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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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 Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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Editor for this Issue—John Oss



### Welcome

Our greeters today were **Allan McCall**, **Dick Cohen**, and **John Oss** who met us with broad smiles and warm handshakes. Allan has been booking himself to the limit. He provided warm greetings and headed directly to his duties. Thank you **Phil Perington** for bringing him in back in 2006.



Scott Walker, left, is greeted by Allan McCall

### Invocation and Pledge

**Harry Johnson** opened our meeting with a prayer. He referenced President Lincoln. *What blessings we have as Americans.* What an appropriate prayer just before we all pledged allegiance to our countries flag. We have added a couple of stars sense this editor first pledged allegiance to the flag.



### From the Prez

Prez Paul Simon recognizing some members who have not been in attendance recently—he spotted **Allan McCall**, **Jim Easton**, **Jack Rife**, **Jack Kitchell**, and **Jon Wachter**, our unannounced candidate for the clubs next president.

Since our scheduled speaker canceled on us, **Prez**

**Paul** did his best to fill in. First, he invited **Bryce Slaby**

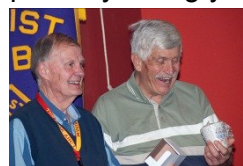


to tell one of his, sometimes funny, jokes. Bryce did his best to invoke George Washington's support for his joke. *You've gotta be kidding me!* It only took two minutes with El Presidente Simon standing by, thankful for the time used. Note,

this editor Goggled, "*You've gotta be kidding me*" and the first item was Bryce's joke. If you missed it, [Just Click Here](#). So, read the joke, and then you decide Bryce's status—a classic joke to boot. *Way to go Bryce!*



Next, **Prez Paul** killed two and a half minutes by telling us his travel adventure to attend his aunts birthday in the Chicago area. Now we know much more about taking short flights in the mid west, flight cancelation, and possibly losing your luggage.



**Prez Paul** also recognized **Gary Strowbridge**, pictured on the left, and **Russ Paul** for setting up the room for years with an "official MSOC coffee mug." Thanks gentleman! Paul asked for volunteers to step up and learn the ropes from Gary and Russ, and to commit to setting up and tearing down tables and chairs as needed. Early birds, **Frank Ross**, **Bryce Slaby**, and **John Oss** agreed to join the crew. These guys are here first to get ahead of the crowd. Additionally, they will make sure all is properly in place following the meeting. Thanks to all who place their chairs on tables at the end of each meeting. It certainly helps the cleaning staff when vacuuming.

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\*\*\*\*

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## Announcements

As the call for announcements commences these



Optimists wait patiently for their moment. How can it get better than this? We'll figure out a way.



While **Dick Nickoloff** shared an experience he had recently when buying ammunition. It seems the gun store was out of ammunition, but he lucked out. There was a woman he met just outside the store who was selling.

**Our Past President Banner:** **Greg Young** called our attention to the recognition of Distinguished Past President **Randy Marcove** now noted officially on our club banner. The banner has patches for all of our honored past presidents. The details of the criteria vary a little from year to year, but center around strong membership numbers. We all can help our club and Prez **Paul Simon** by recruiting some new members. Take a look. Our banner is very special here and in the CO-WY district.



**New T1 Diabetes Club Charters:** **Ron Gustas** announced that the new "T1 Diabetes Optimist Club," (T1DOC), chartered Tuesday night with 35 members. The club was co-sponsored by the OCMS and Littleton Breakfast Clubs. Additional new members are encouraged to join prior to March 13<sup>th</sup> to also be considered as "Charter Members." Thanks to **Craig Eley** pictures of the event are available at by [CLICKING HERE](#).

**JDRF 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Dream Gala Event:** **Dick Cohen** announced that volunteers are needed to help



Ron Gustas and Dick Cohen

staff with this major diabetes research fund raising event to be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Hyatt Regency Convention Center Hotel. Please join T1DOC member volunteers by helping to staff this event. Volunteers are needed both on

the afternoon of Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and at the event on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The "Optimist Volunteer Interest Form," attached to the distribution email of GUMS, describes shift times and volunteer tasks. Completed forms can be given to either Dick or Ron or returned to Sheri Kesner in the JDRF office per the form.

**Essay Contest:** **Joe Marci** reported that the essay contest went very well. We will host contestants to breakfast in April. They wrote on the theme, "How can I help my friends realize their value."

**April Super Citizen Speakers:** **Joe Marci** has seven speaker openings for April. Contact him to sign up.

**South Region Brain Bowl:** **Karl Geil** says, thanks to the MSOC members who worked the South Region 2013 Optimist Brain Bowl: **Paul Simon, Randy Marcove, John Oss, Don Iley, Mike Snipes, Fred Pasternack, Phil Perington** and **Karl Geil**. Our members comprised a bit more than 10% of the 77 volunteers who worked the event. We hope to have the list of MSOC members who worked the Championship tournament next week. Results for the South and Championship tournaments are attached to the GUMS distribution email.

**Tri Star Basketball:** **Greg Young** reported that TriStar Basketball was a great success on Thursday afternoon. Headed up by **Michael Chavez**, approximately 60 kids were served by participating in the passing, shooting and dribbling drills of the competition. The top three kids in each age group, 8-13, received a very nice trophy and the opportunity to participate in the regional finals at North High School on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Finals will be held at the Pepsi Center on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30. If you want to help out at either competition, see Michael Chavez. Club members who helped on Thursday were: **Michael Chavez, Ron Cis-co, Don Thomson, Gary Strowbridge, Tom Glazier, Shawn Mehaffey, Cap Hermann, Donlie Smith, Tom Hoch, John Greene, Bryce Slaby, Kent Gloor, Phil Perington, and Greg Young**. See more info on the website [CLICK HERE](#). **Jack Rife** reported that the next level of competition is coming up March 10<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are likely needed. Michael should be sharing final details next Friday.



**Gary Lehman Update:** **Don Thomson** reports that Gary has moved to Life Care Center of Aurora with anticipation of moving home. He is in room 266 of the North building at 14101 East Evans Avenue. Visitors are welcome. He is following the 4A Basketball championships closely, since his son Grant is the head coach of the TJ basketball team. During games his wife, Joyce, calls quarterly with how the team is doing. Please anticipate him moving home with some need for transportation to Doctors appointments.



**St. Patrick's Day Parade:** The parade is coming. **Gary Strowbridge** wants his crew out wearing their tuxes for the parade for pooper scooper duty on the Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. For our Friday morning meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> Cy Regan will sing some Irish songs for us. I bet there will be breakfast on the 16<sup>th</sup> as well. More news to come, straight from the horse's mouth, Gary that is!



**Oratorical Contest:** **Keith Gallaway** reported the oratorical contest would be held at TJ, Friday Night. Seven students were expected to represent



## Announcements Continued

South, George Washington, and Thomas Jefferson High Schools. The topic this year was, "Why my voice is important."



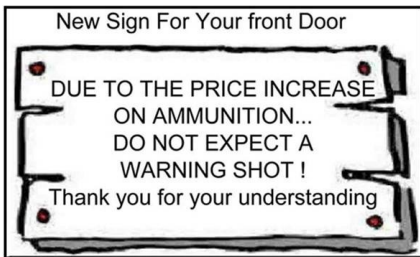
The first place winners proudly hold their certificates. They will be going on to the next level of competition. We went into the evening expecting seven contestants. Two excellent contestants braved the formal setting and the judges, to give their speeches. Keith shared that **Frank Rowe** did the planning and lead the program. Others that assisted were **Greg Young, Randy Marcove, John Oss, Joe Marci, Phillip Perington, Bryce Slaby, and Donlie Smith.**

**Furry Scurry:** **Jack Rife** is looking for club sentiment for participation. The event is Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. He has been contacted by the Dumb Friends League for some help. Jack is willing to head up the effort this year, if we elect to go forward. Expect more news in the coming weeks.

**History Day:** **John Oss** reported that he and **Jim Vander Kamp** served as judges for the History Day competition in Parker. **Karl Geil** reported that the next higher level of competition will be at Hamilton Middle School on April 6<sup>th</sup>. State level completion will occur on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Auraria campus. The final competition is in Maryland with college scholarships available. The theme for this year is "turning points in history." See Karl if you would like to get involved. There is training for the judges. Interest in history is required, but there are no formal academic requirements.

**Newsletter Articles:** **John Oss**, that's me, asked for announcements by hand or by email. Sending in articles spreads the work. Your editor, pull articles from notes, and audio that I capture. All of this makes a better newsletter when the details are presented by the real source. Think of the time you spend on news article as a donation to the club's activities. You can do like **Joe Marci**, he writes up his announcements, pitches them, and then gives them to the editor.

**Closing Bell:** A hundred and twenty dollars and the five of spades survived. **Bryce, John, Randy, Jack, and Bob** all had lucky numbers. John and Randy couldn't find the five. **John Greene** wore his badge but drew from a dry hole. So the pot keeps growing!



### Senior Moment

There was a bit of confusion at the Sporting Goods store this morning. When I was ready to pay for my purchases of gun powder and bullets (since I reload my own ammo) the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me." Making a mental note to complain to management about Homeland Security run amok, I did just as she instructed. When the hysterical shrieking finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to my credit card. I have been asked to shop elsewhere in the future. They need to make their instructions to us seniors a little clearer!

### Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
3/8/13	Bob Avery & Aaron Berry
3/15/13	Tom Hoch & Kent Gloor
3/22/13	Mark Metevia & Don Thomson
3/29/13	Mike Short & Steve Kady
4/5/13	Frank Ross & Phil Perington
4/12/13	Terry Shroyer & Greg Young
4/19/13	Aaron Berry & George Buzick

### Super Citizen Presenters for March

Mar 6 @ 8:30 am	Highline	John Stoffel
Mar 8 @ 9:45 & 10:15 am	Samuels	Craig Eley / Scott Walker
Mar 8 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	Univ. Park	Bob Avery
Mar 18 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Miller
Mar 21 @ 1:00 & 1:45 pm	McMeen	Frank Middleton
Mar 21 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Michael Chavez
Mar 22 @ 9:30, 10:15, 10:45	Holm	Les Larson
Mar 22 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Aaron Beery

### Monaco South Calendar

Mar 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Kendal & Taylor Atkinson Foundation, Ken Atkinson  
 Mar 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day  
 Mar 16 Sat 7:30 am St Patrick's Day Parade  
 Mar 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

**Past Presidents of the  
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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
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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
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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.