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Good Morning Optimists!

President Ron started the meeting promptly at 7:00 a.m. The invocation, dedicated to the youth of our community in honor of our guests from Thomas Jefferson High School was read by Keith Galloway. **President Ron** asked our guests from TJ join us in wishing a “Happy Birthday” to those members whose birthday fell in May. I am fairly certain, from looking at the faces of the TJ students, that they were wondering what they had gotten themselves into, but a good time was had by all!

President Ron gave a brief history of the Sullivan Scholarship, noting that **Robert Sullivan**, for whom the awards are named, was a great supporter of Thomas Jefferson and that more than 70 scholarships have been presented in his name over the past 10 years. Bob's widow, Kathy, thanked the club for their continuing support of this activity. Seven scholarships, worth \$500 apiece were awarded. **Joe Marci** introduced Ms. Tabitha Rocha of the TJ staff, who was instrumental in obtaining the applications for the awards and then introduced the winners, many of whom had also brought their parents.

Below are the 2010 winners of the Sullivan Scholarships: Demetrius Allen, Rebecca Ann Holt, Freddi Chaya Gidan, Maimona Salah Fadlelmula, Jessica Marie Johnson, Sara Deirdre Olan-Donaldson and Alden Matthew Weissfeld. Each of the students gave a brief presentation on the thing they remembered most about their TJ experience and which teacher had the most impact on them. Good Luck to these students and thanks to **Joe Marci** and his selection committee for another job well done!



Photo Don StJohn

Announcements

Lowry Perfect Attendance: **Paul Stratton** announced that 12 students at Lowry Elementary School would be receiving the **Jimmy Brown Perfect Attendance Award**. This award is given to students who achieve perfect attendance throughout the entire school year and is named in honor of Jimmy Brown,

Past Governor of the Colorado/Wyoming District and a member of Monaco South, who passed away last year. Jimmy never missed a day of school from 1st grade to the day he graduated from high school. This award, approved by the Monaco South Board of Directors last year, is being given for the first time in 2010.

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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 Continue

Optimist Jr Golf International Championship:

Thirty-five Optimists and other “friends of youth” supported the Junior Golf program by participating in a golf outing at the Flatirons Golf Course in Boulder. In spite of the fact that the tournament had to be rescheduled due to the snow on original date, most of those who had signed up originally showed up. All the golfers had a great time playing the same course on which the tournament for the older kids will be held on June 11th. Eighteen prizes were awarded to the following golfers:

- *Closest to the hole:* Mike Mounts, David Telper, Mike Thacker, **Gary Miller**
- *Long Putt:* Mark O'Brien
- *Long Drive:* Miles Pegues (Miles is a senior at Oklahoma State and participated in the Junior Gold tournament 10 years ago, as a 13 year old. He is the grandson of former MSOC member, Sam Pegues.)

First place in the scramble was won by Mike Mounts, Ron Greene and **Joe Marci**, with a score of 7 under par 63. It was a beautiful day for golf and everyone had a great time. We also raised some money to send kids to the international tournament in Florida. Keep your calendars open to help out at the qualifying tournaments which will be held Friday, June 11th at the Flatirons course (for the older kids) and Monday, June 14th at Fitzsimmons, for those under 13.

Super Citizen Program: Monaco South Optimist Club distributes “Super Citizen Awards” to students in 10 elementary schools in the Southeast Metro

Area each month of the school year. At the end of the year, one Super Citizen is selected as the most outstanding and receives the **Charlie Korsoski Memorial Award**, which includes a special

certificate and a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. The award is a memorial to **Charlie Korsoski**, who was instrumental in establishing the Super Citizen Program in 1982 with several other members. Upon his death in 1992 (at the age of 84), the club voted to create the award now presented in his name. While many of our members participate in this program as presenters and photographers, those who deserve special recognition are: **Don Thomson** – Chairman, who spends countless hours on the administration of this program. Thanks, in great measure, to Don's competent leadership, this program received first place in the Optimist International Community Projects Award for 2007. **Merlin Kent** – Historian, who has been with the program since its inception and keeps



Merlin Kent

record of recipients and ensures that each family (and the respective school) gets a photo of the Super Citizen winners. **Joe Marci** – Maintains the schedule



Jerry Davis

for presenters and ensures that MSOC is well represented at each awards Super Citizen Awards ceremony. **Jerry Davis** – who preceded Don as Chairman (1992 to 2002) and spent numerous hours chasing after student names, etc, Dr.

Bob Finkelmeier – Designs and prints certificates to be presented to the students we honor (more than 680 just this year), **Don St. John, Mark Goodbody, Greg Young** and **Wyatt McCallie** – Photographers who can be counted upon to record the Super Citizens for history.

Hamilton Middle School Reading Program: At Hamilton Middle School's Awards Nights this year, **Karl Geil** and **Tom Mauro** presented the Accelerated Reader Awards to Hamilton's students. During the school year, the kids read age-appropriate novels, take a reading comprehension test on the books in the Accelerated Reader computer program, and accumulate points during the year based on how well they perform on the tests. Students who accumulate at least 500 points (the equivalent of reading about 3 million words) earn a \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond. Last year, a record 40 students earned a Savings Bond, so our Board of Directors budgeted for 40 again this year. So, of course, the record was broken this year when 72 students earned a Savings Bond. The 32 over and above what we had in our budget were paid for by Hamilton Middle School. Many thanks to Monaco South from Hamilton Middle School's faculty, administration, students and parents for this wonderful program encouraging kids to read. (Submitted by Karl Geil)

Kids Against Hunger: **Paul Bernard** announced that need for volunteers on May 29th, to help pack food packets to be distributed to needy children. Although the location isn't know for sure, it will probably be in central Denver and take 2-3 hours.

HOBY: **Paul** also announced that the annual *Hugh O'Brien Youth* leadership conference would be held at the School of Mines in Golden, June 11-13th and that they could use some volunteers on Saturday evening (free food) or early (very early) Sunday morning to interview potential candidates for the national conference. See Paul for details.

MS Bike Ride: **Don St. John** reminded us to reserve Sunday, June 27th for staffing the rest stop at Silver Creek High School (map to follow). This event usually lasts from about 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and is held in conjunction with the *Tamarac Optimist Club*. We need about 30 people, so be sure to sign up. **Bob Avery** added a plea to support those MSOC members who will actually be riding that day.

Announcements Continue

Picnic: Randy Marcove passed out fliers for the annual picnic sponsored by University Hills Neighborhood Association and Monaco South Optimist Club. This might prove to be the social event of the season! The picnic will be held Saturday, June 5th, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Eisenhower Park and will include live music, including the Denver Municipal Jazz Band, The John Philip Sousa Band, One Bad Monkey and others. More information on the picnic may be found at their website: www.UHNA.com or by talking to Randy, who is one of the prime organizers of this event.

International Convention: President Ron announced that the Board of Directors had voted to pay the one day entry fee (\$110) of members who wanted to attend the Optimist International

Convention to be held in Denver, July 8-10. Proper procedure is to register online at the Optimist International website and then submit your receipt to **Greg Young** for reimbursement. This is a great opportunity to take advantage of a “free” day to meet Optimists from all over the World and take advantage of some great training opportunities, especially if you have aspirations of being a club or district officer, as there will be many training sessions.

Supermarket Sales: After last week’s near record, this week was a little disappointing, with sales of only \$775. *Let’s do better next week!*

Drawing: The drawing was held a little early, in order to spare the TJ students and staff from the “camaraderie” part of the meeting. All of the students were given drawing tickets, but none won. Neither did any of those who tried for the \$150 pot, so be here next week and you may be a lucky winner.

Super Citizen Korsoski Award Presenters

Day	School	Presenter
May 24, 6:00 pm	Slavens	Tom Hoch
May 26, 6:00 pm	Univ. Park	Jack Rife
May 26, 6:00 pm	Lowry	Paul Stratton
May 26, 6:30 pm	Bradley	Tom McKee
May 27, 9:15 am	Holm	Donlie Smith
May 27, 9:00 am	Samuels	Ron Cisco
May 27, 1:00 pm	McMeen	Les Larson
May 28, 12:00 pm	MPB	Pat Sullivan

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
5/28/10	Nick Newey & Ron Carlson
6/4/10	Karl Geil & Jon Wachter
6/11/10	Randy Marcove & Paul Gleditsch
6/18/10	Rich Wagner & Brian Williams
6/25/10	Fred Pasternack & George Vassilaros
7/2/10	Rich Mahony & Paul Gleditsch
7/9/10	OC Larson & Jon Wachter

Monaco South Calendar

- May 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Edward Cobb, Employer’s Support of the Guard & Reserves
- Jun 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Clear the Bench Colorado
- Jun 5 Sat Annual Picnic at Eisenhower Park with University Park Neighborhood Picnic
- Jun 11 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Carry Nolan, Multiple Sclerosis
- Jun 11-13 Fri-Sun Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar, Colorado School of Mines
- Jun 18 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Jun 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Jun 27 Sun Bike MS - Multiple Sclerosis Fundraiser, See Don StJohn
- Jul 2 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall -
- Jul 4 - 9 Sun-Fri 2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games
- Jul 6 Tue 6:40 pm Optimist Day at Coors Field, Colorado Rockies vs. St. Louis Cardinals
- Jul 8-10 Thu-Sat 92nd Annual Optimist International Convention, Sheraton Denver Downtown
Hotel: online registration @ <http://www.optimist.org/reg/>

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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bob Safe	1995-96
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Tom Overton	1996-97
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
John Young	1982-83	Cy Regan	1999-00
Pat Bush	1983-84	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Don St. John	2001-02
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Jack Rife	2002-03
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Karl Geil	2003-04
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bob Avery	1989-90	Paul Bernard	2006-07
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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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