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Speaker for Today

Rick Buckman, Vice President of Development, from CBR Youth Connect spoke of the work being done with boys and girls who need some help in coping. This organization began in 1959 as Colorado Boys Ranch (CBR), conceived by a group of caring judges as a safe, nurturing environment that would provide at-risk youth with the means to become hopeful, productive citizens. The town of La Junta, Colorado deeded to CBR 320 acres of land once used for World War II military housing.



CBR has evolved into the 1980's to become an acclaimed, medically accredited psychiatric residential treatment center, serving adolescent boys with severe emotional troubles from across the United States. Today, CBR's expertise extends to both girls and boys in the wider community through its non-residential mental health program and services.

"Youth are our focus. connecting them to relationships, skills and hope is our job."

They have a 92% success rate! Excellent! Two staff persons per boy and a maximum of 55 can be served. At their school, they provide one teacher for every four boys.

Web site: www.cbryouthconnect.org

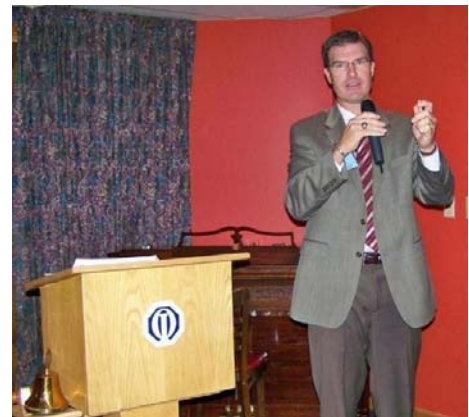


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Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am

Good Morning Optimist!

Greeter Today

Our greeters today were **Bryce (get the hook) Slaby** and **Dick (go Navy) Zolman**. Bryce had a wooden nickel in his hand as he shook mine; but it was no ordinary wooden nickel. It was an Optimist Club of Monaco South wooden nickel! Anybody else get one?

Invocation and Pledge

Cy Regan had the honors, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Opening Bell

President Phil Perington had the NY Stock Exchange on his mind today. (Wonder why.) The usual history lesson ensued amid shouts of "Will there be an open book test?" and "What time is it?" The lesson got a bit long, until someone (was it **Past Pres. Greg**) reminded Pres. Phil there was a meeting to get going.



Guests, Glorious Guests

We had a ton of wonderful guests today. **Steve Kady** brought Bryant Kligerman, **Ron Carlson** introduced **Rich Mahoney** (new member), **Bill Walters** presented Mark Hammond, **Peter Dimond** sent Hale Smith, and **Jim Easton** brought Woody Thebodeau. Tremendous!

Dues are Due

Treasurer **Ron Gustas** has mailed or emailed out invoices for the new fiscal year. A discount is available for paying your dues for the whole year (\$105) before November 1, 2008.

JOII Clubs

What is a joy club? JOII stands for Junior Optimist International I. **President Phil** stated he wants us to institute a few of these clubs in our neighborhood schools. There are three levels: Elementary, Middle, and High Schools where they are called Octagon Clubs.

Ballot Issues

We have a bunch of them to decide on in November. Past President Greg made available a booklet from the *League of Women Voters* which will be helpful in our decisions for the upcoming local and national election.

Celebrity in our Midst

Member **Paul Stratton**, a financial advisor, was interviewed on Channel 2 recently, giving his analysis of the current economic situation and what to do now.

Goblins Calling

Chairman **Kent Gloor** reminded us of the need for volunteers to call elementary school children on Halloween night. Be there beginning at 6:00 pm to get organized on October 31st.

Calling all Painters

Not artists, but house painters, are asked to help October 25th (Saturday) at 1160 South Quivas, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. This is a project of Roundup Fellowship.

Homeowners Association Meeting

Randy Marcove announced the meeting of the University Hills Homeowners Association. *This is a good example of the need to present your announcements in writing to the editor of the newsletter if you want complete information to be published. The Editor.*

New Directory

Craig Eley is compiling info for an updated membership directory. Some of you need to have your picture taken; others need to update your information.

Supermarket Sales

Cy Regan reports sales of King Soopers cards \$850 and Safeway \$250, total \$1,100. Way to go guys!

Volatility Continues on Wall Street

As we all know the volatility continues on Wall Street are at unprecedented levels. As James Swanson, a Chief Investment Strategist for MFS Investment Management, wrote this past week, "records are made to be broken, but the lessons of history should not be ignored." It is hoped that this will give you some confidence for the future.

Putting "panic" in perspective

6 facts to help dispel the fear and 10 key reminders for investors

6 facts

1. In January of 1970, a bear market started that lasted until May of that year. The market during that time fell 35.4%. In May, a bull market began that lasted until January 1973 and brought a 124% gain in stock values.
2. In April 1981, another bear market commenced that lasted nearly a year and brought a 24.7% decline. Then, in March of 1982, the market began to rise and continued doing so until June 1983, bringing an overall gain of 71.7%.
3. July 1990 brought a downward market that lasted three months, until October 1990, at which point equity prices had fallen 22.4%. Then, in the same month, a new, now legendary, bull market took hold and lasted nearly eight years, until July 1998, delivering a 330.7% gain for the market.
4. Dating back to 1975, 8 of the last 15 bull markets have started in the autumn months of September, October, and November.
5. Since 1957 there have been 15 bear markets, as measured from peak to trough, and on average they have lasted 10 months and brought an average decline of 29.4%.
6. The duration and degree of these bear markets were significantly less than the duration and magnitude of bull markets. During the same period, there were also 15 bull markets, which lasted, on average, 30 months and brought average gains of 112.5%.

10 key reminders for investors

1. Panics are based on emotion, and emotions can take on a life of their own. A herd-like mentality develops, and words that start to be used repetitively — such as "collapse," "endless," and "plunge" — only feed the frenzy. But it is important to remember that emotions are not your friend when it comes to making big decisions about

your savings, retirement, or college money.

2. *Individuals and the professional managers they hire to oversee their long-term assets are investors, not traders. There is a big difference. For investors, what matters is the long run, not today's events.*
3. *No one is alone in their concerns. We all have lots of company.*
4. *Panics and downturns are part of the free market system. They have occurred throughout history. While this knowledge may not ease the pain, these sharp, sudden downturns still have to be recognized as part of a cycle that often includes years of slow and steady upward progress.*
5. *Historically, bear markets, recessions, and market panics have been relatively brief in comparison with the duration of bull markets. Since World War II, economic expansions have, on average, lasted five times longer than recessions, and bull markets have been twice as long as bear markets.*
6. *Cyclical downturns have historically been connected to credit excesses. This time is no different. Prudence in borrowing will be rewarded in the next cycle.*
7. *Collapses do not bring everything to a halt. Even during the worst of down times, people still go about their lives, raising children, going to work, and planning for the future.*
8. *Risk-seeking in the markets has vanished. But the pursuit of risk is a normal state for the markets. U.S. Treasury bills may look smart today, but at some point risk-seeking will return. It always has.*
9. *The largest government bodies in the world have acted to lessen the severity of this crisis.*
10. *You cannot control events. You can only control your response to them.*

Monaco South Calendar

Oct 15	Wed	1:15/2:00 pm	Super Citizen, McMeen Elementary - George Buzick
Oct 16	Thu	5:30 pm	Super Citizen, Hamilton Middle School - Ron Carlson
Oct 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Oct 22	Tue	1:15 pm	Super Citizen, Samuels Elementary School - Dick Cohen
Oct 21	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., #102
Oct 16	Thu	5:30 pm	Super Citizen, Hamilton Middle School - Ron Carlson
Oct 22	Wed	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood School - Ed Collins
Oct 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Amy McCullough, <i>Animal Assisted Therapy</i>
Oct 24	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International School - Frank Middleton
Oct 28	Tue	9:00 am	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary School - Gary Strowbridge
Oct 31	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Shari Mitteco, <i>Body Coach & Personal Trainer</i>
Oct 31	Fri	6:00pm	Goblins Calling
Nov 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Kris Kroncke, <i>District 3 Commander, Denver Police Department</i>

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Pat Bush	1983-84	Cy Regan	1999-00
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
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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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