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Good Morning Optimists!

Our greeter's this morning were **John Kleinheksel** and **Russ Paul**. Thanks for your service. What a great meeting that was in store for all of us this morning!

Invocation & Pledge

Eldon Strong said the invocation then led us in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Utterings from Prez Phil

Prez Phil shares his usual important dates in history:


- 1680 - Pueblo Indians take possession of Santa Fe, N.M. from Spanish
- 1858 - 1st Lincoln-Douglas debate
- 1878 - American Bar Assn organizes at Sarasota, N.Y. – ties into our program
- 1968 - Democratic convention opens in Chicago
- 1972 - First hot-air balloon flight over the Alps
- 1958 - Hawaii becomes 50th State

Guests

Fred Pasternack introduced Rico, who is an Optimist President. What a great Optimist Rico is!! He wrecks Optimism. He talks the Optimist talk and walks the Optimist walk. Thanks for coming Rico. Fred also introduced his roofer, Johnny Baraha, who is a former Optimist member. **Craig Eley** introduced Doug Brown, a member of Downtown Lyons club. The Downtown Lyons club support East High School. Gentleman, come join us!

Announcements

Jimmy Brown Award: **Randy Marcove** shared that he attended the Back to School Night at Bradley International School last week. The following information was in their program: "*The Monaco South Optimist Club Jimmy Brown Perfect Attendance Award will honor students who have perfect attendance. Students will be honored for perfect attendance for each trimester and for the school year.*"

Linked  By the way, if you haven't become a member of Randy's Optimist group on LinkedIn you might want join. Go to: <http://www.linkedin.com/>.

GUMS Editors Needed No Longer: We are set for GUMS editors next year. Each year we try to get multiple editors so the burden is not borne by only one. We now have next year's GUMS' editors. I will report on each one next week. Thanks guys for stepping forward!

Project Leaders...Important Information: **Greg Young** asked me to tell all Project Leaders that you should be formulating your budgets for the next fiscal year and send your requests to Greg or **Ron Cisco** for their consideration at the Budget meeting on September 9th at 7:00pm, 3540 S. Poplar, #102. Please be prepared to discuss dues increase and project needs for next fiscal year.

Announcements Continued on the next page

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

Second Honeymoon Weekend: **Al Gapuzan, Kent Gloor, Howard Fry, and Randy Marcove** have planned an outstanding weekend for us honeymooners on September 11th. For only \$138 per person you will enjoy a great weekend at Colorado Arlberg Club in Winter Park. The festivities will start with a Friday evening mixer and Bar-B-Q and end with Sunday Brunch. Lots of activities to choose from are available in between. This is always a fun event and if you have never been, you should. Create a "Significant Memory with you Significant Other!"

The Brain Bowl is Coming: **Karl Geil** announced that Organizers of the Optimist Brain Bowl have announced the following dates for the 2010 tournaments: January 23, 2010 in the Denver Metro area, location to be determined; February 6, 2010 at Monarch High School in Louisville, Colorado, and February 20, 2010 in Colorado Springs, location to be determined. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to come out and help. The Optimist Brain Bowl is an academic contest modeled on the old GE College Bowl (for those of you who are too young to remember black and white TV, think of Jeopardy with teams), where teams of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students answer questions from all areas of knowledge. Each tournament needs 135 or more volunteers to run it properly, and more than half of the Optimist Clubs in the Colorado-Wyoming District of Optimist International help put on these tournaments. If you have never helped with this event, come out to help in 2010, and you won't want to miss another.

Monaco South Banquet: On Saturday, September 26th, we will celebrate the great year we had under the leadership of **President Phil Perington**. Blossoms Restaurant will host this important event. Please sign up and plan to be there.

School Supplies Project: This year we are once again supplying school supplies to the 10 schools we support. **Oscar Sorensen** said the Dollar Store on Holly and Leetsdale is making a significant donation to the project. The distribution will be made in the upcoming week.



Colorado/Wyoming District Convention: Crown Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs is the location of this year's convention on August 28 – 30th. The Pikes Peak Cog Railway has made a special train available for us to ride to the top of the Peak. Good training and great fellowship will prevail in Colorado Springs that weekend.

Optimist Peaches: We will be getting a second load of peaches Saturday, August 29th should you care to order a box. Please be aware these are tree

ripened peaches, picked to be consumed. Therefore, once they arrive you'll called and they need to be picked up at 3972 South Olive Street. The peaches are packaged in tray boxes / lug, approximately 16lbs each (18-20 peaches). The cost is \$20 per box or lug. Three dollars per box goes to either Monaco South or Tamarac Optimist Club's depending on sales. The order will be called in on Thursday. To order call **Bob Finkelmeier**, 303-756-5829.

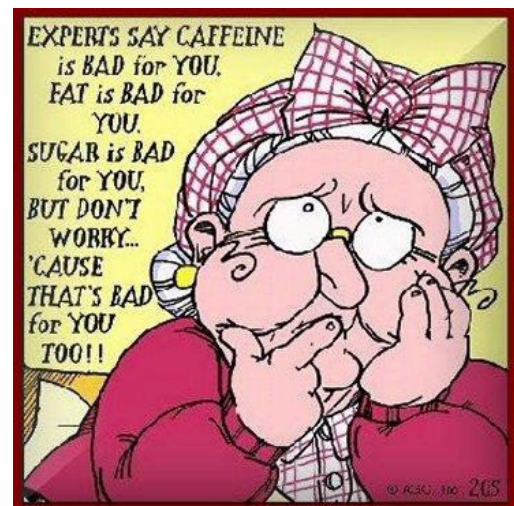
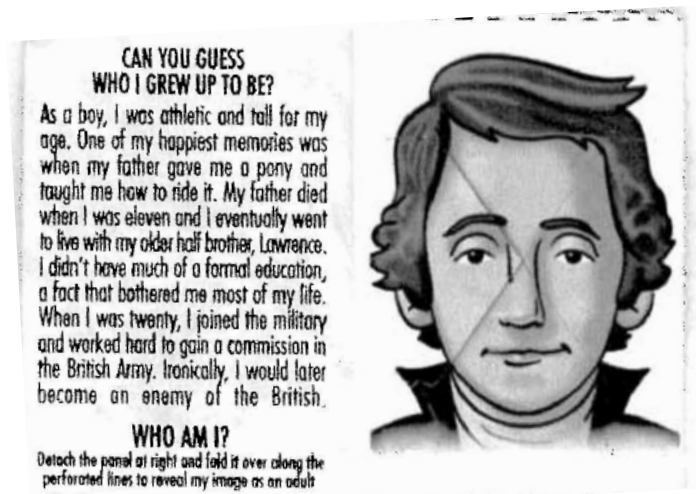


Final Bell: **Cy Regan** reported \$1,300 in Grocery Card sales today. Keep this up guys!

Jackpot Winner: **Bill Turman** (you son of a gun) won the big pot today by drawing the right card! Bill, on the right, celebrates with **John Young**, while president **Phil Perington** looks on. Nice job, Mr. Bill!



The Editors Contest: Do you know who this is? Let Bill Walters know and if you are right he has a prize for you.



Program for Today, East High School Constitutional Scholars

Tom Mauro introduced our speaker and guest, Beth Gower, who oversees the Constitution Scholars Program at East High School. Attended breakfast along with her were some of the participants and winners of the "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" competition held in Washington, D.C. each year. Again East High School won the Constitution Scholars National Contest. This makes it three years in a row. Wow!

Beth has been heading up the program at East High for 20 years and her teams have won the National contest three times and have only been out of the top 10 twice. Students can only participate in the constitutional issues competition for only one year, so each winning team at East has had a new batch of constitutional scholars.

Students in attendance today with Beth were, Sarah Bennett, Cora LeMar, Claire Jones, Benno Sorensen, Adam Estacio, and Will Taostern. They all gave us a taste of how the National contest is conducted. What an inspiring presentation was given by our guests. Whenever I see young ladies and gentlemen like our guests, I am inspired. **Tom Mauro** made a presentation to Beth for her outstanding leadership and service. What an outstanding program we had this morning. Thank you all for being here!

You can learn more about this competition at the *Center for Civic Education* website: <http://www.civiced.org/>.



Photos by Don StJohn

Monaco South Calendar

Aug 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
Aug 28-30			Colorado/Wyoming District Convention , Colorado Springs
Sep 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Harry Fegley, The Other Side of Africa
Sep 9	Wed	7:00 pm	Budget Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
Sep 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - John Arigoni, Pres. & CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver
Sep 11-13	Weekend		Honeymoon/Getaway Weekend - Colorado Arlberg Club-Winter Park
Sep 15	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
Sep 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Sep 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
Sep 26	Sat	6:00 pm	Monaco South Year End Banquet —Blossoms Restaurant

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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
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Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Tom Overton	1996-97
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Pat Bush	1983-84	Cy Regan	1999-00
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
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Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Karl Geil	2003-04
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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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