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Good Morning Optimist

The summer sun shines hot this morning, **Craig Eley** and **John Swick** greet us this morning. It is camaraderie day and **Frank Middleton** hands out cards for our table seating. This is a fun way for members to spend breakfast with a new set of faces and to meet other members.

First Bell

President **Randy Marcove** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. and asks members to observe a moment of silence for the victims and their families of the theater shooting earlier this morning in Aurora.

Invocation & Pledge

Past President **Joe Priester**, Past COWY District Governor and member of the Academy Optimist Club in Colorado Springs, provides the invocation this morning reminding us to look at the sunny side of everything, to try to find the good in life even in the most trying of times. He then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

This message is especially significant this morning as many of us are unaware of the terrible tragedy that unfolded just a few miles away. **Ron Gutru's** piano playing this morning seems even more calming and beautiful than usual.

Guests

Many guests are in attendance this morning. **Don Thomson** introduces his son in law Damien, who is in town with Don's daughter visiting from Seattle. **Phil Perington** introduces restaurateur Doc Gardner who congratulates members for their service to the community. **John Oss** introduces **Donna Priester**, current District Governor who has just returned from Optimist International Convention in Milwaukee. Donna thanks the club for a wonderful breakfast and tells us how wonderful it was to attend the recent convention. She expands on her convention comments, telling us how refreshing it is to meet and get to know Optimists from around the world. At our table, we are delighted to have **Jeanette Thompson**, District Lt. Governor join us. Presi-

dent **Randy** introduces Marilyn Anderson, and Past District Governor **Les Sitter** who are also joining us this morning.

Welcome Back

President **Randy** also acknowledges **Casey Funk** in attendance this morning, after returning from a trip to Paris—good to see you Casey! What a wonderful collection of new and familiar faces.

July Birthday's

July Birthdays are announced including Governor **Donna Priester**, are then regaled with a birthday serenade. Birthday Day cake is also available this morning, thanks to **Donlie Smith**. *It is delicious!* MSOC members celebrating this month are: **Bill Anderson, Pat Bush, Kent Gloor, John Greene, Tom Hock, Don Iley, Lynn Jones, Steve Kady, Jim Leuschner, Randy Marcove, Wyatt McCallie, Mark Metevia, Paul Simon, Donlie Smith, Pat Sullivan, and Rich Wagner.**



Observation From Governor-Elect

*Governor-Elect **Phil Perington** noted in an email to the editor, that attendees this morning included a lot of 2012-13 District Chairs, Lt. Governors and Committee people. Among the gathered were: Joe Marci: Chair, Essay Contest & Co-Chair, Junior Golf; Paul Bernard: Chair, Speakers Bureau and HOBY; Greg Young: Chair, Finance Committee & Treasurer; Joe Priester: Past Governor; Andy McKean: Chair, Liberty Day; Paul Simon: Chair, Speakers Bureau; Ron Cisco: Co-Chair, Junior Golf & Chair, New Club Building; Jack Rife: Co-Chair, Tri Star Basketball; Karl Geil: Chair, Brain Bowl Training; Donna Priester: Governor; and Les Sitter: Chair, Optimists for Optimism, Club Services & International Convention Ambassador. Not in attendance were: George Buzick: Chair, Membership and Growth.*

Plus some other MSOC members taking on some new district roles for the COWY District in 2012-2013.

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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

Optimist T-Shirts: Greg Young addresses the crowd and tells members that Optimist shirts for any occasion are available for viewing and purchase at the bar.



Sympathy to the Horton Family: Ruth Horton, a Tamarac Optimist member and wife of Coy Horton, will be remembered today at Wilshire Presbyterian. Ruth passed away on July 15th. Coy, one of our Optimist members, passed way in August 2010. Donations in her name may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life: Paul Simon tells us about the upcoming Relay for Life in Parker, July 28-29 and he is hoping for a few more volunteers. Alternatively, if you would like to donate to the cause, please see Paul.

Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast Volunteers: Paul Bernard has 12 volunteers to help with the pancake breakfast on July 29th. He could use a few more to serve well over 1,000 pancakes. Brent's Place is a "Safe Clean" housing facility for immune compromised patients and their families; it focuses on children fighting cancer and seeks to transition them from hospital to home. See Paul for details.

New Grandfather: Kent Gloor announces he is a grandfather of twins, Lily and Liam. He asked for our prayers that their hospital stay is short and that they are home soon. *Congratulations Kent!*

Secret Millionaire: Joe Priester tells the club about the upcoming ABC TV show Secret Millionaire, set to air August 26th, which will feature a former cancer patient who received treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She has now become an ambassador for the hospital in the community and a real life success story in the fight against childhood cancer, of which Optimist has been a strong supporter.

OI Convention: Phil Perington recounts the positive experience of the recent OI convention. He reminds members of the breakfast cards that all members should carry and hand out, including the five *Goals of Optimism*, which tells others what we do.

Camaraderie Day

With that we "camarade" for a few minutes and enjoy each other's company.

Closing Bell

There is a drawing this morning of \$100. Allen Yockey draws a couple of winners' cups; single drawing winners include Oscar Sorensen, Jack Rife, and Jack Kleinheksel. The nametag drawing goes to Terry Schroyer, but no big pot winner today.

Special Guest Marilyn Anderson Daughter of C. Milton Morris

President Randy asks for George Mills, George Buzick, Ron Cisco, John Young, Joe Marci, and Don St. John to join him on the stage. He explains that all these men are past recipients of the **C. Milton Morris**



C. Milton Morris, 29th President of Optimist International

Achievement Award. This award is presented annually to a person who has exemplified the standards of service and excellence characterized by C. Milton Morris and nominated by their peers. The C. Milton Morris Achievement Award was created by the Colorado/Wyoming District in September

1982. Randy goes on to tell us about C. Milton Morris who was 29th president of Optimist International in 1948-49. Mr. Morris was born and raised in Illinois and served in the military during WWI. He made Colorado his home following the war, eventually graduating from Westminster Law School in 1927. He was member in good standing of Denver, Colorado Bar and the American Bar Association as well as several Civic and Service Clubs.

In 1936, he served as president of the Denver Optimist Club and the following year was elected Governor of District 10. Ten years later he was general convention chairman when Optimist International held its' 29th Convention in Denver, and was elected one of the organizations vice

presidents. His election to the International presidency was by unanimous vote at the 1948 OI convention held in San Antonio, TX. He was married to Evelyn L Nelson of Denver and had two children, Marilyn L. and Roger N. Morris. It is the afore mentioned Marilyn Anderson, our guest this morning, who is C. Milton's daughter.

Interestingly and somewhat strangely the Morris family were next-door neighbors to our own **President Randy Marcove** when he was growing up. Randy discovered this, from this banner, during a District Quarterly meeting when this award was being discussed. To this point he had grown up knowing none of this, just that they were wonderful people and even having the fortune of being looked after by Marilyn as a youngster.

It shows that true-life people of value and integrity are among us and even can be right next door. Serving your community can and does have an impact that will outlive us, but continues in those lives we touch. Thank you Randy for that true-life story. When you look at the sunny side of everything and try to make your optimism come true.



2012 Senior Law Day - Denver

Valuable resources and educational workshops on relevant topics for seniors are offered at the 2012 Senior Law Day. The event is not only for seniors in Colorado, but is also beneficial for adult children and caregivers who are helping aging parents, relatives, or friends.

The 14th Annual Senior Law Day offers the public the opportunity to hear from experienced elder law attorneys and other professionals involved in elder care issues. There are multiple short, informative workshops to choose from that help seniors learn how to better manage family and financial issues and prepare for retirement. Workshop topics range from "Adult Protection and Elder Abuse" to "Consumer and Investment Fraud and Protection" to "Estate Planning" and "End of Life Issues."

Much of the content presented at Senior Law Day also can be found in the comprehensive 2012 Senior Law Handbook, which is distributed at the event, also available online in electronic format at www.seniorlawday.org. Both the book and the event are offered for no charge.

Denver County, Saturday, July 28th at the Denver Merchandise Mart, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 7:00 a.m.). Register online at www.seniorlawday.org (select the Denver County tab) or call 303-860-0608.

Here is What You Missed at the Honeymoon Weekend



At left is a moose in the parking lot next to the Jack's car at honeymoon weekend.

Below, the moose eating flowers.

Photos Elton Strong



FREE MOVIE IN THE PARK

See *Dolphin Tale*

In Bible Park (near parking lot)

Wednesday, July 25th

Approximate start time is dusk
(around 8:45pm)

Peach Orders Taken

Bob Finkelmeier happily proclaimed that peach orders are being taken. This year they cost \$25 a case or lug, about 16-18 lbs., with \$4 going to either Monaco South or Tamarac Optimist Clubs. Peaches arrive in town by refrigerated truck sometime near the end of July. Call Bob at: 303-756-5829.



Bee Wares

from our resident Bee Keeper

If you have some acreage close to south Denver and would like to harvest some honey from it while benefitting the environment, contact **Craig Eley** at craigceley@gmail.com about putting some beehives on your property. He will manage the hives and give you a cut of the honey! You may even be able to claim it as agricultural



Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
7/27/12	Jim Tapp & Russ Paul
8/3/12	Ralph Peterson & John Oss
8/10/12	Greg Young & Art Erickson
8/17/12	Frank Ross & Frank Middleton
8/24/12	Ed Collins & Aaron Berry

Monaco South Calendar

July 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence
 July 29-29 Sat-Sun American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, Parker - See Paul Simon
 July 29 Sun 6:00 am Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast - See Paul Bernard
 Aug 3 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Dolls for Daughters, Jessica Bachus
 Aug 4 Sat 6:00 am March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball - See Cy Regan
 Aug 10 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall—Dumb Friends Harmony Equine Center
 Aug 15 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

**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
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ed Collins	2010-11
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94		

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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.