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## Optimist Club of Monaco South

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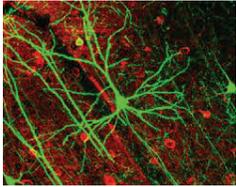
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### Good Morning Optimist

On this crisp January morning, with the sun barely peeking over the horizon, attending members were greeted by **James Riley** and **Bob “the biker” Avery**. Ron Gustas was busily handing out the “Get Your Neuron tee shirt” for those who have been, or will be, working the various Brain Bowls this year. (See more on Brain Bowl following.)



Over his short spell of delegating, **President Randy Marcove** took back the gavel and banged the meeting to order precisely on time. After the invocation, **Ron Gutru** did his usual fine job on “*America the Beautiful*,” to which many sang the last verse. There were no guests today, but Randy welcomed some wayward members, including **Neil Alderson**, **Pat Sullivan**, **Scott Walker** and **Todd Olson**.

Called on the spot by **Prez, Neil Alderson** talked briefly about activities at the **Schlessman Family YMCA**, which he directs. They are in the midst of fund raising for a \$6.5 million renovation, including two pools, a teen gathering place and other improvements. Many members are already familiar with the facility at Yale and Colorado Boulevard, but Neil invites everyone to drop by and see the activities going on. Neil promised he’ll a full report when the overall fundraising activity goes public.

### Announcements

**Bradley International Super Citizen Program:** President **Randy** announced that **Tom Charters** would be the presenter at the Bradley International Super Citizen event this morning and that Randy

would be observing, since his son is receiving an award this month.

**Thank you Letters:** Randy also read a letter of thanks from the Clark family, which was a recipient of both Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets and another from the **Roundup Fellowship** for the Monaco South’s donation to the organization, which is headed by our own **Jim Vander Kamp**.



**McMeen Super Citizen Program:** **Don Thomson** thanked **Ralph Pedersen** (who stepped in to be the presenter) and **Greg Young** (photographer) for their participation in the McMeen Super Citizen Awards.

**Boys Hope Girls Hope Drive:** **Bryce Slaby** said that he had his truck outside, waiting for any donation for the Boys Hope Girls Hope organization and that he would deliver whatever was collected to them. As you will recall Leslie Pera spoke to us on January 13<sup>th</sup> and provided a “donation wish list.” You can find that wish list on the email *Constant Contact* cover sheet.

**Tri-Star Basketball:** **Gary Laman** announced that the annual Tri-Star Basketball event would be held at Cope Boys and Girls Club on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.. There will be a sign-up sheet next week. This is a great event, and with almost 100 kids participating, Gary can use all the help he can get, so set aside this time to help him and the kids!



**Barbecue and Hoedown:** **Frank Ross**, speaking for **Frank Middleton**, our own cowboy banker (retired) who was absent, announced that the not quite annual Barbecue and Hoedown would be held at the Outpost Club, Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 5:30 p.m. In addition to a great barbecue dinner and cheap drinks,

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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 Continued

there will be square dance lessons lead by one of this area's premier callers, George Smith. George makes it so easy that any dude (or dudette) can learn all the classic square dance moves. Cost is only \$22 per person, dress is western casual. Members and guests are welcome. Don't miss it! By the way, here are a few of the MSOC square dancers as shown on the Out Post's website. Note our own **Dr. Ed** on the right.



Photo taken from the Outpost Club's website at <http://www.theoutpostclub.com/>

**Plunge for Special Olympics:** remember that **Mike McMahon**, will be taking the plunge for Special Olympics Colorado during "The Polar Plunge." Mike will jump into the Chatfield Reservoir on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Mike is looking for sponsors and you can contribute in person or online at [www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/mikemcmahon/chatfieldpolarplunge](http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/mikemcmahon/chatfieldpolarplunge). *Help out Mike and the Special Olympics of Colorado!*

**Sweetheart to Breakfast:** **Tom Overton**, a real sweetheart of a guy, reminded us that the Sweetheart Breakfast would be held at *Citron Bistro* the morning of Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. If you're not coming to this breakfast, alone or with someone, you can stop by Denny's for breakfast, since there will be no club meeting that day at the American Legion Hall. As a reminder, please mail or bring your check for the Sweetheart Breakfast to **Greg Young** no later than Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cost is \$12 per person. If you have not signed up, please email Tom Overton ASAP at [tom.overton@q.com](mailto:tom.overton@q.com).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference:** **Tom** also reminded us of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference of the Colorado/Wyoming District, which will be held in Estes Park at the Stanley Hotel on the weekend of February 10-12. The club will cover lunch on Saturday for members who attend the conference.

**Almost Lost Our Power:** While Tom had the podium, he also brought us up to date on the latest happenings at the tree lot. Seems that, with the price of copper at almost \$4.00/lbs., someone tried to rip off (literally) the temporary electric panel at the Christmas tree lot. The bottom of the mast had been detached

but, apparently, the would-be thieves had no ladder and, although they attempted to tear it off by force, the bands holding the panel to the light post would not break.

**Brain Bowl Report:** By Karl Geill Here is the report from last Saturday's North Region Optimist Brain Bowl. Volunteers: 145, including, from MSOC, **George Buzick, Kent Gloor** (and wife Abigail), **Randy Marcove, Paul Simon** (along with wife Debbie and two non-Optimist friends), **Craig Eley, Mike McMahon, Harry Fegley, Michael Chavez, John Oss, Mike Snipes** (and wife Ann), **Phil Perington, Paul Bernard, Mark Goodbody, Frank Ross** and **Karl Geill**. Counting Paul Simon's two guests and his wife, but not Abigail or Ann, who are members of the Tamarac Optimist Club, MSOC accounting for 18 volunteers, second only to the Boulder Luncheon Club's 20. Team Registrations: 95, Team Drops: 3, Team No-Shows: 1.

So, 91 teams actually competed, including one school from Casper, Wyoming. Estimating 5 students per team, that is approximately 455 kids participating.

- 26-6th grade teams
- 28-7th grade teams
- 37-8th grade teams

The top 4 final results for each grade are attached. These teams, plus two others at each grade level, will be competing at the Optimist Brain Bowl Championship Tournament on March 3, 2012.

## Closing Bell Drawing

The suspense continues to mount as the pot for today was \$170. **John Oss** the first name called and tried for the draw, but was unsuccessful. Both **Ron Gutru** and **Terry Shroyer** decided to play it safe and take the sure thing. **Don Thomson** took his best shot at the draw, but could not pull out the elusive Four of Clubs. His name was subsequently drawn for wearing his name tag, but was, once again, unsuccessful. The pot climbs to \$180 next week, so don't miss this meeting!

## Did You Know?

There are two additional tenets contained in "**Promise Yourself**", written by Christian D. Larson and later adopted as the "**Optimist Creed**." The last two tenets, as written are:

*"To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud words but in great deeds.*

*To live in the faith that the whole world is on your side so long as you are true to the best that is in you."*

Read more about the origination of the *Optimist Creed* on page 20 of the most current issue of the *Optimist Magazine*. [Online at: Optimist Magazine.](#)



## Our Speaker Today - Lyra Repplinger Colorado Oral-Deaf Preschool

Lyra Repplinger began the position of classroom teacher at the Colorado Oral-Deaf Preschool in June 2011. Lyra received her Bachelor's Degree in Communication Science and Disorders from Augustana College in Rock Island, IL in 1997. She received her Master's in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education from Illinois State University in 2000.



Lyra explained that the organization is a nonprofit organization that opened the preschool in June 2011 for children with hearing loss. After receiving a cochlear implant or hearing aid, children and families need the support, services and resources the preschool will provide to enable these children to hear, listen, learn, and speak as well as to prepare them to be mainstreamed into public or private schools.

“What is oral education? There are many ways to describe the education of children with hearing loss, and it can be confusing for parents seeking the best option for their child. Simply put, oral-deaf education (or auditory-oral education) facilitates the child’s development of age-appropriate listening and speaking

skills, in spite of hearing loss, without the use of sign language. Instead of learning sign language to communicate, teachers and parents speak to the child as they would to any other child. Children are encouraged to rely on their ability rather than their disability.” (Excerpted from the website: [www.oraldeafpreschool.org](http://www.oraldeafpreschool.org).)

Lyra explained that the school is relatively new; they currently have 6 students in their program; and she is the only teacher. She welcomed all to visit the school. You can also find information on the website noted above.

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The school serves four groups of students:

- ◇ Hearing impaired: early intervention, 1-2 years of age
- ◇ Hearing impaired: preschool, 3-5 years of age
- ◇ Hearing impaired: early elementary, 6-8 years of age
- ◇ Normally hearing preschool, 3-5 years of age

<b>Weekly Greeters</b>	
Date	Greeters
2/3/12	Terry Shroyer & Leo Hagele
2/10/12	John Oss & Jim Riley
2/17/12	Steve Kady & George Buzick
2/24/12	Mike Chavez & ?
3/2/12	Tom Hoch & Joe Marci

<b>Super Citizen Presenters for February</b>		
1 @ 8:00 am	Highline	
10 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	
15 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	
17 @ 9:10, 10:00, & 11:40 am	Holm	
23 @ 1:20 & 2:10 PM	McMeen	
24 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	Univ. Park	
24 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	

### Monaco South Calendar

- Feb 3 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Lindsey Morgan Tracy, Literacy Matters
- Feb 4 Sat 7:00 am North Region Brain Bowl, Heritage High School, Littleton, CO
- Feb 10 Fri 7:00 am Sweetheart to Breakfast, Citron Bistro, 3535 South Yosemite  
*No meeting at the American Legion Hall*
- Feb 15 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Feb 17 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Feb 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Incarceration in Colorado, Steve Smith
- Feb 25 Sat 7:00 am South Region Brain Bowl, Carson High School, Fort Carson, CO
- Mar 3 Sat 7:00 am Championship Brain Bowl, Douglas County High School, Castle Rock, CO

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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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