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TJ Essay Contest

Gabriella Diaz was the winner of this years Essay Contest. Lizzy Whittemore was the second place winner and Alexis Scott-Perry was the third place winner. All of the winners were presented certificates made by Bob Finkelmeier in recognition of there excellent work. Gabriella's parents, Ed and Dawn, and brother Ryan attended with her. Art and Nona attended with their daughter Lizzy and Alexis had her mother Stacey and sister Jordan supporting her. The topic for the contest this year was "I want to make a difference because ... " and Gabriella treated those in attendance with a reading of her winning essay. In addition to introducing the winners, Wyatt McCallie, introduced contest judges Paula Kauffman and Matt Trocheck , TJ Assistant Principal Scott Lessard, and AP US History teacher Gordon Heaton. Wyatt mentioned that Joe Marci does most of the heavy lifting for the project and has been associate with the essay contest for many years.

Officer Election

Next week is Camaraderie Day but in addition to that, the club will elect new officers for the coming year. Oscar Sorensen will accept nominations from the floor. And with Oscar running the show, you can rest assured there will be no foul ups or problems casting your vote in this election. Attend the meeting, cast your vote, and visit with your friends in the club.

**Meeting Place - American Legion Hall Post No. 1
5400 E. Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, CO.**

Club News for April 13

Invocation

Craig Eley gave the invocation. Actually he gave a short one he wrote and then one from the Optimist book. Members made a pledge to our flag. Sherman Phillips was a guest today.

King Sooper Certificates

Cy recorded sales of \$1075 today. Thanks to those who bought the certificates in support of our club.

9Health Fair

A few volunteers are needed to serve as cashiers at the 9Health Fair on Sunday, April 22 from 6:30am until noon. This event is also located at the Schlessman YMCA.

An Audience with Ben

Don Thomson met with Julia Taylor, the Public Relations Manager at the Museum of Natural History and Science and she would like the Super citizens to have a private audience with Ben Franklin himself for about 40 minutes. Christopher Lowell (actor and exact look alike) portrays Ben Franklin. Julia has arranged for this to be a promotional and media day, newspaper and TV, for the Ben Franklin exhibit. Don agreed to the arrangements but it may be necessary for each student to have a "parent release" form. The Denver Postmaster General will be in attendance and will give each student a commemorative gift bag including a Ben Franklin stamp but no \$100 bills with Ben Franklin's face...sorry kids. Ben Franklin was the first Post Master of the U.S. Don is excited and looking forward to the trip and meeting with Ben. Call Don if you have any questions about

Oratorical Contest

MSOC's Oratorical Contest was conducted on Wednesday, April 11, 2007. Many thanks from Co-Chairs Lew Lerner and Karl Geil to the members who showed up to be part of the audience and who helped set up and break down the room. Those members were: Bryce Slaby, John Stoffel, Paul Bernard, Jim VanderKamp, Harry Johnson, Don St. John, Donlie Smith, Eldon Strong and Cy Regan. Members were treated to speeches from the strongest group of orators we have had in years on the topic: "My Biggest Challenge is..." In the Girls' Competition, Sarah Tran, of Hamilton Middle School, was awarded the Silver Medal, and Rachel Eckelkamp, of St. John's Lutheran School, won our Club Championship for the third year in a row. In the Boys' Competition, Langston Williams, from Hamilton Middle School, won the Bronze; Gabriel Rusk, From George Washington High School, won the Silver; and Andrew Craig, from Thomas Jefferson High School, also for the third year in a row, won our Club's Gold Medal. Rachel has won our Zone Competition each of the past two years, and Andrew won the Zone Competition last year. Come out and support them at the Zone 9 Competition at 6:00 p.m. on April 26, 2007 at Windsor Gardens.

Induction

Tom Overton inducted new member **Leslie Larson**. Les was sponsored by Ed Collins. Welcome, Les, to the Monaco South Optimist Club.

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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS SOON

The clock is ticking! Early Bird Registration for the 2007 International Convention ends on April 15! Registration must be submitted online, postmarked or faxed no later than April 15 in order for Convention delegates to take advantage of the great savings. For information, go to the Optimist website and click near the bottom of the page where it says "International Convention." Or, you can find a registration form in the winter issue of The Optimist magazine. For questions, call (800) 500-8130.

ROCKIES TICKETS FOR OPTIMIST JR. GOLF

Since we sold 25 tickets for opening day at \$36 per we have 25 tickets available for any of the following games at \$20 each:

April 16-17 Giants

April 18-19 Dodgers

May 10 Giants

May 15-17 Diamondbacks

June 5 Astros

July 23 Padre

August 20 Pirates

September 3-5 Giants

September 18-20 Dodgers

The tickets are on the first level, third base side, and are excellent seats. Anyone who wants to buy one or more should call Joe Marci at 303-771-3748. The proceeds go to our Jr. Golf program.

Hoedown and BBQ

If you're sitting on the fence thinking about the Hoedown, it's decision time. The event is scheduled for next Saturday evening. Frank Middleton insists everyone will have a great time so break out the cowboy boots and hats and join the fun.

April / May CALENDAR

Apr 19	Thur	1:30 pm	Super Citizen, M.P.B., John Stoffel & Gary Miller
Apr 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall, Camaraderie Day
Apr 20	Fri	9:00 am	Super Citizen, Holm, Bill Anderson
Apr 21	Sat	6:00 pm	Western Hoedown, The Outpost, Frank Middleton
Apr 22	Sun	6:30 am	9 Health Fair, Schlessman YMCA, Howard Fry
Apr 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting Legion Hall, Chinese Acupuncture, Dr. Ko Ying Chen
Apr 27	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley, Tom Hoch
May 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting Legion Hall, Metro CareRing, Jon Holmer
May 5	Sat	5:00 am	Furry Scurry, Don St. John
May 8	Tue	1:15 pm (and 2:00 p.m.)	Super Citizen, Samuels, Frank Middleton
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 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting Legion Hall, Camaraderie Day

Past Presidents

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bill Walters	1991-92
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bob Safe	1995-96
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
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Jack Rife	2002-03
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Karl Geil	2003-04
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
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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 successes 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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