



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimist

And so begins March Madness for the members of Monaco South! The smiling faces of **Harry Johnson**, **Doug Arnold** and **Les Larson** were there to greet arriving members. Our long lost **President Ed Collins**, looking tanned and relaxed gavelled the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. **Tom Hoch** did the invocation after announcing that President Ed was “lost, but now he’s found.” Apparently the two were attempting to build a new Optimist Club and invited other members of the club to join them in this endeavor, if the club treasurer could be talked into bankrolling the next trip to Barbados.

Presidential Utterings

President Ed announced that there would be a live feed of the Optimist International Board of Directors meeting in St Louis on Monday, March 7th. More on this can be found on page 2. He also mentioned that he had received thank you letters from organizers of Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann’s Duck Drop, which supports the Southeast Metro Denver Public Schools; and from the Constitutional Scholars Program at East High School, thanking the Club for our continued support of their programs.

Guests

Guest today included **Ted Clark**, who saw the Monaco South ad in the “Hub” section of the Denver Post. Ted said that his first inclination was to join the Tamarac Club, but that he was fairly certain that would not work for him. **Randy Marcove** introduced **Alan Levi**, who proclaimed that he had been a member of an Optimist Club at one time, but was now working for the Denver Food Bank. He asked for the Club’s support for a free lunch program to serve kids who might not otherwise get to eat during the summer, when schools are not serving. Welcome gentleman!



Announcements

Update on Bill Walters: **Donlie Smith** announced that **Bill Walters** has asked for our prayers that the bone marrow transplant that he will soon be undergoing will be successful, saying “Pray for me and I’ll do my part by getting well.” **Tom Hoch** will be video taping next week’s meeting which will be dedicated to Bill. This promises to be a great adventure. **Craig Eley**, the consummate organizer is asking everyone to bring their best joke—yes Bryce, even you—to the meeting. Prizes will be awarded.

Celebration of Life for Jack Phillips Wife: **Cy Regan** shared that services for Betty Phillips (Jack’s wife) would be held next week. Jack has been a member of the club for the last 17 years. The service will be held on Tuesday, March 8th at 10 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 6500 E. Girard Avenue, corner of E. Hampden and S. Monaco.

Saint Patrick’s Day Parade: The members of the elite *Monaco South Pooper Scoopers* will provide their traditional pick up service for the horses in the Saint Patrick’s Day Parade (No, they won’t be picking up the horses, they will be picking up after the horses’.) The parade will be held in downtown Denver on Saturday, March 12th. After due consideration the group has allowed **Tom Oss**, one of our newer members, to pick up the shovel of honor and join the group. Also a tradition, **Cy Regan** will lead the club in some Irish ballads at our next meeting. Don’t miss it!



The Brain Bowl is Over! The Brain Bowl is Over!: **Paul Simon** announced that the South Brain Bowl, held at Colorado Springs Harrison High School was a success, in spite of the absence of **Karl Geil** who, for the first time in 15 years, was not present. Forty-eight teams participated. Some 45 Optimists were joined by 40 cadets from the Air Force Academy in conducting yet another successful Brain Bowl. As usual, Monaco South was well represented. The plan for next year is to have a Championship competition for the winners of the three regional competitions.

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

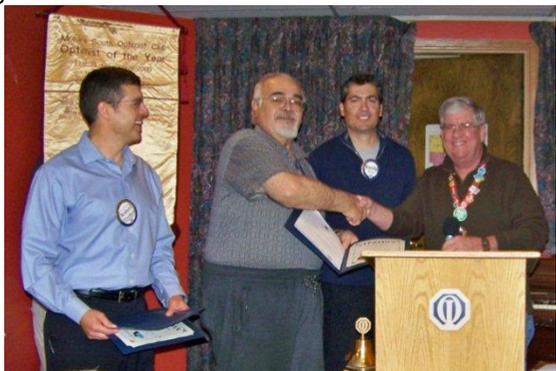
DTC Optimist Club Wine Tasting: Karl Geil, fresh back from performing a swing dancing exhibition with his wife Leslie at the Denver Turnverein Club in Denver, announced that the DTC Optimist Club was having their annual wine tasting at Citron Bistro restaurant on Saturday, April 2nd. Tickets are \$30. Please see **Karl, Tom Overton, Paul Bernard**, or **George Buzick** for tickets.

Aurora Optimist Fund Raiser: Fred Pasternack announced that his "other club" was having a pancake breakfast somewhere in Aurora. See Fred for details.

MSOC Membership Roster Update: Tom Mauro and Craig Eley are updating the MSOC membership roster. If you see your name, etc. needs to be modified or you would like to place a business ad please let them know ASAP.



2nd Quarter Board Meeting: Greg Young noted that at the 2nd Quarter Board meeting, held last week, **Ron Cisco** and **Robert Wardlaw** were recognized as being the President and Secretary of an Honor Club, an award that Monaco South earns almost every year. Greg also announced that the club had won the Colorado/Wyoming district Community Projects Award. Our entry, prepared by Randy Marcove, will be forwarded to Optimist International for judging at the International convention in Baltimore.



Robert Wardlaw, Ron Cisco, and Randy Marcove are congratulated by Greg Young, District Secretary/Treasurer.
Photo Don StJohn

Live Stream of OI Board of Directors Meeting: The March 4-5, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting was Live streamed on its new Ustream Channel. More can be found on OI webpage at: <http://www.optimist.org/>.

Bradley International School principal: On a sad note, the Bradley International Elementary School community, one of our Super Citizen Schools, is mourning the loss of their beloved principal, Heather Regan. Heather passed away on February 3rd at the age of 41. She began her Denver Public School career in 2000 as a teacher at Beach Court Elementary School. She had served as Bradley's principal since 2007, helping grow a small, struggling school into a wonderfully vibrant, bursting-at-the-seams school in the heart of Southeast Denver. Heather had an incredible passion for kids and worked very hard along with the faculty, parents, and the neighborhood to make Bradley a very desirable school. She accomplished so much in the 3½ years that she was principal and will be very much missed by her school and the nearby community. **Randy Marcove** is the Super Citizen liaison with Bradley and he and **Don Thomson** are planning to recognize her support of our Super Citizen Program in the next few weeks.

2011-2012 OCMS Election Coming Up: Oscar Sorensen, permanent chairman of the MS nominating committee, announced that he was looking for "a few good men" to volunteer for leadership positions for the club next year. Noting that **Randy Marcove** has thrown his hat in the ring for the position of President, Oscar said, "We still need others who would step forward, otherwise there would be some arm twisting." This is a good way for newer members to learn more about how the club functions and to be involved in continuing the tradition of making Monaco South one of the flagship clubs of not only the Colorado/Wyoming District, but all of Optimist International.

Back in Time: While Oscar had the microphone he shared the picture below of several of our members, in a more youthful state and in costumes that would appear to be from the 1949 Broadway musical *South Pacific*.



When asked Oscar said he was cleaning out his basement and came across this picture. He intimated it was probably from his MSOC presidential days of 1987-88. Past president **Ron Cisco** had to check out the guy on the lower right with the coconut bra.

The Optimist Magazine: Starting with the spring 2010 issue of *The Optimist*, has been online. Members can choose between the hard-copy and electronic versions of the magazine. *The Optimist* is published October 1, January 15, April 1 and June 1. To make the change to the electronic version please send an email to: magazine@optimist.org. You can also fine some electronic back issues at: <http://www.optimist.org/e/member/documents3.cfm>.

The Optimist Creed: Did you know that *The Optimist Creed* is based on Christian D. Larson's poem "Promise Yourself," and was adopted by Optimist International in 1922 and that in its original form contained 12 resolutions instead of the ten included in the Creed today? The two additional ones read: "Promise yourself—

- To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud words but in great deeds.
- To live in the faith that the whole world is on your side so long as you are true to the best that is in you.

It would be pure folly to say that every Optimist lives up to the Creed, for that would demand perfection and no man is perfect. Likewise, it would be equally foolish to assert that men who are not Optimists cannot attain a high level of living because they do not have the Creed to guide them. It may be said with conviction, however, that every man, Optimist and non-Optimist alike, who has read, considered, remembered and made serious effort to follow the Optimist Creed is a better man for it."

Quoted from, "Of Dreams and Deeds" by "Bish" Thompson, original edition, 1966, Page 45.



Our Speaker, Paul Gleditsch

Paul Bernard introduced our speaker, our own member **Paul Gleditsch**, who is the President and Founder of Bring On the Music, an organization dedicated to providing instruments to kids who might not otherwise have the experience of playing an instrument. Paul established this 501(C)(3) (This means you can deduct any contributions from your income tax) organization as a result of his own childhood longing to play the clarinet.



While Paul has established some contacts with people who will repair used instruments at cost, the repairs are still extremely costly. Paul indicated that to this point he has been a “one man band” (no pun intended) and that he could use some help in such areas as: donations of both money and instruments; grant writing; event planning; and providing him with any contacts that might lead to the furtherance of his goals of putting instruments in the hands of deserving youth.

Paul talked about his constant search for musical instruments, about his association with the various school districts and about a number of success stories, which can be found in the newsletter on his website at:

www.bringonthemusic.org.

Currently Paul is focusing efforts for the next few months on middle school instruments for Band and Orchestra so the following instruments would be welcome:

trumpets, clarinets, oboes, saxophone, violin, and violas.

A Bit of Humor



The Retirement Village People



Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
3/11/11	Keith Gallaway, Doug Arnold, & OC Larson
3/18/11	Frank Ross, Leo Hagele, & Doug Arnold
3/25/11	Joe Marci, Gary Miller, & Doug Arnold
4/1/11	Tom Hoch, Steve Kady, & Rich Wagner
4/8/11	Randy Marcove, Ron Carlson, & John Oss

Super Citizen Presenters for March		
16 @ 8:00 am*	Highline	John Oss
16 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Miller
17 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Don Thomson
18 @ 9:10 am	Holm	John Stoffel
24 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm*	McMeen	Tom Wos
25 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Al Gapuzan

* Note date change

Monaco South Calendar

- Mar 11 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Mar 16 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Mar 18 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Mar 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Shannon Cardellina, Arapahoe House
- Apr 1 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Michael Hancock, Denver City Councilman
- Apr 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Apr 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Apr 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

Have a speaker in mind? Let Paul Bernard know. He can be reached at 720-339-8025

Past Presidents of the 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
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Walters	1991-92	Phil Perington	2008-09
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ron Cisco	2009-10

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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.