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Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Editor for this Issue—Phil Perington, sitting in for George Buzick



Good Morning Optimist

June has arrived. June 1st! The psychological arrival of summer descended upon the Club this morning. Yes, it's true the Summer Equinox doesn't actually arrive until June 22nd but this day felt right. The morning was warm, the sunrise bright, and the food as good as breakfast gets. Our own, "Diner King" **John Marinos**, presented the anxious drooling and hungry with an All-American Breakfast... scrambled eggs, perfect little sausages, hash browns, toast, fresh fruit, coffee, and OJ. Plates were seen being scraped and licked. Yum!

Our Greeters Today

Pat Bush (in his cycling cloths) and **Ed Collins**, (standing in for Brian Williams, but just looking good), gave high fives and smiles to everyone. To be a good morning greeter see OC Larson.

Invocation & Pledge

Scout Leader, MSOC member, **Ryan Thompson** presented the invocation: "*Unselfish Honor*" and then led a rousing session of *The Happy Shark* and other assorted shark friends. Good cheer abounded!

Morning Observations

Greg Young took attendance for the travelling Uncle **Bob Avery**. "Mr. Baseball", **Tom Mauro** was walking around bulging with pride over the Rockies current

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Thank you!

winning streak. Hawaiian shirts were beginning to make their appearance. **Prez Randy Marcove** and **Jack Kleinheksel** were standing alert for their duel of best shirt in the house. As a result, **Prez Randy** has declared June 15th as the official Club Hawaiian Shirt Day. Get em' out gentlemen, sounds like a lot of fun!

Welcome Back

Returning travelers included **Jack Rife** from his Midwest tour; **Bryce Slaby**, stating he had just come home from visiting Englewood, Commerce City, and Littleton, (obviously he never actually leave home, never came to meetings, and never, very told jokes). There is an investigation under consideration. **Doug Morton** had that travelling look in his eye.

Other returning members included **Woody Thibodeau**; **Kent Gloor**, who just returned from Africa; **Todd Olson**; **Al Gapuzan**; **Casey Funk**; **Joe Marci** and **Jim Tapp**. Good to see you lads!

New Member Induction

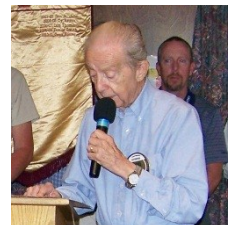
New member **Barry Barker**, sponsored by **Les Larson**, was inducted by **Past Governor Bob Hugo** and cheered into membership by the assembled.



New member Barry Barker, with his sponsor Les Larson.

Photos Don StJohn

Treasurer **Greg Young** and **Prez Randy** were all aglow. Welcome aboard Barry!



Past Governor Bob Hugo does the honors.

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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

Eagle Scout Candidate: Visiting Eagle Scout candidate Philip (I missed his last name) was introduced by **Greg Hurd**, and presented us with his project. He is constructing 24 garden floral boxes for his Church. The cost is estimated at \$2,500 and will take over 70 hours of work. Contributions were gathered and the Scouts were once again rewarded for their tremendous work in the community.

More MSOC T-Shirts: **Greg Young** reminded everyone there were still some assorted MSOC and OI t-shirts on display and available at the bar counter. Following the meeting most were sold out.

Hamburger Flippers Wanted: **Frank Middleton** was looking for hamburger flippers and dunk tank volunteers for Saturday's Highline Academy Carnival and to help simulate interest in developing a Cub Scout program. See Frank for details.

Electronic Recycling: **Paul Stratton** announced the "Lowry's Electronic Recycling Day" program on Saturday, June 2nd at Hangar 2 at the Lowry Community Center, Lowry Boulevard (off of Quebec). Lowry HOA is the sponsor and they are accepting almost anything electronically related. Sounds like a great time to clean out the garage.

National Rugby Tournament: **Bryce**, the "traveling man," **Slaby** proudly announced his son was in the National Rugby Tournament Finals at Infinity Park at Glendale this weekend. We'll all be cheering for the Slaby guys!

Exotic Italian Car Show Fundraiser: **Ron Gustas** said there was a very interesting Italian car show this weekend at Season's Bliss Event Center at Flatiron Marketplace in Broomfield. The event is being sponsored by The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

MS 150 Photo Shoot & Rest Stop: **Craig Eley** is looking for three volunteers to assist him in the photo tent at the MS 150. If you can help Craig, please let him know. To which, **Michael Chavez**, Club MS 150 Chairman, said the Sunday, July 1st event was taking shape nicely. The Tamarac OC ladies will be teaming up again with MSOC at the main water station. This all day event is one of the bigger things we do and our participation is vital to the success of the event. Bring your squirt gun and wear your Optimist best.

Golf Tournaments: **Joe Marci** has just returned from four days in Sicily (no other information was made available) and was excited to announce the three Junior Golf Tournaments are just around the corner and entries are coming in fast. Dates are June 13th, 18th and 27th. Details can be found at: [Optimist Junior Golf](#). Also, Rockies tickets are still available for the Optimist Day on July 16th.

National Doughnut Day: **Steve Kady** was disgruntled by the fact that the Club had dissed him by not remembering this was National Doughnut Day.

According to *Wikipedia*, NDD is the first Friday of June each year. The event was created by The Salvation Army in 1938 to honor the women who served doughnuts to soldiers during World War I. Steve went so far as to say that he was hiring **Karl Geil**, Esq. to look into the possibility of personal damages and who knows what else. Karl was seen laughing.



HOBY Leadership: **Paul Bernard** reminded everyone of the upcoming HOBY Leadership picnic at the School of Mines on June 9th at 5 p.m. This is one we should all do at least once. The kids are remarkable and they really appreciate our presence.

Korsoski Award Presentations: The last of the 2011-12 Charlie Korsoski presentations took place this past week. OC Larson reports that Governor Elect **Phil Perington** was the presenter at University Park Elementary 5th Grade Continuation this past Thursday, May 24th. And Highline Academy held their last Super Citizen and Charlie Korsoski presentation on Wednesday, May 30th. Thanks everyone for a good SC year!

Relay for Life: As a reminder, the Castle Rock Optimist Club will be participating as a CROC for Kid's team in the ACS "Relay for Life" event to be held in Castle Rock on July 14th and 15th from 12 noon until 7:00 a.m. the following morning at Douglas County Fairgrounds and Events Center. For more information go to, [Welcome To CROC for Kids's Page!](#)



From the Editor: Our June editor, **George Buzick** and his wife Twyla, are in Las Vegas, or is that "Sin City" or "Lost Wages" for the weekend. Stories and maybe pictures to be shared later.

Correction to Last Weeks GUMS: We were reminded by a member of CO/WY Gov. Donna Priester's administration, that **Phil Perington** may not realize he doesn't become governor of our Optimist district until October 1, 2012, but I do. Or maybe he's just eager to get started early! ☺

Drawing & Closing Bell

In today's pot there was a \$30 for drawing the Queen of Hearts. Kier, our speaker and magician extraordinaire, drew the first ticket and announced it was 098 without even looking at it. Cup winners included **Harry Johnson, Ron Gutru, Don Thomson, John Oss** and **Karl Geil**. **Jack Rife** and **Ryan Thompson** got the draw of the cards, but no cigar.

Prez Randy reminded everyone of the Annual Picnic at Eisenhower Park tomorrow and then asked **Dick Cohen** to lead us in the Creed.

Too noble for anger...



Speaker, Keir Mathur, Magician & Motivation Speaker

Kier Mathur, the “Mad Magician,” was with us again. Every time he shows up something remarkable happens. This time first volunteer, **Fred Pasternack** thought of a card and Kier then pulled it out of an envelope he had in his pocket. Even Fred was amazed.



Kier Mathur, right, telling Karl Geil the techniques of cutting a rope.
Photos Don StJohn

He went on to perform his famous rope cutting tricks with the help and under the eagle eye of **Karl Geil** standing close but unable to stop the show. It was another fascinating moment.

Volunteers **Bryce Slaby**, **Jack Rife**, and **Phil Perington** were unable to stop him from displaying his famous version of name the city, another person’s name, and a playing card” It’s been reported that Professor **Bob Finkelmeier** knows how he does it. See Bob for details.

Gary Strowbridge was snookered when he was asked to think of a number between 1 and 1000. Once again Kier got the answer right. You had to be there.

President Randy had been mumbling earlier that he really wanted to be a Magician. Kier made his wish come true. The events were too hilarious to describe, but a good time at Randy’s good humored expense, was had by all. We always love seeing Kier. *Come back soon Friend!*



Kent Gloor “The African King”

Before the meeting came to a close **Kent Gloor** “The African King” was asked to sharing the adventures of his recent trip to Africa with his beautiful and delightful bride Abigail. The trip is 31 hours each way. They toured Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and South Africa. He noted that in the countries where the elephant is protected they are flourishing so well the land is becoming parched from too much consumption of natural resources. Sadly, in the unprotected areas

they are in grave danger. Kent reported the unemployment rate in some areas was over 50%, but the people were happy and fun to meet. There are no Optimist Clubs in the South African region however. They travelled mostly by small planes and in an SUV caravan but managed to spend many happy hours “camaradering” and tasting the local spirits. They finished up in Cape Town for one final adventure and jumped on the plane for the quick flight home. Sure!

Green Side of the Grass
NEW comical song/video about aging
AGING SONG
 Go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6dbBfXCMbH4>

<i>Weekly Greeters</i>	
Date	Greeters
6/8/12	Robert Wardlaw & Ralph Petersen
6/15/12	Don Thomson & Fred Pasternack
6/22/12	Bryce Slaby & Jon Wachter
6/29/12	Karl Geil & Mike McMahon

Monaco South Calendar

- June 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Junior Golf
- June 9 Sat 5:30 pm HOBY Leadership Seminar - Picnic with the kids, see Paul Bernard. Colorado Christian University, 8787 W. Alameda Ave., Lakewood
- June 13 Wed 7:00 am Junior Golf at Flatirons Golf Course - see Joe Marci
- June 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- June 18 Mon 7:00 am Junior Golf at Fitzsimons Golf Course - see Joe Marci

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Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
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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.