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Good Morning Optimist

A Jack Frost morning: The day started out cold and icy until we got inside the Hall, it was warm and full of good cheer. New Club member **Doug Arnold** along with board member **Terry Shroyer** and **Joe (Big Tree) Marci** were in fine form and working the door heartily. Breakfast was a delightful combination of fluffy scrambled eggs, sliced Virginia ham, just right flap-jacks, fresh fruit, juice, assorted pastries, coffee and tea. Still the best deal in SE Denver at 7:00 a.m. Our chef, **John Marinos'** keeps the winning streak alive. Our speaker for this morning, Doug Linkhart, Denver City Councilman-at-large was seen with his plate piled high and a big smile on his face.

Where's the Prez?

MIA Prez, **Ed (Traveling Man) Collins** was again absent, apparently still looking for the treasure of the Pirates of the Caribbean with other MIA member **Tom Hoch**. These guys better have some good stories. To which, Vice President **Paul Simon** commandeered the dais, gavel, and bell and stroked the assembled to order at 7:00 a.m. sharp. As "acting" President he promised to put on a good show.

Invocation and Pledge

Board member **Les Larson** presented the invocation, "Humankind" the message of how we as adults are responsible for the evolution of our youth and the beliefs and examples we pass to them. It was a nice Optimist moment. The Pledge of Allegiance followed, and for the second week in a row the weak "Play Ball!" was a growing concern for not making the final cut. Let's go gentlemen; the first pitch is just around the corner.

Guests

Charter Member, **Kent Gloor** introduced his friend Eric Anderson with Edward Jones Investments. Eric expressed his appreciation for the invitation and the great breakfast

and entertainment. We hope to see you again Eric. Kent also said Abigail Nicholas was doing nicely after her over exuberance while singing in the hospitality room during the Colorado Wyoming Optimist District Second Quarter Conference last Saturday. A speedy recovery!

Co/Wyo District 2nd Quarter Conference

Speaking of the District Conference here are pictures of some of our club members at the District Conference.



Back row, left to right: Frank Middleton, Tom Overton, John Young, Curt Jefferies, Kent Gloor. Front row: Greg Young, Donlie Smith, Fred Pasternack, Paul Bernard, and Don StJohn.

Photos courtesy of Don StJohn



Left: Accepting the awards for Tamarac and Monaco South, Sandy Middleton, Dottie Jefferies, and Greg Young.



Right: George Mills, past district governor, and Frank Middleton being recognized.

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

2nd Quarter Conference: Paul Simon proceeded to bestow awards from the 2nd Quarter Meeting, held last weekend to MSOC for our financial contributions to OI in 2010. Monaco South was also recognized for the Brain Bowl and the impact it is having on the community and schools. Paul noted the 3rd and final round of the Brain Bowl will be this weekend in Colorado Springs.

Brain Bowl: Karl Geil sadly reported this weekend's event would be the first Brain Bowl he has missed in 15 years. He did point out that 1,140 students will have participated in this year's three-city event. What an accomplishment that all Optimists in the District should be proud of. Next year is the 1st Annual Super Brain Bowl Championship. It is rumored tickets are being scalped on e-Bay.

District Membership Chair: Bill Wells received an award for his hard work and commitment as District Membership Chair. Way to go Billy! Ralph Pederson was then acknowledged for his contribution to the 2010 OI Foundation and received a pin for his effort. And perhaps in one of the more sensitive moments, Paul Simon won the drawing held at the District meeting Sunday breakfast and was awarded the flower arrangement adorning the head table.

MSOC Honor Club: Greg Young then awarded Ron Cisco his pin as President of MSOC as an Honor Club in 2010, and was immediately reminded that as Past-President he was responsible for assembling our constantly award-winning Scrapbook. Note to Ron: Mary and Don Iley have helped with this daunting project in the past.

Golf Expo Huge Success: Joe Marci shared the Colorado-Wyoming Optimists had a booth at this year's GOLF EXPO. Besides handing out over 100 applications for our June 10 and 13 youth tournaments we distributed many flyers for the Colorado Rockies vs Atlanta Braves game on July 18th. We received over \$100 in donations as well. Those Optimists who answered questions at the booth included the following: Gov Ron Benson, Lt Gov Bob Meyer, Sewell Black, Ralph Pedersen, Don Thomson, Gary Miller, Jack Kitchell, Lew Lerner, Rich & Julia Wagner, John Stoffel, Fred Pasternack, Ed Collins, and Joe Marci. Thanks to all who made this a great success as over 10,700 golfers attended the EXPO!

Essay Contest Club Winners Selected: This year's 1st place winner is Brianna Romero. The OI essay theme is "How My Education is the Key to a Successful Future." In second place was Audrey Colleen Morris-Riehl and third place went to Rachael Angele Newman. These Thomas Jefferson High School students and faculty and our judges will be invited to a future club meeting according to club co-chairmen Wyatt McCallie and Joe Marci.



Another Run for Office: Bill Wells is again running for Denver Auditor and is circulating his petition for signatures. This might be the year for Billy! Let's get behind one of our most determined and loyal MSOC members.

Missing Wooden Nickels: Craig Eley is still looking for the missing wooden nickels. Perhaps a reward or offer of ransom might help. This is getting serious and some members are starting to talk. Let Craig know if you know where they might be hiding. Craig also explained he was wearing his Rockford Illinois College sweatshirt as a tribute to the winter home of the Wisconsin Democratic Senators.

Arizona Fruit: Jack Rife brought us some fresh produce that his brother has recently sent him from Arizona. He also read an article from the *Grand County Newspaper* concerning the activities of their students at the Brain Bowl. Jack closed with a report on the Tri-Star Basketball program—see attached. Gary Laman is helping and doing a great job.

MSOC Membership Roster: Tom (Mr. Baseball) Mauro is circulating the MSOC membership roster for changes to the new edition. If anyone would like to place a business, or any other type of ad please let him know ASAP.



Super Citizen Program: Don Thomson brought us up to date on the Super Citizen Awards. Nine awards ceremonies have been held this month, with 3 occurring today. He also advised that there will be an opportunity to tour Coors Field on March 18th for all our schools and their Super citizen participants. The tour starts at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$5.00. Please see Don for more information.

Eagle Scout Dinner: Donlie Smith reminded everyone of the Eagle Scout Dinner tonight at 6:00 p.m. More than 550 Eagle Scouts will be in attendance along with their parents and supporters. Awards will be presented to the winners for their best community project. Donlie shared a couple of those projects with us. Donlie is the chair of the committee that determines those winners. A big thank you goes out to committee members who determine recipients of these prestigious awards.

Look Who Is Here: Mr. Attendance taker, Bob Avery reported that Ron Cisco, Wyatt McCallie, Jim Rumer, and Bill Wells were among the returning. Doug and Marilyn Morton are on a book tour to Florida and who knows what excursion for February and part of March.

Bill Walters Update: Frank Middleton informed us that Bill Walters is preparing for his bone marrow transplant. His donor is his brother, John. Bill will likely be in the hospital 4-6 weeks following the transplant. You can contact him at 303-898-6329. Or you can sign-up for his CarePages updates at www.carepages.com. Let's send some prayers and good thoughts for our brother.

New Look for Optimist International Website: Greg Young reports if you haven't been to the OI website recently, you will find that it looks a little different. The website is sporting some new colors as well as a few additions to the main pages. Visit www.opti-mist.org to check it out or just click these links. [The home page](#) of the website now has news items that will be updated regularly. [The main Members](#) page has links to some of the more popular pages to make navigating the website easier. [The main Visitors](#) page features a series of Optimists talking about what Optimism means to them. Expect to see more Optimists featured in the near future! Optimists familiar with the website will find that, aside from these first few pages, navigation remains the same as in the past.

Closing Bell

Drawing: The draw for the pot was unlucky for Robert Duvall and Gary Laman. Sorry Guys. But the Pot is getting bigger! On the Name Tag drawing, Allen Yockey got another shot at the winning, but Lady Luck was on Vacation.

Closing Creed

The Creed was led by our Guest Speaker Councilman Linkhart and we closed in high spirits.

Mayoral Candidate Doug Linkhart

Paul Bernard introduced Councilman-at-Large, former State Representative, and Senator and now Mayoral candidate Doug Linkhart, who by the way was not carrying a petition and apparently has enough signatures.



Doug was cordial and quite comfortable with the crowd. In fact he referenced the words of the Optimist Creed

as those that best represented some of his feelings. His laid back presentation and insights into city and state government were thoughtful and to the point. Doug's main issue, if elected Mayor is economic development and the creation of jobs capable of sustaining a level of economic security. He talked about a friend who had worked hard, paid off his home, paid his bills and then lost his job. His friend ended up moving to Florida to live with his sister for want of a \$12.00 job in Denver Colorado. Doug pointed out that Colorado was 49th in job creation and reflected on the fact that his 19 year old son was working at McDonald's as an "entry employee" at \$7.85 per hour and working next to a 40-year old mother of two. It seems that 2 of the 10 fastest growing jobs in America are in the service industry and are 60% of the total. Doug went on to honor the Brain Bowl as an excellent example of supporting and promoting students and kids for their commitment to scholarship and citizenship. He added that the best thing he felt he did while at the State legislature was to sincerely shake the hands of visiting kids and

connect with them on their issues.

From Doug's perspective the hardest thing for families and workers to do is to save money for the future. If elected Mayor he would promulgate a bill passed by the Legislature to teach students and others how to manage their finances. A program "Bank on Denver" has commenced with that effort. To his credit, Doug acknowledged that government doesn't create jobs; in fact small business does most of it. As Mayor he would streamline the process for helping getting people into business. Denver needs more anchor stores without abusing incremental tax incentives. He also does not think the head tax is well served, adding that he would eliminate the tax on sole proprietors and small business's below 5 employees. Rather than cut salaries he would cut staff and use furloughs more often. He noted, the Public Safety Unions retirement funds are in good shape and increased contributions from employees are sustaining the fund.

The Marijuana Industry has generated 4,000 jobs, 3 million dollars in sales and use taxes and 600-700 formerly empty buildings have been put back into use, as well as advertising and signage dollars not calculated. A dollar in every pot, so to speak! Anybody can get a patient prescription and business is good. Denver needs to grow other businesses and continue to help expand small business.

As a twice elected Councilman-at-Large Doug Linkhart feels he is the best man for the job. We hope to see him again.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
3/4/11	Jim Easton, Les Larson, & Harry Johnson
3/11/11	Keith Gallaway, Doug Arnold, & OC Larson
3/18/11	Frank Ross, Leo Hagele, & Doug Arnold
3/25/11	Joe Marci, Gary Miller, & Doug Arnold
4/1/11	Tom Hock, Steve Kady, & Rich Wagner
4/8/11	Randy Marcove, Ron Carlson, & John Oss

Super Citizen Presenters for March

16 @ 8:00 am*	Highline	John Oss
16 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Miller
17 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Don Thomson
18 @ 9:10 am	Holm	John Stoffel
24 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm*	McMeen	Tom Wos
25 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Al Gapuzan

* Note date change

Monaco South Calendar

Mar 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Paul Gleditsch, Bring on the Music
 Mar 11 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
 Mar 16 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Mar 18 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Mar 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Shannon Cardellina, Arapahoe House
 Apr 1 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Michael Hancock, Denver City Councilman
 Apr 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
 Apr 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Apr 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

Have a speaker in mind? Let Paul Bernard know. He can be reached at 720-339-8025

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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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
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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.