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Optimists Bring Out the
Best in Children



The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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CAMARADERIE DAY

ca-ma-ra-der-ie - a feeling of close friendship and trust among a group of people

DICK COEN and NICK NEWAY welcomed our optimists to camaraderie day this morning. CRAIG ELEY recited "Casey At The Bat," a very appropriate invocation for this time of year. PHIL PERINGTON presided at the meeting as GREG YOUNG is out of town at his sister's funeral. PHIL had an interesting question for us, "What is the only sport where the defense has the ball and you can score without ever touching the ball?" The answer—Baseball!

FRED PASTERNAK had two guests this morning, Alan Pierce and Jim Easton. We could really use these new guys as members as they are young and strong, handsome too. But that doesn't count for much around here.

We sang a rousing "Happy Birthday" to our 10 members who have a birthday in October. DON THOMSON gave an update on the Super Citizen Program and suggested that all new board members volunteer as a presenter as soon as possible. FRED PASTERNAK announced that the Downtown Aurora and Buckingham Square Optimist clubs are joining to form a new club named Gateway Optimist Club. JOE MARCI is selling *Entertainment Book's*. If the club sells 50 or more we get \$12.00 per book, less than that our profit is only \$5.00 per book. The *Entertainment Book* has a ton of wonderful coupons and can save you hundreds and hundreds of dollars. Please buy one and sell one to your neighbor.

TOM MAURO passed out the new Monaco South Optimist directory that he and Craig Eley produced. He also announced that very few tickets would be available for the World Series. The league, not the Rockies control sales and they have committed hundreds of tickets to sponsors and not to season ticket holders. Good luck in trying to get a ticket! CARL BROWN announced that the Epworth Foundation is asking for \$28 contributions to provide Thanksgiving Baskets for 8,000 families. If you would like to participate make your check out to Epworth Foundation and send it to 1865 Bruce Randolph Avenue, Denver, CO 80205. **Camaraderie, page 2.**

Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado

Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

CAMARADERIE continued

BILL WELLS invited us to give special recognition to our 6 Colorado/Wyoming Governors from Monaco South. RON CISCO, BOB HUGO, NORM TELTOW, TOM OVERTON, JIM BROWN, and current Governor GEORGE BUZIC. He has also reworked the badge box so you may find that your badge number has changed. BOB HUGO'S wife Janna has been in the hospital for the past week with a blood clot. Medication didn't remove the problem so they had to operate to get the clot out. Hopefully she will be home soon, and we wish her a speedy recovery. CY REGAN sold \$1,250 of supermarket certificates this morning. We make about \$200 a month from these sales so keep them coming. Remember you can use this for gas purchases as well as food.

A VISIT FROM DOTTIE: Our Lieutenant Governor DOTTIE JEFFERIES came to speak to us this morning. She congratulated us on what a fine club we are and spoke about the Optimist International slogan for the New Year, "Be a hero and save a child." She told a story about last year's District Essay winner who had come from a refugee family and is brilliant. She has won a full scholarship at Denver University and plans to pursue medical studies.

HARLAN RIFFEL MEMORIAL

At 9:15 am on Friday morning, October 19th a special memorial service was held at Hamilton Middle / Holm Elementary school campus honoring HARLAN RIFFEL, the creator of the wetland project. The project was completed in 1999. The memorial plaque is located at the nature area which he planned. TOM MAURO conducted the memorial presentation with students being called in a roll call fashion to give their name. Then Tom made them all feel very special by encouraging them to be a good citizen and telling them that some day their name might be similarly recognized for their achievements. Harlan's widow Rena was there along with her son Thomas Milton Riffel and grandson Jacob



Thomas Riffel. BRYCE SLABY arranged for the memorial and provided the plaque commemorating the occasion. Above is Harlan's widow, Rena, her son Tom and grandson Jacob. Photo at right: Tom Riffel (center, kneeling), Jacob, and Rena Riffel, along with students from both schools and some familiar MS Optimists.

SPECIAL CELEBRATION

Your editor had a delightful interview this morning with Doug Morton regarding his recent trip to Hawaii for a memorial service for the crew of the Wahoo submarine. The Memorial Service was held at Pearl Harbor on October 11, 2007. The sub was sunk on October 11, 1943 off the northern coast of Japan after Commander Dudley "Mush" Morton and his crew successfully sank four ships in the Sea of Japan. The ship was lost at sea and wasn't located until 64 years later.

All families and friends thought it was a very powerful ceremony as a tribute to the men on the Wahoo. Rear Admiral Joseph A Walsh, Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet gave the address. A Roll Call was made and family members rang the ships bell. There was a 21-gun salute followed by taps. After the ceremony there was a lengthy discussion and videos of the 10-year search for the Wahoo culminating in some very detailed and graphic pictures, which took place in the summer of 2006.

TREE LOT PLANNING MEETING

On Friday October 26th there will be a tree lot planning meeting 6:00 am at the American Legion Hall. Anyone interested in helping with pre-tree lot planning activities is invited to attend. We expect to finish the meeting by 6:45 so those attending will not miss any of the regular meeting. Coffee will be available. Contact Joe Marci at 303-771-3748 if you have any questions about this meeting.



101 IDENTIFYING CHARISTICS OF OPTIMISTS

How many fit you?

- The Optimist lives well, laughs often and loves much, looks for the best in others, gives the best he has, and leaves the world a better place than he found it.
- The Optimist knows that happiness does not depend on who you are or what you have: it depends solely on what you think.
- Optimists know that in the end it is their relationships, not their accomplishments or money that matter the most in life and which will ultimately bring them the greatest sense of fulfillment and belonging.
- Optimists do all they can, to all the people they can, in every way that they can, often as they can and as long as they can.

Monaco South Calendar

Oct 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Larry Botnick: Our Schools
Oct 26-28			District Conference, Ft. Collins Hilton
Oct 26	Fri	6:00 am	Tree Lot Planning Meeting, Legion Hall
Oct 31	Wed	6:00 pm	Goblins Calling—Location TBD
Nov 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall
Nov 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Joe Marci, Tree Lot
Nov 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Nov 17	Sat	7:00 am	Help Park Cars at TJ Craft Fair
Nov 17	Sat	8:00 am	Thanksgiving Baskets—Legion Hall
Nov 20	Tue	5:00 pm	Boys & Girls Clubs Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Chad Slaby, Rugby

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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
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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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