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Good Morning Optimist

Today's Greeters

We were met today by a Scandinavian duo, Johnson and Larsen, otherwise known as **Harry Johnson** and **Les Larson**. Good to have that warm greeting each morning!

The next greeter was **Frank Middleton** with a numbered playing card indicating the table number assigned. This was to facilitate *Camaraderie Day*, no speaker, when we have time to know our fellow Optimists. I sat with **Curt Boell**, **Tom Overton** and **John Young**. John had recently returned from a trip to Greece with Claire and a group from his church. The tour was named "Following the Footsteps of St. Paul". Tom Overton had recently helped his son improve a condo in Winter Park by laying carpet. Curt, as usual, left after an oatmeal breakfast to go to work at Wells Fargo, where he helps farmers with their loans.

Invocation and Pledge

Jim Brown invoked this morning and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Guest

Good ol' **Fred Pasternack** introduced another Fred with the last name of Greene, a former

Commander of the Legion Post where we meet. Mr. Greene has also been an active Republican as a Captain in our district.

Opening Bell

President **Phil Perington** led us in a song(?) of Happy Birthday to the October celebrants. A separate and special rendition was given for **Jimmie Brown**.

El Presidente announced that he was adding two awards to our annual recognition. One was for a Super Volunteer.

President Phil expressed his appreciation for an Advisory Board meeting initiated by Past President **Greg Young**. He apparently gathered some good information from the meeting.

Quote for the Day, "*Don't let yesterday take too much time from today.*"

Discussion at the Tables

Frank Middleton suggested that we come up with new and old ideas for projects that directly affect kids. Each table had a scribe (ancient word for writer) and a reporter. Many, many excellent ideas came forth. This year should be interesting, again.

Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado

Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am

Announcements

New Directories

Thanks, and I do mean thanks, to **Craig Eley** for the new directory for our new fiscal year. The current officers and board members are listed. Express your thanks to Craig if you haven't yet.

Dues are Due

A discount is available if you pay for the whole year (\$105) before November 1. Treasurer **Ron Gustas** would appreciate the one-time check, reducing invoices and paper handling.



Calling All Painters

House painters are asked to help October 25th (Saturday) at 1160 South Quivas Street, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. This is a project of Roundup Fellowship. Paint has been donated, but please bring supplies such as brushes, etc.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Dinner for Boys and Girls Clubs **Donlie Smith** announced the date of November 25th for serving a turkey and dressing dinner for the kids. More details later.

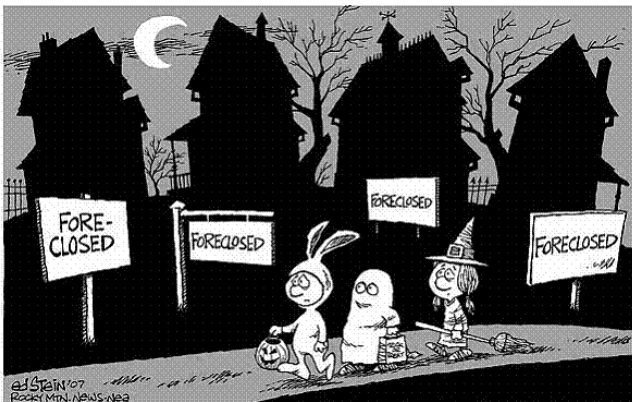


District Convention

Fred Pasternack pleaded with the membership to attend. He also put in a plug for *Dime a Day Club* for Optimist International Foundation, the organization that provides scholarships to disadvantaged students.

Goblins Calling

Remember Kent Gloor needs volunteers to call elementary school kids on Halloween night beginning at 6:00pm on October 31st.



HAUNTED HOUSES

Supermarket Sales

Cy Regan reported sales of King Soopers cards at \$950, and \$25 Safeway cards for a total of \$975. This is slightly short of our goal. Let's get behind this easy way to provide funds for our club (5% of sales).

Optimist International at a Glance

- Membership 114,344
- Total clubs 3,744
- Founded June 19, 1919
- Six million young people served each year.
- 65,000 service projects conducted annually.
- \$78 million spent annually on community service



Ancient Wit

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. ~ Mark Twain

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress.... But, then I repeat myself. ~ Mark Twain

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. ~ Winston Churchill

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. ~ George Bernard Shaw

Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. ~ James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)

Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries. ~ Douglas Casey, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys. ~ P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else. ~ Frederic Bastiat, Economist (1801-1850)

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it. ~ Ronald Reagan (1986)

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. ~ Will Rogers

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free! ~ P.J. O'Rourke

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other. ~ Voltaire (1764)

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you! ~ Pericles (430 B.C.)

The Perfect Gift—A Friend of Optimists Membership

Get a jump on the holidays and avoid the shopping frenzy. For the person who has everything, consider a Friend of Optimists membership! Is there someone close to you or someone in your community who is not a Member of your Optimist Club but who supports the good work your Club does? Consider making them a Friend of Optimists this holiday season.



Meeting Announcement Note

If you would write out your announcements, read it in front of us MSOCers, THEN GIVE THIS WRITTEN NOTE TO THE GUMS NEWSLETTER EDITOR, your announcement will be put into the bulletin with the correct information. Lots of times we miss items because you talk too fast or we write too slow. The bottom line is we get your information wrong or miss it all together. Thanks for your cooperation and help!

Help Wanted

Do you want to become famous amongst your MSOC friends?

As we move into **Phil Parington's** presidential year we could use a few additional GUMS editors. Come join this elite group of writers who captures the professional happenings of each weekly meeting

and add your personal humor to all of the tomfoolery that takes place. Please let Phil or one of the current editors know you are interested.

Dancing with the Electoral Stars



Monaco South Calendar

Oct 21	Tue	1:15/2:00 pm	Super Citizen, Samuels Elementary School - Dick Cohen
Oct 21	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., #102
Oct 16	Thu	5:30 pm	Super Citizen, Hamilton Middle School - Ron Carlson
Oct 22	Wed	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood School - Ed Collins
Oct 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Amy McCullough, <i>Animal Assisted Therapy</i>
Oct 24	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International School - Frank Middleton
Oct 28	Tue	9:00 am	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary School - Gary Strowbridge
Oct 31	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Shari Mitteco, <i>Body Coach & Personal Trainer</i>
Oct 31	Fri	6:00pm	Goblins Calling, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E Yale Avenue
Nov 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Kris Kroncke, <i>District 3 Commander, Denver Police Department</i>
Nov 12	Wed	1:15/1:45 pm	Super Citizen, McMeen Elementary
Nov 13	Thu	1:00/2:00 pm	Super Citizen, Lowry Elementary
Nov 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
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
Bob Avery	1989-90	Donlie Smith	2005-06
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Bill Walters	1991-92	Greg Young	2007-08

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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.

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