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Optimists Bring Out the
Best in Children



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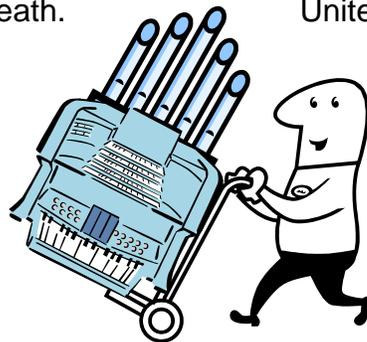
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Organ Donation Explained

Sunne Reif, Community Relations Coordinator for Donor Alliance, was the speaker at the September 5, 2008 meeting. She began by telling us that even if we all were registered to be organ donors, only a few of us would be qualified to donate organs. She asked us if we knew why. "Too old!" some replied. "Too drunk!" said others. But no. Sunne stated that organs were only able to be transplanted if they came from a donor who had experienced brain death. Your editor surmised that, using that criterion, at least ten MSOCers were immediately eligible. But Sunne explained that if the brain dies and the heart continues to beat, the organs are still viable and can be transplanted. That occurs in a small minority of deaths. Tissue, such as heart valves, ligaments, etc., on the

other hand, can be taken from a body hours after death and still be suitable for transplantation. One registered organ and tissue donor can, therefore, save up to 100 lives.

Anyone can be an organ and tissue donor, Sunne said, even those with cancer, diabetes or other ailments. There are currently 100,000 people in the United States on the waiting list for organ donations.



If you don't have a heart symbol on your driver's license, then you are not a registered organ donor. To register, you can go to donoralliance.org and print out a registration form.

Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

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

Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

Proceedings of the Meeting of September 5, 2008

Invocation & Pledge

Ed Collins offered an invocation which urged us to “instead of wishing things were different, work to make them different.” Then he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Fred Pasternack brought **Charlie Gatewood** as a guest. Charlie, who works at Mile High Honda, told us that it was clear that “God has granted this club wisdom.” The guy is obviously a great judge of characters.

Phil the Vacuum

In the absence of **President Greg Young**, **President-Elect Phil Perington** rode herd on the membership. He told us about a promotion called “Give Me Five for the Kids.” The premise is that if we bring in five new members, we add that many more projects aimed at helping youth.

Then Phil told a joke about a music store, which perhaps can best be related through the illustration below.



Food, Glorious Food!

Cy Regan collected the money for breakfast today, and had to spend a good amount of

time explaining to individual members that, as announced from the podium and in GUMS in recent weeks, the price of the meal has been increased by \$1 as of today. It is now \$7.00.

Rumor has it that both US presidential candidates have promised to reduce our breakfast price if elected, at least for those of us making less than 5 million dollars a year.

Sticker Shock

Donlie Smith informed us of an election bet that we can enter into with others in the Club. If your presidential candidate wins, the other guy has to drive around for a year with the winner's bumper sticker on his car. Donlie has a sign-up sheet to formalize the agreements, so see him if you want to take the chance of having your car egged for a year after the election.

Upgrade Your Memory

Joe Marci implored us not to forget that the Memory Walk is Saturday, September 20 from 7 to 10 a.m. The event benefits The Alzheimer's Association and will take place in City Park near the Zoo and Museum parking lots. Those interested in helping should contact Joe at 303-771-3748.

Upgrade Your Memory NOW!

Fred Pasternack announced that the Gateway Optimist Club is sponsoring a raffle for two season tickets to the Rockies. He didn't remember how much they cost, or who we could buy them from, or when the drawing was. If interested, you'd best bypass Freddie altogether and contact the Gateway Club directly (that is, if it actually *is* the Gateway Club that is having the raffle).

That's Entertainment!

Entertainment Books are available from **Joe Marci** for \$25 each. These are a great item to keep in every car, so you can quickly check through them for great bargains and 2 for 1 deals wherever you go. Proceeds go to the Club's Robert Sullivan Scholarship Fund, which grants scholarships to high school students who are on their way to college.

Update Your Directory Listing

The new Club directory will be published soon, and **Tom Mauro** urged members to check their listings to see that they are current. Send any changes to tmmauro@aol.com (do *not* give changes to others who may be rumored to be helping Tom with the directory).

If you want to get rich quick, Tom will let you place a business-card sized ad in the new directory for the bargain price of \$25. Get your business card or ad copy to him as soon as possible so you can retire on easy street.

The directory crew has need of a duplexing (prints on both sides) photocopy machine to print the new directory. If you can grant them access to one, they promise to spell your name correctly in your listing. Contact Tom at 720-859-9300 if you can help.

Fireworks

Tickets are available for the September 19 Rockies game against the Arizona **D i a m o n d b a c k s** . Following the game, a fireworks display will be presented, so kids and grandkids will especially enjoy this event. To score some tickets (\$5 and \$15) for this or any other Rockies game, contact **Joe Marci** at 303-771-3748.



And So It Begins . . .

Frank Middleton offered a story about a clock which ran faster with every lie it detected from Obama. A pundit at your editor's table commented that with jokes that lame, Republicans must be desperate, knowing that "they are caught between Barack and a hard place."

Thanks, Mike!

Mike Miller was in attendance and received special recognition for the long hours he puts in each year getting the Tree Lot set up.

Installation Banquet Next Saturday

Next Saturday night at 6 p.m. members, spouses and friends will get together to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and to swear in our officers and Board for the upcoming year. Reservations are \$20 a head, and you better hurry if you want in. Contact **Paul Bernard** immediately at 303-721-0811.

100% Day is September 19

100% Day is the one meeting a year where we try to get every member to attend. If you would have trouble getting to work late on that day, **John Stoffel** will get Governor Ritter to personally call your boss and get the time off for you. If you just cannot get up that early, the Monaco South Love Notes will come by with a wake-up serenade. So - no excuses - be there!

Monaco South Calendar

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| Sept 12 Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Kris Kroncke, District 3 Commander, Denver Police Department. |
| Sept 13 Sat 6:00 pm | Installation Banquet - Blossoms Restaurant at Heather Ridge, 2888 South Heather Gardens Way, Aurora. |
| Sept 16 Tue 6:30 pm | Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., # 102. |
| Sept 19 Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaderie & 100% Day . |
| Sept 26 Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA. |
| Oct 6 Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Welcome our new president, Phil Perington, and his 2008-2009 Officers & Board. |

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
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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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