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Metro CareRing Helps Families in Need

The featured speaker for the May 4, 2007 meeting was Jon Holmer, Executive Director of Metro CareRing. Jon was introduced by MSOC member Ron Gustas, who is a member of the board of this non-profit that works with families and individuals to create solutions to hunger, poverty and other difficulties.

Jon defined "poor" as being unable to meet the basic needs of one's family. He stated that a Denver family with two children needs an income of \$39,000 per year to meet its basic needs, while the median income in Denver is \$42,000.

Metro CareRing helped 30,000 people last year, half of whom were children. Jon told us that even if one believes that adults can or should lift themselves out of poverty on their own, it is

unquestionable that children cannot.

Metro CareRing, among its other services, maintains a food bank which receives donations from many sources, including grocery stores. It operates with a small staff and many volunteers. It is located at 1100 E. 18th Avenue (corner of 18th and Downing) and at that location it accepts donations of food and toiletries (not clothing).

A fundraiser for Metro Care Ring will take place this coming Thursday, May 10, when the Curious Theatre (1080 Acoma Street) will present "Mall-Mart: The Musical" at 8 p.m. A number of MSOCers plan to attend. Members can obtain tickets by going to metrocarering.org/donation.htm or by calling 303-350-3699.

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 May 4, 2007

Invocation & Pledge

Former Governor **Jimmy Brown** offered a prayer that reminded us that if we don't dwell on the mistakes of the past, we will be free to press on to the greater achievements of the future. Then he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

This Day in History

President **Paul Bernard** reported that on this day in 1626 Manhattan was purchased from native Americans for \$24 worth of cloth and beads, and, Paul opined, "New Yorkers have been smug about it ever since." Former MSOC Treasurer **Jack Rife**, whom you would think would know about these things, informed your editor that, after 380 years, \$24 would be worth \$24 billion today. That's a lot of beads!



Directories Arrive - Editor Impeached

Craig Eley announced that the April, 2007 Club directories are now available, but cautioned members that due to an error the cover indicates it is the April, 2006 edition. "In other words," heckled Ron Cisco, "the Directory editor's job is open." Hey, you want it, Ron? It's yours!

Oratorical Finals

The finals of the District Oratorical Contest will be held on Saturday, May 19 at 2 p.m. during the District Third Quarter Board Meeting. The event will be at the Timbers Residence Hotel, 4411 Peoria Street.

On the Mend

Two of our members have been hospitalized lately. **Doug Morton** had some surgery and **Jim Rumer** suffered a minor heart attack (an oxymoron?) and had a couple of stents put in.

They are both out of the hospital - - Doug is doing fine and Jim reports that he feels better than he has in awhile. We hope to see them both soon at a Friday meeting.

Robert Sullivan Scholarship

President **Paul Bernard** handed out the MSOC Robert Sullivan scholarships at Thomas Jefferson High School last week and reportedly did a fine job, pronouncing all the names correctly, as far as he knew.

Junior Golf Fundraisers

There are several Junior Golf fundraising activities on the schedule which need help from Club members and their friends. On May 14 a Scrambles Golf Tournament will be held at Flatirons Golf Course in Boulder -- the cost is \$100. May 20 is Optimist Day at Coors Field, where at 1 p.m. the Rockies play the Royals. Tickets are available at \$11, \$23 and \$75.

A donation of \$75 will get anyone a hole sponsorship sign at the Junior Golf Tournaments on June 15 and 18.

If you want to see the Rockies or play in the Flatirons golf tournament, contact **Joe Marci** at 303-771-3748. For hole sponsorships, contact **Ron Cisco** at 303-794-0749.

Doing the Most Good

Maj. **Henry Aalders** invited Club members to the Salvation Army's "Doing the Most Good Luncheon" on Tuesday, May 8 at the Renaissance Hotel (Quebec St. & I-70). There is no charge for the noon luncheon, but donations will be accepted. Contact Henry at 303-294-0827 if you would like to attend.

Furry Scurry

It was dark and cold on Saturday, May 5 as a gaggle of MSOCers met at 5 a.m. in Washington Park to help set up the Furry Scurry, a benefit for Denver Dumb Friends League. It had rained Friday night and rain was predicted for Saturday. Things got noticeably better for workers when the Starbucks booth set up (they refused help from the Club, and got it all done themselves with Starbucks efficiency) and handed out

Free coffee and scones.

After helping dozens of vendors unload their trucks and set up their canopies, MSOCers



Emily Iley, Aggie, and Don Iley

set up our own area and gas stove and started selling pancake breakfasts. Business was brisk despite the cool weather, and it

never rained during the event. In fact, at about 10:30 the sun came out and warmed everyone up.

About one-fourth of the Club's members either helped with the Furry Scurry set-up, the pancake breakfast, or the loading and unloading of equipment for use at the event. Under the command of **Don St. John**, this army of MSOCers included **Bill Anderson, Bob Avery, Curt Boell, George Buzick, Ron Carlson, Ron**

Cisco, Dick Cohen, Brad Colburn, Craig Eley, Kent Gloor, Marc Goodbody, Leo



Frank Ross and Ron Carlson were the Marketing Committee.

Hagele, Greg Hurd, Don Iley, Bill Litchfield, Joe Marci, Gary Miller, Nick Newey, Dick Nickoloff, Fred Pasternack, Russ Paul, Phil Perington, Cy Regan, Jack Rife, Frank Ross, Bryce Slaby, Mike Snipes, Oscar Sorensen, John Stoffel, Eldon Strong, Pat Sullivan, Scott Walker, Greg Young, and Frank Yount.



A young customer enjoys his Optimist Pancakes.

Monaco South Calendar

May 8	Tue	1:15 pm	Super Citizen, Samuels
May 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall, AARP Driver's Course, Ron Rutter
May 15	Tue	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Southmoor, Fred Pasternack
May 17	Thur	5:30 pm	Super Citizen, Hamilton, Eldon Strong
May 17	Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Craig Eley's Office
May 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall, Camaraderie Day
May 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall
Jun 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Mike Coffman, Secretary of State
Jun 1-3	Fri-Sun		Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, School of Mines, Golden
Jun 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Ray Mohn, Air Pollution Department
Jun 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bill Walters	1991-92
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Bill Kosena	1978-79	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
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Pat Bush	1983-84	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Cy Regan	1999-00
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	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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