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Good Morning Optimist

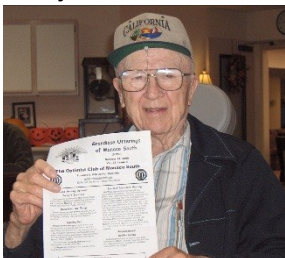
Welcome

Craig Eley and **Bob Avery** greeted all with a warm handshake and a smile. You couldn't even smell Craig's pooper scooper duties. Bob had on his conversational voice after giving a fine talk at the McMeen elementary Super Citizen presentation.

Invocation & Pledge

Karl Geil led with a special prayer. Charter member **Marlin Kent**, and Karl's Optimist sponsor, passed away this past week at the age of 99½. This editor feels, a bit like many, that he sponsored me too. Both Super Citizen and newsletter editing have been a joyful experience for me, and Karl was my mentor, much like another sponsor.

Marlin, worked with **Charlie Korsoski**, who passed away in 1992, and carried the Super Citizen speaking



Marlin Kent
(Charter Member)

File photo Oct. 2008

and photography duties for about twenty years as the program was birthing. Marlin will have our warm memories as we enjoy serving youth with the Super Citizen Program and reading our newsletters. Marlin is also the namesake of our *Eternal Optimist Award*. Services will be Wednesday,

March 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Kirk of Bonnie Brae Church, 1201 South Steele St, Denver. Karl devoted the prayer to the memory of Marlin Kent. We remember our own mortality, and pray that we will not live in fear of dying nor of living. Just as Marlin did for so many years.

Karl then led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

America the Beautiful

This morning **Ron Gutru** lit up the place with a resounding expression of love for our beautiful country. This editor finds it hard to believe that Ron is a FOO's member. That sounds strange in two ways. It sounds a lot like fool, and he certainly isn't that, and second as a friend of optimists, he is not a full-fledged member. Perhaps we should hoist him onto our shoulders in appreciation for his great optimism and draft him as a full member. How about it, Ron? How about it team?

Words from the Prez

Randy Marcove asked about any guests. **Steve Kady** didn't have a guest, but he shared ten \$10 tickets to the Denver Auto Show. Randy eventually distribute those tickets to those who made a contribution to children's cancer research.

Randy welcomed back **Paul Stratton** and **Brian Williams**. Good to have you in our midst.

Randy reported that we had 12 of our 14 OCMS board members present at the board meeting held last Wednesday evening. Great support! And, in attendance were three guests. Guests are always welcome! At that meeting two new members were voted into membership, **Art Erickson** and **Aaron Beery**. Welcome guys!

Randy also shared, that Art is the president of the Castle Rock Optimists club and that **Harry Fegley** has volunteered to be a liaison from MSOC to the new Castle Rock club. Since **Joe Marci** has chatted with Art about golf, he is very much interested in fostering a junior golf effort out of his club. Let's all be mindful of anyway we can assist Art. Just getting to know Art and keeping his efforts in mind can pay big dividends.

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****

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Words from the Prez Continued

Randy also announced that **Aaron Beery** didn't apply his Chemical Engineering research to our pooper scooper duties project for the St. Patrick's Day parade last week. Hope to see him there next year.

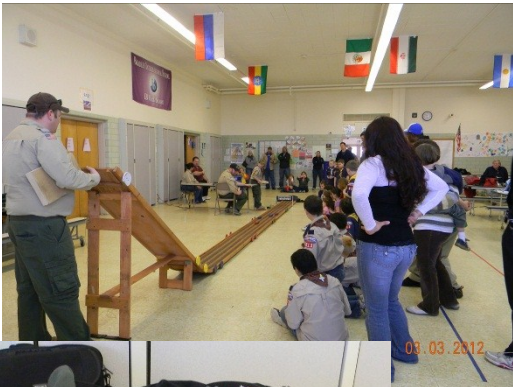
And that the COMWY 3rd Quarter District conference will be at the Hyatt DTC, May 4-6th, with lunch for Monaco South members on the 5th complements of the club. It can't get much more convenient.

Additionally, that **Frank Rowe** is working to involve us involved once again with the George Washington HS prom after dance chaperoning. See him before April 13th. And that **Dick Cohen** is spearheading our support for a ride to cure diabetes on September 16th.

Announcements

Cub Scout Update: **Frank Middleton** reported that he will be working with **Ryan Thompson** to start two new Cub Scout Packs at Samuels and McMeen Elementary Schools at the start of school next year. And, asked for volunteers. How involved in cub scouting can we get? Ryan is a professional scout, and has assisted **Jon Wachter** to get us up with a new pack at Bradley Elementary just this past year. Ryan is newly appointed to fill out a BOD term and Jon is running for VP on the slate for the upcoming board. Peddle fast guys; there is room to get behind the dynamos. Talk to Jon and Ryan about the liaison job that Jon currently is experiencing. It can be very rewarding.

Bradley Elementary Cub Scout Derby: Speaking of our support to these Cub Scout packs, here are some pictures from their recent Pinewood Derby event, shared by MSOC Bradley Cub Scout coordinators **Jon Wachter** and **Ryan Thompson**.



Top photo: Ryan serves as starter at the Bradley's Cub Scout Pinewood Derby on March 3, 2012. Center: Some the handmade and painted pinewood cars. Right: All of the Bradley cub scout participants.

Photos Geoff Larson

Super Citizen and Field Trip: **Don Thomson** announced a field trip is planned to the Denver Dumb Friends League on April 12th. **Harry Fegley** and **James Riley** are working with Don on the event.

Also, MPB and McMeen had Super Citizen presentations this past week. Don, along with **Bob Avery**, **John Oss**, **Les Larson**, and **Greg Young** supported these events. [Click to hear Bob Avery's](#) excellent presentation, given twice at McMeen.

Nine Health Fair, April 29: **Howard Fry** circulated a sign-up sheet for cashier duties at this years event. Ten people are needed. You'll handle \$50,000, so be good boys!

Correctional Industries Visit: Bob Avery is leading an April 12th facility tour to Canon city. The tour will begin at 9:30 a.m. Therefore we will need to leave from the American Legion Hall by 7:30 a.m. It is estimated that we should be back in Denver by 2:30 p.m. Please let Bob know if you are willing to drive a car-pool.

The tour will include the East Canon Complex; visiting the wild horse program, Tilapia grow out facility, greenhouse, fishing rod/fly tying, PBR bull complex, water buffalo dairy, goat dairy, cow dairy, K9 area, and pheasants raising area. This is all on a 6,000 acre complex and takes about 2-3 hours. We will have lunch afterwards.

For those who have already signed up and those who haven't signed up but would like to go, I will need the following information by Wednesday, March 28th.

- Full Name (what shown on your driver's license)
- Driver's license and state if not Colorado
- Date of Birth

Please forward that information to Bob's email at rlaii@msn.com.

So far Bob has the following people signed up: **Avery, Robert Lee; Buzick, George; Carlson, Ronald; Duvall, Robert; Finkelmeier, Robert; Gallaway, Keith; Gloor, Kent; Hock, Thomas; Hugo, Dan; Johnson, Harry; Larson, Lester; Mauro, Thomas; Oss, John; Overton, Thomas; Perington, Philip; Regan, Cy; Riley, James; Shroyer, Terry; Simon, Paul; Slaby, Bryce; and Williams, Brian.**

Liberty Day: **Les Larson** was still reveling in the March 16th Liberty Day experience where the US constitution and amendments were read by a few dozen of our Colorado House representatives. Our own **Andy McKean** was the principle mover in getting this program up with 20 participating kids last year to 150 this year. He holds the wish that the activity will spread to all the states in the US. Our house speaker **Frank McNulty** is sending Andy a letter about his enthusiasm for the program. Andy will send the letter for encouragement to all the states to initiate such a program as we have in Colorado. Andy is excited that North Dakota is running a mini version of our Colorado program on April 13th.

Announcements Continued

From the Treasurer: Greg Young asked for us to pay our dues. He quickly ran from the hock. But before he added, the badge boxes are being revised and updated for new members this week, so next meeting if your badge is not in its customary slot, check the name guide that will be on the lid to see what your new slot number is. If still in doubt, contact Greg Young for help. Anyone wanting a lanyard for their badge is welcome to help themselves to one of the unattached yellow lanyards in the right hand box (first come, first served).



OCMS Nominating Committee: Oscar Sorensen reported Paul Simon is running for president, Jon Wachter and Craig Eley for vice president, and Mike McMahon, Steve Kady, Scott Walker, and Mike Short for directors. We have a full slate, but more candidates are welcome!

Directory Update: Craig Eley wants your mug shot. Want to present a good looking mug. Get with Craig, or he'll just use the last one.

Drawing



Mike McMahon hit the jackpot by pulling the King of Hearts. **Ed Collins, Tom Mauro, OC Larson, Ron Cisco, John Stoffel, and Ron Carlson** all carried home some loot.

Photo Don StJohn

Our Speaker Today: Shannon Tougher

Paul Bernard is anticipating, in some months, a lung transplant for his daughter. This helps explain his fervor for inviting our speaker. Shannon Tougher is the Executive Director of the Transplant Living Centers. Shannon has devoted herself to helping those who are recovering from transplants. They need a very, very clean setting. Shannon is about providing that setting.

The Center offers residents living accommodations in two-bed, two-bath condos instead of a hotel while a family member is going through a transplant or related procedure. The condos help in avoiding the health risks of hotels and other temporary housing which typically utilize shared kitchens and many other common spaces. The mission of this nonprofit is to "provide spacious, safe, clean and affordable temporary housing to all transplant patients and their families."



Shannon Tougher

Photo Don StJohn

New Member Orientation

Monday, April 9, @ 6:30 p.m.
District 4 Council Office
3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

Super Citizen Presenters for April

4 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Pat Bush
12 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Bill Wells
13 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Harry Fegley
18 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Fred Pasternack
20 @ 9:10, 10:00, & 10:40 a.m.	Holm	Phil Perington
26 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	Bryce Slaby
27 @ 9:45 & 10:15 am	Samuels	Randy Marcove
27 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Art Erickson

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
3/30/12	Don Thomson & Harry Fegley
4/6/12	Ron Gutru & Robert Wardlaw
4/13/12	Gary Miller & Tom Wos
4/20/12	Fred Pasternack & Les Larson
4/27/12	Keith Gallaway & Rich Wray

Monaco South Calendar

- Mar 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - James Lockhart, Wounded Warriors Impacting Neighbors
- Apr 6 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Lisa Palmer, Dumb Friends League
- Apr 9 Mon 6:30 pm New Member Orientation, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Apr 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - David Lazaroff, Five ways to share joy when your friend has Alzheimer's
- 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

**Past Presidents of the
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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.