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Editor for this Issue—George Buzick



Good Morning Optimist



Editor, George Buzick
with his editor's hat.
Photos Don StJohn

Play Ball! On this glorious day for the Home Opener of the Rockies, there were many decked out in the colors of the finest team in baseball. (OK, slight editorial prejudice.) One of those was **Frank Ross**, also one of this morning's greeters. Both Frank and **Phil Perington** were in rare form as they greeted the members who came out on this beautiful spring day in Colorado.

First Bell

We had a full house today, as students from TJ High School who had participated in the MSOC Essay Contest and their parents were in attendance. Also in attendance was **OC Larson**, returning after a "medical absence" of a few weeks. Also, on the medical side is **Woody Thibodeau** who is having shoulder surgery and **Carl Brown** just had back surgery. Editor: I'm sure they would enjoy hearing from you! People we haven't seen for a while who were in attendance today: **Rich Wagner**, **Harry Fegley**, and **Leo Hagele**, who has rejoined us as a Friend of Optimism (FOO).

Guests

Guest of **Frank Middleton** was George Junkermeier, Den Leader of Pack 12 Cub Scouts. George thanked the club for supporting the Scout program and promised his best to do his duty for God and his Country. Thanks George!

From the Prez

President Paul Simon recognized the current Board of Directors for their service to our club and **Oscar Sorensen** announced that the club was looking for

"a few good men" to serve on the 2013-2014 Board. Oscar said that we have a nominee for President; **John Wachter**; and for the two vice-presidential positions; **Craig Eley** and **John Oss**. We still need four volunteers for the vacancies on the Board.

OI Foundation

Prez Paul also made a plea for support of the Optimist International Foundation "Dime-a-Day" program. For just \$36.50, you too can become a member of this prestigious group. Monaco South currently has the highest percentage of givers of all Optimist Clubs in Optimist International. See Freddy for an application.

District Doings

Jeanette Thompson, our Lt. Governor, announced the 3rd Quarter meeting of the Colorado/Wyoming Optimist District will be held May 10-11 at the Marriott West. Finals for the Oratorical Contest will be held on Saturday, as well as presentation of winners for the Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH). The club will pay for registration and lunch for any member who wants to attend these events on Saturday, May 11. Click this link to the registration form: www.optimistcowy.org.



Jeanette also announced that The Duck Derby will be held in conjunction with the meeting, with proceeds going to the Childhood Cancer Crusade. You can purchase tickets at \$5.00 apiece, or 5 for \$20. Write check to OI Foundation-CCC and send checks to CCC District Chair, Dottie Jefferies, 14508 E Caley Ave., Aurora, CO 80016. Finals May 11, @ 11:45, Marriot West, District Spring Conference. Top Prize = Overnight for two & breakfast at Marriot West.

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****

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Announcements

For Your Information: Steve Kady announced that there was a great article in the Cherry Creek Chronicle regarding the dismal state of the Denver Parks Department. For those of you who would like to follow this story see: <http://www.denvernature.net/Content/?p=252>.

Rugby: Bryce Slaby mentioned that there would be some great Rugby matches at the Glendale complex. See more details at: <http://infinityparkatglendale.com/rugbytown>.

Ski Day Adventure: Bob Avery said that a good time was had by all who attend the “ski and relax” session held last week. In attendance were, from left around the table, **Bill Anderson, Donley Smith, Freddy Pasternak, Scott Walker, Pat Sullivan, and Bob**, who enjoyed the slopes, hot tub, and the couch.



Super Citizen Program: After many years of service, **Don Thomson** has decided to step down as chair of the Super Citizen Program. **President Paul** recognized Don’s outstanding efforts and called for a volunteer to replace Don beginning next year.

Joke Time: **Ron Cisco** shared a story about a Bear and a Berretta. To hear it you will have to talk with Ron to get the full impact.

3T Ministries/Project Recycle: Ron Gustas mentioned that the 3T Ministries/Project Recycle group fix up old bikes and gets them to kids is in need of old bikes or volunteers. More can be learned [HERE](#).

Essay Contest Winners

Wyatt McCallie introduced our guests from Thomas Jefferson High School, including Principal **Sandra Just**; **Amber Wilson**, our Essay contact and American Literature teacher; and Chris Gallegos, one of the contest judges. The six top finishers in the Essay Contest were also present, with assorted guests. The six students were: **Jeremy Albright** (1st Place); **Aspen Anderson** and **Matthew Fabian** (tied for 2nd Place). The other three top finalists were: **Quinton Reisenman**, **Ty Roder** and **Dakota Trammell**. Jeremy read his essay on the topic: “How Can I Help My Friends Realize Their Value”



On left, Wyatt McCallie with first place winner, Jeremy Albright and his mother and father.

Photo Don StJohn



Do We Have A Drawing?

The intrigue continues. Will someone (anyone) be able to draw the 7 of Hearts and win the \$50 in today’s pot? Stay tuned for the answer.....NO! In spite of the best efforts of several members, a Lt. Governor and an anonymous newsletter editor, the pot remains intact and becomes even more alluring to those with a gambling nature. Until next week... for \$60.



IMPOSSIBILITIES IN THE WORLD

- 1) You can’t count your hair.
- 2) You can’t wash your eyes with soap.
- 3) You can’t breathe through your nose when your tongue is stuck out.
- 4) Put your tongue back in your mouth, you silly person.

TEN THINGS I KNOW ABOUT YOU

- 1) You are reading this.
- 2) You are human.
- 3) You can’t say the letter “P” without separating your lips.
- 4) You just attempted to do it.
- 5) You are laughing at yourself.
- 6) You have a smile on your face and you skipped Number 5.
- 7) You just checked to see if there is a number five.
- 8) You laugh at this because you are a fun loving person and everyone does it too.
- 9) You are probably going to tell others to read this to see who else falls for this.

How Can I Help My Friends Realize Their Value?

By Jeremy Albright

A person's value is not easily defined or realized, nor is the way one makes them aware of it. I, however have attempted to do so with my best friend. She has taught me the definition of value by showing me the unremitting compassion, understanding, and charity I have yet to find as abundantly anywhere else. These values are clear to me now, but the true value of a person is one of their innermost aspects and cannot be explained easily; often the only way to explain it, and help one realize it, is through friendship and trust. I helped my best friend realize hers by spending every possible moment by her side and facing adverse situations that she helped me overcome. Through these times, I discovered the true value she has and helped show her the true magnificence her soul was capable of. I first revealed the extent of her value to her by experiencing one of those very adverse situations that tests the compassion and trust between friends.

There are few things more daunting in a 17 year old's life than college. Pile on five AP classes, several extracurricular activities, and standardized test prep and one would find oneself in my position. I was under enormous pressure and clinging to sanity, however, my grip was beginning to loosen. This was one of the many instances that gave my best friend a perfect opportunity to show the extent of her values. She noticed the stress I was under and reached out to me in a time when getting help for myself was the last thought in my mind. There were few other people I trusted as much as her and, few others that I would have spoken to about the problem. She understandingly listened to my, probably at the time, slightly hysterical rants; she told me she had faith in me and would support me in anyway I needed; she relieved the stress I under which I endured and became the solution to the Daunting problem I have never taken the time to figure out for myself.



I wanted to tell her thank you, I wanted to tell her of her value and how it was incredible enough to save me from this mountain of stress and anxiety. I did not explicitly tell her how thankful I was, however, I did not tell her because another one of her great personality traits is modesty. The modesty she embodied slightly prevented her from seeing the true beauty of her value. She did not see the full extent of how helpful her actions had been, so I decided that explaining to her the value I had seen in her was not enough. I knew that telling her how meaningful her actions were would not provide as deep of an emotional understanding as I wanted to give her. I would have to demonstrate to other the impact these actions had on my life. I helped her grasp the impact by giving her the chance to observe the clear change that her actions caused in the course of my life. That change being the shift from my once stressed and overworked self, to my appreciative and happy new self that I clearly underwent solely because of her actions.. Since that day there have been countless times where she has demonstrated her incredible value, and each time she observes the positive impact of her actions. Whether in the assistant teaching, or leadership positions in her school, my best friend is discovering wonderful and varied aspects to her personality as well as value and ability to change the course of anyone's life she happens to encounter.

I met my best friend in first grade, having no idea of the role she would play in my life. I had not built the strong bond of friendship that I now have with her and only was it then that I was capable of experiencing and being able to help her realize the extent of her personal value. She embodies modesty, charity, compassion, and a thousand other traits that are in every single one her thoughts and actions.. I value every single interaction I have with her and know that they will all change my life for the better. The genuine value of my best friend is never something I will take for granted and never something that I will cease to express to her.

Super Citizen Presenters for April		
Apr 15 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Joe Marci
Apr 19 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	John Stoffel
Apr 19 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45 am	Holm	Steve Kady
Apr 26 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Howard Fry

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
4/12/13	Terry Shroyer & Greg Young
4/19/13	Aaron Berry & George Buzick
4/26/13	Michael Chavez & Pat Bush

Monaco South Calendar

- Apr 12 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - HEAR — Hearing Education & Awareness for Seniors
- Apr 17 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Apr 19 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Apr 26 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
- May 10-12 3rd Quarter District Conference, Denver Marriott West, Golden, CO
Make meal registration by May 4, 2013

**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
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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
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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.