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Good Morning Optimist

On this Friday of the Memorial Day Weekend!

We were greeted today by **Frank Middleton** and **Dick Zolman** who had arrived early to meet and greet our members and guests as we entered the American Legion building.

Invocation & Pledge

With the invocation and reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the our flag, followed by **Ron Gutru** playing God Bless America, we started our Friday meeting and the beginning of the Memorial day weekend.

From the Prez

Prez Randy Marcove shared that he presented the **Charlie Korsoski Super Citizen Award** and 10 **Jimmy Brown Perfect Attendance Award** at Bradley International School last week. **Rich Wagner** and **Paul Stratton** were instrumental in preparing a descriptive write up of the qualifications for the Perfect Attendance Award, very well done guys.

Thanks to **Paul Stratton** who organized and presented 25 **Jimmy Brown Perfect Attendance Award** at Lowry Elementary this week as well.

Prez Randy also imparted that Field Day was held

Would You Like Your Announcements to Appear Accurately in GUMS?

Help out the GUMS editor's, give your notes directly to the current editor after you announce it. This makes it much easier for our editors to get the information correct.
Thank you!



at Bradley last Wednesday sported many activities, including **Donlie Smith** as a prime target at the javelin throw. Randy then reminded the members that our club picnic is next week. Where we might have another shot at Donlie.

Randy also wanted us to know that other Optimist Clubs including OI International are looking to implement a Perfect Attendance Award program of their own.

Welcome Guests

John Oss introduced his friend **Paul Godec** who said he was glad to be here and interested in checking us out. Welcome Paul we're sure you'll like what you see!

Bob Chris from the Gateway Optimist Club reminded us of their golf tournament coming up in two weeks. This is a fund raiser for their club. They would

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Prez Randy Marcove, Assistant Principal Sue Williams, and Principal Steve Wera standing below the Charlie Korsoski plaque at Bradley International. The award was presented Thursday, May 24th at the 5th grader's Continuation Program.

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 Continued

like to see a foursome sign up from our club. The Gateway is holding their Annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, June 27th at Heather Ridge Country Club. Interested players should talk with Fred Pasternack or visit Gateway Golf Tournament @ gatewayoptimistclub.com.

Announcements

Exotic Italian Car Show Fundraiser: Ron Gustas reported that on Sunday, June 3rd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Automezzi XXII Auto Show featuring exceptional Italian collector cars, motorcycles, and scooters will be held at Season's Bliss Event Center at Flatiron Marketplace in Broomfield. This show will include Ferrari, Lamborghini, Maserati, Pantera, and many other exotic vehicles, bikes, etc. Each year the show benefits a local charity. This year's proceeds will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Tickets are \$7 for adults with children under 12 free. Details can be found at: <https://automezzi-colorado.com/>.

MS 150 Rest Stop: Robert Wardlaw, filling in for Michael Chavez, reminded the club of the upcoming MS 150 bike ride Sunday, July 1st. Riders from our club are: **Howie Fry, Eldon Strong and Bob Avery** who will be doing an out of town race. Bob added that the MS fund raising originally supported research to cure aids and is now focused on finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis.

CO/WY District: Phil Perington announced that Paul Bernard has been appointed District Speaker Chairman. Paul will continue organizing speakers for us as well. If you have suggestions for Paul let him know. Interesting speakers are always welcome.

King Soopers or Safeway Grocery Card: Having been prompted by Ron Cisco, Cy Regan explained how the pre-loaded King Soopers and Safeway Gift Cards work. Our club earns \$4 to \$5,000 a year by our members using their cards. Greg Young says use it, use it, use it. And then reloaded it.



Help the GUMS Editors: Bob Finkelmeier asked everyone who wants their announcements in the GUMS Newsletter to provide a brief description in writing to the current newsletter editor. Everyone's help will make our newsletter even better. Thanks in advance.

Change of Pace

We ran out of announcements (can you believe it) so Prez Randy asked new member Barry Barker give a short narrative of his background. He is now retired after 31 years with The Department of Veterans Affairs. Les Larson asked him to visit the club, he did, and joined. Welcome Barry!



Randy gave us 10 minutes of camaraderie

Bradley International School Field Day Javelin Judge



Donlie Smith, Greg Young, and Prez Randy Marcove volunteered at Bradley International's field day.

Photo courtesy Sue Williams

The Drawing

Jack of Spades is the card, and \$20 in pot. Thanks to Oscar Sorensen who cleaned it out last week with a \$60 win. The following member's raffle numbers were called and each won a cup of bucks. Starting with Don Iley, then Pat Bush, Cy Regan, Ron Carlson, Bob Avery, Dick Nickloff, and Wyatt McCallie. Phil Perington drew from the pot but no luck. Having had his name called, and wearing his badge, John Oss drew from the pot but came up empty.



Closing Bell

Past President Bob Hugo and his son, Dan Hugo, led us in the Optimist Creed. Promise yourself...!

MSOC Picnic

Mark your calendar for our summer picnic on Saturday, June 2nd at Eisenhower Park. As we have done in the past we will be sharing activates with University Hills Neighborhood Association.



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From Denver Police Department, District 3

Follow these simple steps and you can help us protect your home from being burglarized.

- **BE A HARD TARGET:** Deadbolt doors, block sliding glass doors, doggy doors, and secure windows. Don't forget to lock the door connecting your garage to your home. Don't rely on the garage door as security.
- **BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR:** Know your neighbors. Agree to watch each other's home, pick up newspapers and mail, share contact information.
- **BE BRIGHT, BE SAFE:** Use interior and exterior lighting, including timers, to make your home unattractive to burglars.
- **VISUAL DETERRENTS:** Use alarms, decals, security signs, dog warnings, and neighborhood watch stickers to deter burglars.
- **TRIM IT UP:** Trim your trees, bushes, weeds, etc. Eliminate good hiding places for burglars. Encourage your neighbors to do the same.
- **PAY ATTENTION:** If you see suspicious persons or vehicles in your neighborhood, call the Denver Police Department.



9-1-1 for Emergency calls

720-913-2000 for Non Emergency

Watch this Channel 9 video clip at: <http://www.9news.com/news/article/268723/188/Police-say-warm-weather-attracts-burglars-to-your-home>.

Here are some curious things about Colorado.

- ⇒ **Highest Climb.** The highest vertical climb is not on a mountain but up the north side of the Black Canyon. Rising 1,700 feet, this sheer rock face is even higher than the famous Diamond on Longs Peak and was not conquered until 1969.
- ⇒ **Deepest Snow.** In 1899 Crested Butte recorded 254 inches of snow near the top of Kebler Pass. That year, snow buried a train near Leadville and left only stove pipes showing above cabins at many mountain towns. Usually, Wolf Creek Pass near Pagosa Springs gets the most snow in Colorado.
- ⇒ **Oldest Hotel.** The Peck House in the little town of Empire, near Berthoud Pass, is Colorado's oldest hotel. It was built in 1859 by James Peck. Early guests included President Ulysses S. Grant and other famous people.
- ⇒ **Highest Town.** Leadville is the highest (10,200 feet) incorporated town in Colorado and the entire U.S. It has also had the highest rate of premature babies in the U.S. Researchers concluded that the altitude causes smaller babies.
- ⇒ **Largest Nuggets.** The biggest gold nugget in Colorado weighed 135 ounces and was found near Breckenridge in 1887 by miner Tom Broves. The biggest silver nugget weighed 1,840 pounds and was found at an Aspen mine in 1894.
- ⇒ **Largest Elk Antlers.** Measuring 52 inches at the widest point, the antlers of an elk killed in 1899 near Crested Butte are still on display at that town's visitor center. In 1961, Boone and Crockett researchers declared it to be the largest elk rack in history.
- ⇒ **Toughest Climate.** No crops are grown around the town of Silverton, north of Durango. At 9,318 feet elevation, Silverton's growing season between frosts is only two weeks. San Juan County there is reportedly the only county in the U.S. without a single acre of agricultural land.



Number of Super Citizens 2011-2012 Presented	
Bradley	106
Hamilton	50
Highline	42
Holm	68
Lowry	83
McMeen	159
MPB	15
Samuels	53
Slavens	52
Univ. Park	112
Total	740

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
6/1/12	Pat Bush & Brian Williams
6/8/12	Robert Wardlaw & Ralph Petersen
6/15/12	Don Thomson & Fred Pasternack
6/22/12	Bryce Slaby & Jon Wachter
6/29/12	Karl Geil & Mike McMahon

2012 Korsoski Awards Presentations

30 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Jim Easton
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Monaco South Calendar

- June 1 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Prestidigitator Extraordinaire, Keir Mather
- June 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Junior Golf
- June 9 Sat 5:30 pm HOBY Leadership Seminar - Picnic with the kids, see Paul Bernard

**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
Bill Walters	1991-92	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.