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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist

Our greeters today were **Joe Marci** and **J. R. Gieck**; both were getting us organized and reminding us about this January Camaraderie Day.

First Bell

President Paul delivered the invocation this morning in memory of Past President **Bob Safe** who passed away earlier this week. Bob served as the President of Monaco South in 1995-96. He is survived by his wife Wanda and his two sons Warren and Robert. Paul said he would get information out to us once he knows when and where memorial services are planned. **Don Thomson** mentioned that Bob was along time member of his church and would pass along anything he learned on Sunday. The Club's condolences goes out to Bob's wife and family.

Guests

Bob Avery introduced his guest **Scott Ares Perry Allen** also had the guest **Alan Blask**. Finally, **Tom Mauro** introduced **Harlie Loesby** as his guest because no other member claimed Harlie as a guest. Harlie just dropped by to learn more about what we do. We welcome all of our guests and invite them back. Thanks to those members who brought guests.

We also had a few District Optimist visitors including **Donna Priester**, **Joe Priester**, both with the Academy Club, **Janette Thompson**, Tamarac Club, and **Charlie Nevin** with the DTC Optimist Club.

New Member Induction

Shawn Mchaffey was officially inducted this morning when he was sworn in by Past Governor **Donna Priester** and presented his membership certificate and pin by his sponsor **Don Thomson**. Welcome aboard Shawn! Although he was previously inducted and



From L to R, Donna Priester, Shawn Mchaffey, Don Thomson, and Prez Paul Simon.

Photo Don StJohn

sworn in, **Tom Seaman** was presented with his membership certificate and pin by **Tom Overton** because they weren't available when he was inducted.

Dime-A-Day

Past District Governor, **Donna Priester** recognized **Freddy Pasternack** for his work on the Dime-A-Day program. Dime-A-Day is a fund raising program supporting the Optimist International Foundation where members can pledge to donate one dime each day for a year. This is only \$36.50 for the year. Donna presented pins to the latest members who have made the Dime-A-Day pledge. To date, fifty-six Monaco South members have made the pledge. This effort



leads all of OI. Way to go Freddy! Members who make a donation to the OI Foundation can vote to fill a vacancy on the Foundation's Board of Directors by logging on to the OI Foundation website between February 1st and March 1st.

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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

Super Bowl Chili Cook-off: Prez Paul invited all members to the **FRACSOC** sponsored Super Bowl Chili Cook-off this Sunday, January 27th. He said that there would be several events going on including a silent auction. Admission is \$10.00 with all proceeds going to funding the new club's activities in support of childhood cancer research.

Gary Laman Update: Cy Regan reported that Gary received his first radiation treatment for the melanoma on his brain last Tuesday. He is on medication causing him to sleep a great deal. He suggests that we do not visit Gary but said we could try to call and Gary will talk if he feels up to it.

Brain Bowl: Karl Geil reported that all is in place for the **Central Region Brain Bowl** at Littleton High School that is to be held on



Evidentially Prez Paul was having fun as well mimicking Homer Simpson, also in attendance, who came all the way from Springfield. All Paul could say was, "D'oh!"

Saturday, January 26th. Editor: *"I had to chance to work the event and can report that it went very smoothly. I was impressed with the number of Optimist volunteers from throughout the district that were there. Monaco South was very well represented but we will wait for a complete list before naming them."*

District Officer Training Fund Raiser: The DTC



We are told it will be something like this.

Optimist Club is doing a project to raise funds for district officer training. They are going to duct tape District Governor **Phil Perington** to a wall during the quarterly meetings. Members can buy a roll of duct tape for \$100.00 and get in on the action. If that is too rich for your blood, you can hit him with a pie for \$10.00. Sounds like fun!

CO/WY District Conference: Greg Young reminded us that anyone who wants to attend the Saturday luncheon at the District Conference just needs registers for the conference and MSOC will pick up the cost; however, preregistration is required—see registration form attached to GUMS transmittal email. Send registration form and fee to Sherry Pearn by February 3rd. Give a copy of your registration to him by February 15th.

The Polar Plunge: Mike McMahon announced that he has some \$450.00 pledged to Special Olympics for his Polar Plunge. Mike also announced that District Governor **Phil Perington** has consented to join him in the lake—if duck tape and a pie in the face isn't enough. *Any chance for duct taping the Governor before the Plunge?*



Valentine Breakfast

All members are invited to bring their significant other to breakfast on Friday, February 15th @ Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite Street.

Keep in mind there will NOT be a meeting at the Legion Hall.

Tri-Star Basketball: Michael Chavez is standing in for **Gary Laman** on the Tri-Star Basketball program. He announced the competition will be held on Thursday, February 28th at the Boys Club at Ninth and Inca.



Michael will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the meetings for the next several weeks.

Christmas Party Pre-planning: Frank Middleton announced that he is starting to pre-plan for the next Holiday Party. He took an informal survey of the members to see if they preferred a formal party at a commercial facility requiring an entry fee or an informal affair only requiring a potluck dish and held at a clubhouse. It appeared that the consensus of the members present at the meeting was an informal affair. If you have a strong preference and were either not at the meeting or unable to vote (*perhaps you were duct taped to a wall*), you should give Frank a call.

JDRF Optimist Club Building: The informational meetings for the JDRF Optimist Club building effort will be moved to the American Legion Hall. The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 29th and on Tuesday, February 5th. Both meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. They are hoping to charter the new club by February 19th. The club will have their physical meetings at the American Legion Hall over breakfast at 7:00 a.m. starting Wednesday, March 6th. They will also be holding meetings via Skype.

Fellowship Roundup Cookbook: Jim VanderKamp announced The Fellowship Roundup is collecting recipes for their third cookbook edition to be published in July. If you have a favorite recipe that you do not mind sharing with the world, please submit them for publication. Proceeds will support their efforts supporting children and adults who have developmental disabilities. You can submit recipes online at www.rup.org/submit-a-recipe or email them to ddanko@rup.org or mail a hard copy to Cookbook Committee at 2250 S. Oneida Street, Suite 201, Denver, Colorado 80224. A copy of the submission form is attached to the GUMS distribution email.



Junior Golf Super Bowl Pool: Joe Marci is conducting a Super Bowl Pool supporting the Junior Golf project. You can purchase squares

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at \$2.00 each. Editor: *This Optimist purchased two and a half squares.* Winners matching the last digits of the score after each of the four quarters will win a \$40.00 prize. Contact Joe at 303-771-3748 or marci-frog@AOL.com if you want a square.

Oratorical Contest: Remember the high school oratorical contest is set for Friday, March 1st at Thomas Jefferson High School. **Keith Gallaway** and **Frank Rowe** who are project co-chairs, will need about 12 Optimist volunteers to help conduct the competition. Let either of them know if you are available. Additionally, if you know any high school student who is a gifted orator, encourage them to enter.

2013 Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet: Recognizing the Eagle Scout Class of 2012.



Donlie Smith submitted to GUMS the Eagle Scout Project awards, see attached to the GUMS distribution email. The 2012 Eagle Scout Project awards will take place at the Eagle Banquet, to be held at the Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street, on Friday February 22nd, starting at 5 p.m. This year is the 100th Anniversary of the Eagle Scout's. It is projected that between 500 to 600+ people will attend the banquet.

This will be the 15th year OCMS has provided these awards. Donlie's committee that selected the awards was made up of **Doug Morton, Tom Overton, Jack**

Kleinheksel, Ken Gloor, Phil Perington, Greg Hurd, Frank Middleton, and Donlie. Thanks to all that participated. **Paul Simon** will make the presentations with the aid of Gov. **Phil Perington.** **John Young** has arranged for the "recognition award." More information can be found on the Denver Council webpage at <http://www.denverboyscouts.org/>.

Honeymoon Weekend Planning: **Howard Fry** is looking for ideas and an interest person in stepping up to coordinating the event. Please share your thoughts on what would make it a fun honeymoon weekend this summer. Perhaps Grand Lake in July or August?

Drawing Winners

Harry Johnson celebrated his three-week winning streak by winning three times. That is right; he pulled his own number twice. Other winners were **Gary Strowbridge, Joe Priester, Ron Carlson** (He too won twice.), **Freddy Pasternack** and **Terry Shroyer.**



January Birthdays

Prez Paul reminded us all to say Happy Birthday to **Sterling Crowe, Floyd Hussy, Curt Jafferries, Joe Marci, Bill McGroarty, Andy McKean, Allen Pierce, John Stoffel, Jim VanderKamp, Jon Wachter, John Walsh, and Peter Zafian.**



Optimist Creed

We closed out the meeting with the reciting of the Optimist Creed. **Promise yourself**

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
2/1/13	Jim Vander Kamp & Barry Barker
2/8/13	Keith Gallaway & Fred Pasternack
2/15/13	Harry Johnson & George Buzick
2/22/13	Gary Strowbridge & Tom Seaman

Super Citizen Presenters for January		
Jan 23 @ 2:30	MPB	Gary Strowbridge
Jan 25 @ 3:00	Bradley	John Young
Jan 31 @ 1:00 & 1:45	McMeen	Jack Kleinheksel
Super Citizen Presenters for February		
Feb 6 @ 8:30	Highline	Frank Middleton
Feb 15 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45	Holm	Joe Marci

Monaco South Calendar

Feb 1 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - The Joy of Optimism, John Young
 Feb 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Place Bridge Academy
 Feb 9 Sat 7:00 am South Region Brain Bowl, Carson Middle School, Colorado Springs
 Feb 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Sweetheart's to Breakfast, Citron Bistro
 Feb 15-17 Fri-Sun CO-WY District 2nd Quarter Conference, Stanley Hotel, Estes Park, CO
 Feb 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Feb 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - American Presidential History, Lisette Clemmons
 Feb 23 Sat 7:00 am Brain Bowl Championship, Douglas County High School, Castle Rock

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ron Cisco	2009-10
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Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Randy Marcove	2011-12

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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.