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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimists! Welcome to Camaraderie Day

President **Ron Cisco** was out today, at a Children's Hospital Fundraiser. Fortunately Ron's very capable Vice President, **Frank Ross** was on hand to take the helm.

Our project chairman for running the Greeter's program, **Dick Cohen** was the "official greeter" today. Dick asked for our members to sign up as "official greeters".

Fred Pasternack introduced his guest, a next door neighbor, Evan Easton, Jim Easton's son. And like a chip off the block, Evan took the stage handling questions like a pro.

V.P. **Ross** asked the Club to recognize 14 of our members with birthdays this month by (you know it) the MSOC Happy Birthday song. They are:



Bob Avery

Ron Carlson

Craig Eley

O.C. Larson

Gary Miller

Russ Paul

Cy Regan

Frank Ross

Kale Smith

Oscar Sorensen

Eldon Strong

Jim Tapp

Don Thomson

Scott Walker

Greg Young has a potential fund raiser for the club. This would involve providing judges for the World Sport Cup Stacking Championship, to be held at Magness Arena University of Denver on April 10th (7:30 am to 3:00 pm) and April 11th (7:30 am to Noon). Our club would receive \$40 for each member who volunteers. If we had 25 volunteers that would be \$1,000 in the club's coffers. A sign up sheet was passed around, contact Greg Young, at 303-759-3921 or gndyoung@comcast.net with any questions.



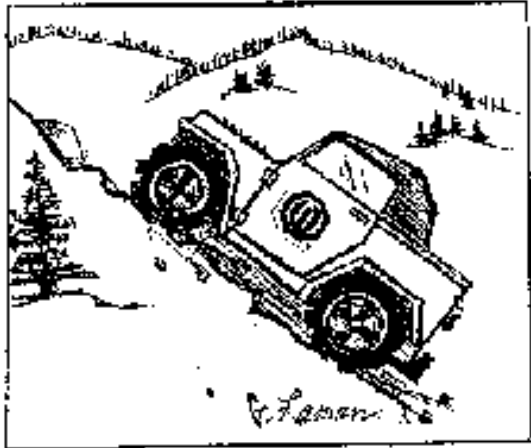
Karl Geil reminded us that March 20th is Colorado History Day, so keep that date open. Karl also reported that the 3rd Brain Bowl in Colorado Springs is ready to go tomorrow, February 20th. There are enough optimists signed to run the program but the rest of you are still welcome.

The DTC Optimist Club will have a wine tasting fund raiser on Saturday, March 20th 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Citron Bistro, Yosemite and Belleview. The cost is \$30 each or \$35 at the door. Hors d' Oeuvres provided by Citron. Come and enjoy! See **Karl Geil** for more information.

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****

Other Announcements

Tri-Star Basketball: Gary Laman thanked 8 members for their participation at this years Tri-Star Basketball program held February 8th at the Cope Branch of the Boys/Girls Club. They were: **Ron Cisco, Jack Kitchell, Greg Young, Fred Pasternack, Gary Strowbridge, Bryce Slaby, George Buzick,** and of course **Gary**.



Speaking of **Gary Laman** here is one of his unique drawings that he knocks out during our one-hour meeting. I think this is his Optimist International Executive Courier, Inc. 4-wheel drive car.

Super Citizen Program: Hop-a-long Don Thomson reported that the Super Citizen program is running smoothly, 8 presentation this week. Don invited members to come to a presentation and see what all the fun is about. Here is the schedule for the remainder of February.

Super Citizen Presenters for February		
Day	School	Presenter
22 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Ron Roth
25 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Todd Olson
26 @ 1:30 & 2:15 pm*	Samuels*	George Vassilaros
26 @ 2:45 & 3:15 pm	Univ. Park	Steve Kady
26 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Randy Marcove
* Note date change		

This Weeks Drawing: Today's drawing produced another pot winner, **Allen Pierce** walked of with \$20. Other winners, **Phil Perington** (twice—shake that pot!), **Gary Strowbridge** and **Scott Walker**.

Super Market Sales: reported by Cy Ragan:

- King Soopers \$1325
- Safeway \$100



Visit to a Western Slope Optimist Club: Lt.

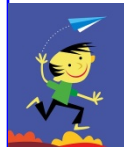
Governor **Phil Perington**, Zone 4 and Past President of Monaco South, presents a Literacy Patch to Summit-Lake Dillon Optimist Club President **Ed Casias** in Dillon last Wednesday. Perington, District Membership Chair **Bill Wells**, and District Magazine Editor **Mike Snipes**, all members of the Monaco South Optimist Club, were making a swing through the Western District promoting their respective district specialties.



Photo by Mike Snipes

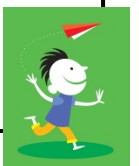
Above is a photo of Phil Perington, on the right, recognizing with a Ed Casias, president of the Summit-Lake Dillon Optimist Club with a Literacy Patch.

Phil reported that Dillon has a vibrant Club having many activities. Of note was a chess championship contest they run. Mike Snipes inserted, "those kids are smart! You can learn more about Summit-Lake Dillon Optimist Club at: <http://summitoptimists.org/>.



GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED

- No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.



East High School Winner

MSOC provides a \$500 donation each year to help East High School go to the “*We the People...The Citizen and the Constitution*” national competition, which they have won for the last three years. We will try to get them to come speak to us in May, but here is another example of one of our youth support activities. Anyone interested in donating further should send a contribution to:

Mrs. Beth Gower
 East High School
 1600 City Park Esplanade
 Denver, CO 80206

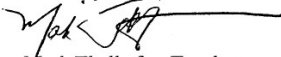
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The Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics class at East High School won the State Competition of “We the People...the Citizen and the Constitution.” In April twenty-seven students will go to Washington to compete in the National competition against the best teams from the other forty-nine states plus the District of Columbia. In this highly rigorous, academic competition the students will speak persuasively in a simulated congressional hearing format, directly respond to posited questions, and use philosophical, historical, contemporary, and legal evidence to support their assertions.

Our team will continue to work hard, and we will represent our community and Colorado in the East High tradition. It is an opportunity to demonstrate the competitiveness and skill of East High Angels and Colorado in a forum that includes the best and brightest students in the United States.

We are now faced with the enormous task of raising \$45,000 to pay for the team’s trip to Washington D.C. Many East High School alumni are contributing to our cause, but we also need the assistance of larger groups, foundations, and businesses to meet our financial deadlines. The cost of sending one student to Washington D.C. is \$1,275.00. A copy of our budget needs is included in this packet. We deeply appreciate as much funding as you are able to give. There are few worthier causes than helping talented young people reach significant goals. By helping the Constitutional Scholars Team, you will not only be sending deserving students to Washington, but you will also be opening doors to new and broader horizons for these capable young students whose heightened awareness of public issues and public service will last a lifetime. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark Thalhofer, Teacher

Super Citizens

Here are some pictures of the recent Super Citizen presentation at McMeen Elementary presentation on February 17th.



Photos by Don StJohn

CPR Class Saturday
March 6th 8:30am to 12 noon at
 Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda.
 Heart saver class includes: CPR for Adult, Child, and Infant
 Use of AED (automatic external defibrillator)
 Cost if \$30 includes Book
 Contact Joyce Thomson at 303-757-4273

Monaco South Calendar

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|--------|-----|----------------|--|
| Feb 20 | Sat | 7:00 am | South Region Brain Bowl Tournament, Harrison High School, 2755 Janitel Road Colorado Springs, CO |
| Feb 26 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Christy Wessler, Comedienne, Singer, Songwriter |
| Mar 5 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Sandy Clough, Radio Talk-Show Host |
| Mar 6 | Sat | 8:30 am - noon | CPR Classes by Joyce Thomson, at Augustana Lutheran Church, Sign up by Calling 303-757-4273 |
| Mar 6 | Sat | 8:30 pm | Tri-Star Basketball Regional Completion, Boys & Girls Club Wilfley Branch |
| Mar 12 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Julia Wagner, National Veteran’s Wheelchair Games |

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bob Safe	1995-96
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
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Bill Walters	1991-92	Phil Perington	2008-09
Kent Gloor	1992-93		

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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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