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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimist Camaraderie Day

The Colorado Rockies Baseball Club has the best record in MLB, only to be bettered by our morning greeters **John Wos**, **Bob Avery**, and **Kent Gloor**. Today is Camaraderie day, and is also Jackie Robinson Day. What does the number 42 mean to you?

First Bell

President **Ed Collins** rang in two minutes early on this camaraderie day. **Jack Rife** read a great Invocation about Patriotism and then led us in our Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Fred Pasternack was proud to announce that he had three guests today, and one actually showed up! Guest David Bakke from the Cherry Creek Ace Hardware has become well acquainted with Fred by becoming his go-to-guy for chainsaw repair. David is the son of William E. Bakke, a long-time Aurora Optimist Club member. Thank you Fred, and welcome David!

Seen in the Crowd

Prez **Ed** recognized some familiar faces that have not been seen lately. It was delightful to catch sight of members **Dick Cohen**, **Wyatt McCallie**, and **Al Perington**. Good to see you guys!

Announcements

Bill Walters: Prez **Ed** commenced our announcements by sharing with us that he and **Don Thomson** received an abundance of *Thank You Letter's* from the Super Citizen Trip attendees. The kids were excited to learn about Real Pirates at the Museum of Nature and Science and appreciated the day off from school. Ed also gave us a **Bill Walters** update: "Bill is keeping up his Optimist spirit, that he has a great attitude, and that he was about to receive his twenti-

eth blood transfusion. Bill has also been passing out the Optimist Creed to everybody he sees and is very appreciative of our support." If you would like to talk with him, your best bet is his cell phone: 303-898-6329. Before calling please see the note from Bill's daughter, Tonya Hardman, on page 2.

Before passing the microphone baton, Ed announced the Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 20th – the agenda is in process!

Project Breathe: This Wednesday at 10:00a.m. at 999 South Birch Street in Glendale, Project Breathe will be presenting about 50 pet oxygen mask kits to the very excited Denver, Glendale, and DIA Fire Departments. **Jack Rife** will be demonstrating the use of these masks on his beloved dog Barklee. This is a HUGE event; Mayor's of their respective cities will be there, and we would like to see as many MSOC members there as well. Special thanks to **Steve Kady** for doing a tremendous amount of work to make this happen.



New Directories: New Directories are now available. It is time to recycle the Yellow, and start using the Bronco Orange directory. Please remember to patronize the business card advertisers - they pay for the directory. Thank you to photographer **Craig Eley** for making us all look our best and to **Doug Morton** who provided the paper and printing of this very valuable and resourceful tool.



Great-West Life Bike MS: Formerly called the MS 150 Bike Ride will take place on June 25th and 26th and starts and finishes in Westminster, CO. New MSOC organizers for this event are **Michael Chavez** and **Robert Wardlaw**. Please see either of them for more details, and please consider volunteering at our booth – or riding!

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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

Furry Scurry: The Furry Scurry is coming this May 7th at Washington Park. Volunteers will be needed, but we can leave our pooper-scoopers behind. The Event is a two-mile walk for animals and their owners to benefiting the Dumb Friends League. This fundraiser helps provide care for as many as 25,000 homeless pets every year and provides valuable services to our community. **Don St. John** also informed us that we will need volunteers to unload trucks the day before, May 6th. Please let Don know your availability.

Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** reminded us that Junior Golf is right around the corner on May 25th and we need more volunteers. We need to raise \$20,000 for this event, so please do consider helping. Talk with Joe for more details.

7th Annual Denver Duck Drop: The 7th Annual Denver Duck Drop will be Sunday, May 1st at George Wallace Park Gulch. There are some fabulous prizes for the top 100 finishing ducks, such as Winter Park Resort Ski Passes, Red Rocks Concert Tickets, and weekend Hotel stays. If you want to win, you must first buy a duck ticket. One ticket for \$5, or 5 for \$20. See **Greg Young** for more information or to sponsor some ducks. Proceeds benefit DPS schools in the Southeast quadrant.



Time to Vote: **Bill Wells** has informed us that he needs your vote for Denver City Auditor. Mail-in (\$.61 postage required) Ballots do indeed bear Bill's name. In case you missed it, new Southmoor Park East HOA President **Casey Funk** cited his neighbor **Craig Eley** for having a fence ex-

ceeding City code heights limitations. Upon further inspection it was discovered to be **Bill Wells'** campaign sign instead. See: <http://www.wellsforauditor.com/> Good luck Bill!

MSOC Election Time: Psssst! More Officer elections are this Friday, April 22nd, so told us by **Oscar Sorensen**. Candidates thus far: President: **Randy S. Marcove**, Vice President: **Frank Ross** and **Howdy Fry**, Directors: **Paul Gleditsch**, **Allen Pierce**, **Fred Pasternack**, **Al Perington**, and **Jim Tapp**. No voting by proxy, so please be in attendance on April 22nd.



Rangeview Optimist Club: **Fred Pasternack** announced again that the Rangeview Optimist Club of Aurora is conducting its fund raising and fun breakfast event Saturday, April 30th at the Applebee's restaurant at I-225 and Iliiff. Come for a delicious breakfast while supporting another Optimist club. Please see Fred for tickets to this event. (**Editor's note:** nobody correctly answered the name of the horse Paul Revere rode while making his historical warning, "The British are coming!" It was *Lorccán - Old Irish Gaelic for Little Fierce One. Anglicized, it was Larkin, named after his owner, the Vicar Larkin.*)

9 Health Fair: 9Health Fair at the Schlessman Family YMCA this Sunday, April 17th between 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. We have over a dozen MSOC members registered to volunteer for this community event. Blood work, body mass indexing, memory testing, and glucose blood levels are just a few of the 28 health services and screenings provided. Come take care of yourself and get checked!



Bill Walters' Updates

Posted April 15th on CarePages at: <http://www.carepages.com/> by Bill's daughter...

Good Evening to all. It is with great sadness that I send this update. We received some difficult news from the MD today. Unfortunately, because all avenues of treatment have been unsuccessful, Dad was told that there is not much medically left that can be done for him, therefore he was encouraged to live the rest of his life left as best and as comfortably as possible. The MD led us to believe that he has a very limited time left.

Dad wanted us to convey his appreciation for all of your

prayers and well wishes, they were very comforting to him. Please allow him some time to get his head around this situation and let him reach out to you. For right now, please continue to post your messages as he reads them on a daily basis.

Again, thank you and God Bless.

Tonya Hardman

Editor: Our prayers and thoughts go out to Bill, Sharon, Tonya, and family.



Dad and his Uncle Fester impression!
Photo by Tonya

A Great Photo Hidden in a Bradley International School Closet



This picture was found at Bradley International School and appears to be from January 1997. Those identified are, in the front row left to right are:

- Romie Jordan - Bradley
- Linda Johnston - McMeen
- Becky Rosenau - Samuels

In the back row left to right :

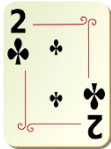
- Gilberto Marin - Hamilton
- Sgt. Margaret Chavez - DPD
- Bill Litchfield - MSOC
- Police Chief Dave Michaud
- Stan Cohen - MSOC
- Gerald Davis - MSOC

- Tom Overton - MSOC President 1996-97
- Mark Goodbody - MSOC Photographer



At that time we had six super citizen schools and provided approximately 480 certificates and t-shirts. Today we have ten schools and provide over 900 certificates and t-shirts.

Closing Bell



Pot Drawing: Drawing Today's lucky card was the Two of Clubs for a pot of \$30. Lucky cup winners were **Dick Cohen, Al Gapuzan, Ron Carlson, Don Iley, Scott Walker, and Doug Morton**. Yes, **Karl Geil** was not overlooked. His ticket was drawn to take a shot at the pot. Sorry, but both he and **Lynn Jones** did not match the Two of Clubs. Lady luck flirted with **Al Gapuzan** twice, as he was rewarded for wearing his name badge to draw a card for the pot. Unfortunately for Al came up empty.

Grocery Card Sales: **Cy Regan** reported an improved grocery card sales total of \$1,285 for the week. Important news of a change, next week we will be switching over to a new reloadable grocery card from King Soopers. It will be available for purchase for either \$25 or \$50 initial values and then may be reloaded for up to \$500 dollars at any King Soopers Customer Service Center. Each time the card is reloaded, our club will receive 5% of it's value. PLUS, you may reload it with your Rewards type credit card and receive that value too - Double-Dipping at its best! Let's hope Safeway follows suit in the near future!

Closing: Led in the Optimist Creed by **Woody Thibodeau**. Lots of spring and summer activities are just around the corner. Please don't forget to sign up, help, and be safe and have fun!



Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
4/22/11	Frank Middleton, Woody Thibodeau, & Allen Pierce
4/29/11	Ron Carlson & Michael Chavez
5/6/11	Fred Pasternack & Doug Arnold
5/13/11	Fran Middleton & Doug Arnold
5/20/11	Paul Gleditsch & Harry Johnson
5/27/11	Phil Perington & Robert Wardlaw

More Gems of Wisdom: We Think

- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- I almost had a psychic girlfriend, but she left me before we met.
- Okay, so what's the speed of dark?
- How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
- Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
- I intend to live forever... so far, so good.

From the work of Steven Wright



At left **Donlie Smith** presents a Super Citizen certificate and t-shirt to one of the seven recipients at Highline Academy on Wednesday, April 13th. Assisting him were **Jim Easton**, school SC coordinator, and **John Oss**, photographer.

Super Citizen Presenters for April		
20 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Rich Wagner
20 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Strowbridge
22 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Frank Middleton
22 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Samuels	Nick Newey
29 @ 2:30 pm	Univ. Park	Bob Avery
29 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Howard Fry

Monaco South Calendar

Apr 20 Wed 10:00 am Project Breathe, in front of the Fire Station, 999 S. Birch Street

Apr 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

Apr 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Essay Contest Participants

Apr 29 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Stacey Pendleton, Colorado History Day

May 6 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

May 6-8 Colorado-Wyoming 3rd Quarter Conference, Ft. Collins Hilton

May 7 Sat 5:30 am Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry, Washington Park

May 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Donn Eley, President & Founder of Brent's Place

May 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

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
Bill Walters	1991-92	Phil Perington	2008-09
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.