** said, "have you heard this one?", but then he couldn't remember how it went. It was quite a picture!

SALE – SALE – SALE

On Friday, April 20th, 2012 at the camaraderie day meeting, a gigantic sale of merchandise will be held. Included in this sale are t-shirts, polo shirts, aprons, and a cap. Some of these items are imprinted with the Monaco South Optimist imprint and some are plain. Sizes are limited...so check it out early. Prices will range from \$10 to \$15. First come, first served. BRING YOUR CASH or CHECK...no IOU's will be issued. This is the final stock sellout of Monaco South merchandise from John Young's stock. All sales are final.



Introductions

With time to spare, **Aaron Beery** shared a verbal biography. He grew up in Johnstown Colorado, close to Greeley. He is a School of Mines educated Chemical Engineer. He worked on wire and soap for seven years in California and has two daughters and the importance of family brought him back to Colorado. He now works for the Gates Corporation at one of their research facilities serving as an environmental health and safety director. He has a baby daughter, and two super citizens attending Bradley Elementary. In total they hold five certificates. The program turned Aaron on to joining MSOC.

Art Erickson is caught up with the ambition of nurturing and expanding the Castle Rock Optimists Club. He joined our club to gain wisdom to apply at home. Art lists himself as a "displaced Canadian." He came from Vancouver BC to Vancouver Washington ten years ago. Between his daughter marrying a "red neck" from South Dakota, moving to Colorado, his wife moving close to the birthing Castle Rock grand children, and Art flying about the country, he decided to take a "second wife." That was 8 months ago. Now he has married a "Castle Rock computer," which he initially hated, but he happily lives with both his first and second wife. What a lucky fellow! Art is a season ticket holder for the Broncos. He still has hockey in his blood and attends as many Avalanche games as he can. He used to come to the states to play ball and was impressed that the locals had money. That wasn't true in Canada. Oh boy, here we go. Welcome aboard Art!



Photos John Oss

Drawing

We Had a Drawing: \$30 in the pot if you got the 10 of hearts. **Ron Carlson, Karl Geil, Ron Cisco, Jack Kleinheksel, Woody Thibodeau,** and **Cy Regan** all participated in the spoils. And, our speaker, **Lisa Palmer** made off with breakfast, drawing the first number, and winning a cup of cash.

Speaker, Lisa Palmer
Dumb Friends League

Our Speaker, Lisa Palmer, from Dumb Friends League of Denver was introduced by **Don Thomson**.

She observed we are a “slightly different demographic” than her typical kindergarten kids. The Denver Dumb Friends operation is one of the largest in the country. Besides the Denver facility at Quebec and Evans, they have a satellite facility in Castle Rock. They also just opened the Harmony Equine Center in Franktown, a unique private facility for horses, ponies, donkeys and mules that have been removed from their owners by law enforcement authorities. The facility hosts about a hundred horses.

Lisa emphasized that strong efforts are made for sheltering lost and relinquished pets, adopting pets to new homes, investigating animal cruelty, reducing pet overpopulation, and educating the public about ani-

mals and their needs. The Dumb Friends League is very proud of the 80% live release rate.

The staff includes five veterinarians. The entire program deals with 19,000 animals per year with a budget of \$15m. During Lisa’s presentation about training animals taken in, **John Young** shared he has not been able to train the two cats he got from the league five years ago. The Dumb Friends League web site (www.ddfl.org/) gives a great deal of further detail.



Lisa Palmer
 Photo Don StJohn

Optimist Club of Monaco
South Sponsors the...



Press Your Luck, Sponsor a Duck!!
See Greg Young for tickets

8th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop
 Sunday, May 6, 2012, 12 Noon - 2 p.m.
 George Wallace Park, DTC Blvd. at Union

Race to Win Fabulous Prizes

2 Round-Trip Tickets on Southwest Airlines, Winter Park Resort Stay, Whole Foods Gift Certificates, Denver Golf Course Passes, Denver Museum Passes, Restaurant Gift Certificates, and much, much, more.

Super Citizen Presenters for April		
12 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Bill Wells
13 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Harry Fegley
18 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	?
20 @ 9:10, 10:00, & 10:40 a.m.	Holm	Phil Perington
26 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	John Stoffel
27 @ 9:45 & 10:15 am	Samuels	Randy Marcove
27 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Art Erickson

New Member Orientation Date Change
 Monday, April 16, @ 6:30 p.m.
 District 4 Council Office
 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
4/13/12	Gary Miller & Tom Wos
4/20/12	OC Larson & Les Larson
4/27/12	Keith Gallaway & Rich Wray
5/4/12	Howard Fry & Bob Hugo

Monaco South Calendar

- Apr 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - David Lazaroff, Five ways to share joy when your friend has Alzheimer’s
- Apr 16 Mon 6:30 pm New Member Orientation, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Apr 18 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Apr 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Apr 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Jerry Stander, Super Kids Classic Soap Box Derby

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Safe	1995-96
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
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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.