

## Optimist Club of Monaco South



Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado  
Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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Editor for this Issue—John Oss



### Good Morning Optimist

*Birth*day boy **Harry Johnson** and *new member* **Aaron Beery** met us at the door with smiles and a warm handshake. This is Aaron's third time as greeter since joining the club in April. Quiz him on what interests intersect with him and MSOC. The same holds for all our new guys.



Harry Johnson    Aaron Beery

### Invocation and Pledge

**Mark Metevia** opened our meeting with a prayer. *"We come with a variety of faiths, and circumstances, and yet we are one. We seek and ask for strength to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the ultimate benefit of our community and the kids we seek to serve."*

### Guests

**Doug Morton** introduced his friend from England, **John Beard**; who is certainly a jolly fellow. Welcome!

According to John's joke, "It seems a poor American on a Brit bus just couldn't be polite enough for a haughty English lady with a bitch wagging her tail in the seat next to her that he would like. She just was not about to put the dog down so he could sit. The bus was full of folks who observed the man hunt for a seat and return to the lady and again ask to allow him to take the seat. Exasperated, he threw the dog out the window. To that a fellow yelled out, man, you threw the wrong one out the window." Doug you are welcome to bring John or whoever you choose.

**Don Thomson** introduced **Shawn Mehaffey**. According to Don, he had a roof problem and Shawn fixed it right up.

### New Semiannual Directory

**Craig Eley** dutifully coordinated with Prez **Paul Simon** on the color for the cover of the directory and was told whatever you chose will be fine. So we have pink.

Paul Simon to thanked the Judge for pulling a fast one, and striving to use the most audacious color yet. Of course Craig shared that it shows are feminine side. Editor: *Remember, when asked to serve on the jury, don't decline the summons.* **Craig Eley, Tom Mauro, and Doug Morton** are our principle benefactors for the directory. Craig and Tom pull it together. Doug does the printing.



### Outstanding Service Organization in Colorado

**Paul Simon** pointed out that Denver District 4 Councilwoman **Peggy Lehmann** wrote us up in her October newsletter and shared our recognition. A copy of councilwoman newsletter can be found at her website by [CLICKING HERE](#). Additionally the club's Press Release can be found on the GUMS distribution email. *All of us should be proud of this recognition!*

### Been Away for Awhile

It is good to see some returning members. Many points on the compass were represented: **John Greene, Ed Collins, Tom Hock, Doug Morton, Harry Fegley, Jack Rife, Jim Easton, and Eldon Strong**. New members **Perry Allen** and **Tom Glazier** were also present. Editor: *Get to know them. That new directory is a great resource. Look up the new faces, concentrate, and put the smiles and names together next week.*

### Camaraderie Day Next Week

We will have FOO (Friends of Optimists) guests:

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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\*\*\*\*

**Donna Priester**, Past COWY Governor, in addition to members of the new MSOC sponsored FRACSOC (Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club) visiting with us next week. This is a very special club for us and for Optimists International. As Prez Paul Simon explains, this club is a joint venture club. Optimists and American Cancer Society members populate the club. It will serve as a model for joint club development and both we and OI will be experiencing a synergy helping this club blossom. MSOC anticipates going down a parallel path with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation this year.

### Announcements

#### 2011-12 Board of Directors

**Recognized:** Past Prez **Randy Marcove** recognized **Jack Rife** and **Harry Fegley** for their service last year. Both missed the Installation and Awards Dinner held last month. Harry leaves the board and Jack continues on as secretary for this year's board.



Harry, left, with Jack and Past president Randy Marcove.

**Correctional Industries Tour:** **Bob Avery** says there are 13 signed-up and going next Friday on the correctional tour. They will leave right after the morning meeting. Editor: *Hopefully they all come back.*

**Bradley Elementary Benefit Wine Tasting:** **Mike McMahon** is selling \$25 tickets to a November 9<sup>th</sup> Bradley Elementary fundraiser. Mike is the president elect of the PTO and the PTO is running the event. We can help Mike, Bradley, the kids, and our pallets. See Mike for details.

**Project Ideas for Eagle Scout:** **Steve Kady** is seeking ideas for Most Precious Blood Catholic Church Troop 330 Eagle Scout. His wife Susan is a leader in the troop and one of the members needs ideas. Scouts gain leadership skills and do good work with such projects such as this. See Steve for details.

**Cub Scout Representatives:** **Frank Middleton** recognized **Scott Walker** and **John Oss** as new cub scout representatives for Bradley International Elementary and Highline Academy. **Ryan Thompson** put his professional Boy Scout hat on as Frank and Ryan joined in welcoming Scott and John to their new scout liaison duties for MSOC and the two schools.



From left, Prez Paul Simon, Frank Middleton, John Oss, Scott Walker and Ryan Thompson. Scott will be serving Bradley and John will be supporting Highline. Ryan is our professional scout representative.

Photo Don StJohn

**H.E.A.R. Project's Trick-or-Treat Event:** **Jim Vanderkamp** has a requested setup help for the HEAR 1st Annual Trick-or-Treat though the Park event on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Chessman Park. Talk to Jim for details and how you can assist.

**Bob Hugo Visits are Win-Win:** **Paul Simon** said he had visited Bob in his new digs. Bob gave Paul a tour and welcomes visitors. There is a lot of optimism and wisdom there. Bob is a past president of our club and a former CO/WY governor. His new address is: Clare Bridge of Highlands Ranch, 9160 South University Blvd., Highlands Ranch. Phone: 303-683-2555.

**Fred Pasternack at Animal Sanctuary:** Two weeks ago, Freddie's Gateway Optimist Club took 48 kids from Fletcher Elementary to the Wild Animal [Sanctuary in Keenesburg](#). There are 300 animals, lions, tigers, wolves, and bears on the 4,000 acre preserve. They eat 7,500 lbs. of meat a day. Most food is donated by Wal-Mart stores of Colorado. All these animals are rescued from around the world and have a place to live in Colorado. They live about 27 years in captivity. Editor: *This is a great example of a submission for the newsletter. It was hand written and graciously submitted to benefit us, and the kids we serve. Freddie even stayed within the announcement time limit. He used zero minutes of time.*

**Dues Statement is Out:** **Greg Young**, announced today that dues invoices are out. Dues for the year are \$123, which is made up of International dues of \$60.93, (up \$1 from last year), District dues of \$20, and Club dues of \$41.70, for a total of \$122.63, rounded to the nearest dollar. National dues for Life Members are not increasing, so Life Members stay the same as last year, \$88.00. HOWEVER, in keeping with club policy, any member who pays full year dues in the first quarter may take a \$5.00 discount, resulting in dues of \$118 for regular members and \$83 for Life members. Members are encouraged to pay the full year's dues by the end of October to get the discount plus aid your treasurer in reducing the billing burden.

**100% Day Photo:** **Marc Goodbody** has the September 2012 100-Percent Day Photo available. See Marc for details on obtaining your copy.



### Closing Bell

Forty dollars survived in the pot—to start off our new year. The three of spades eluded all comers. Holding the tickets were **Tom Hock, Wyatt McCallie, Karl Geil, Don Iley, Perry Allen, Donlie Smith and Robert Duvall**. **Craig Eley** put on his name badge, drew his own number and failed to draw the three of spades. *Seems fitting!*



## Guest Speaker, Anne Rowe and Kindra Black

**Paul Bernard** introduced our speakers, Anne Rowe, newly elected Denver School Board member and Kindra Black, the University of Colorado at Denver's state coordinator for National History Day and TJ High School Spartan Alumni Association representative.

The primary thrust of their presentation was ballot propositions 3A and 3B. The Denver Public Schools 2012 Mill Levy and Bond Proposal involves \$49M and \$466M respectively. The planned distribution of the money is present on [this webpage](#), as shown in a handout given at the meeting. A side benefit will be relief for the existing education budget. More funding can be allocated to staffing, thus increasing the quality of the education environment. We can thank Paul for our informative speakers. I'm sure he would like comments and suggestions for future speakers.



Kindra Black, left, and Anne Rowe talk about the 2012 Mill Levy and Bond Proposal for Denver Public Schools. More can be learned about the importance of this initiative by going to the Bond & Mill Levy Information Site at <http://bond.dpsk12.org/>.

Photo Don StJohn

### Spread the Stupidity

#### Only in America ...

- ⇒ do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
- ⇒ do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.
- ⇒ do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
- ⇒ do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.
- ⇒ do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

#### Ever Wonder ...

- \* Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- \* Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- \* Why "abbreviated" is such a long word?

- \* Why doctors call what they do "practice"?
- \* Why lemon juice is made with artificial flavor and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?
- \* Why the man who invests all your money is called a broker?
- \* Why the time of day with the slowest traffic is called rush hour?
- \* Why there isn't a mouse-flavored cat food?
- \* Why Noah didn't swat those two mosquitoes?
- \* Why they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
- \* Why they are called apartments when they are all stuck together?
- \* Why if flying is so safe, they call the airport the terminal?
- \* And, if con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?



| Weekly Greeters |                               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Date            | Greeters                      |
| 10/19/12        | Tom Vos & Gary Miller         |
| 10/26/12        | Aaron Beery & George Buzick   |
| 11/2/12         | Phil Perington & Floyd Hussey |
| 11/9/12         | Mark Metevia & John Oss       |

| Super Citizen Presenters for Sept. & Oct. |         |               |
|---|---------|---------------|
| Oct 15 @ 2:30 pm                          | MPB     | George Buzick |
| Oct 19 @ 8:30 am                          | Slavens | Ron Cisco     |
| Oct 19 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45 am           | Holm    | John Stoffel  |
| Oct 19 3:00 pm                            | Bradley | Brice Slaby   |

### Monaco South Calendar

- Oct 17 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Oct 19 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Oct 26 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim Saccomano, Bronco VP of Communication
- Nov 2 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Barbara Martin-Worley, Denver District Attorney's Office
- Nov 9 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Phil Perington & George Mills, PGI Program
- Nov 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day (Joe Marci on Tree Lot)
- Dec 9 Sun Winter Holiday Party, Copper Fields Event Chateau - See Frank Middleton

**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 |
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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 |
| Bill Walters     | 1991-92 | Ron Cisco      | 2009-10 |
| Kent Gloor       | 1992-93 | Ed Collins     | 2010-11 |
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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.