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Optimists Bring Out the
Best in Children



The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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President Young's Last Day a Busy One

For the past 51 weeks, President **Greg Young** has opened every meeting by enthusiastically asking "What time is it?" We (almost) all responded "It's a great time to be an Optimist!" Today, on the last day of his administration, Greg asked the same question, but this time the crowd responded in unison "It's time for a new president!" Thus demonstrating what incoming prez Phil Perington observed at the Installation Banquet about our meetings:



Don St. John is recognized for a decade of Bingo coordinating.

"Once you go through those doors, nobody is safe."

It was a busy day for Greg. He bestowed awards on **Don St. John** and **Jim Easton** and inducted **Steve Yates** as a member (see articles on these events

elsewhere in this issue of GUMS).

Greg ended his term as president by thanking the members of the Club for their efforts over the past year, and the Club reciprocated with a standing ovation for Greg



Jim Easton receives the Optimist of the Quarter Award.



Steve Yates is inducted as a member.

in recognition of his astute leadership during his term as president.

Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

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

Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

Proceedings of the Meeting of September 26, 2008

Invocation & Pledge

Ron Carlson offered an invocation in which he reminded us that we should help those in “troubling circumstances” (meaning the entire country?). Then he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests & New Members

Usually this is a time in the Club’s calendar when we are having quickie Board meetings to approve the membership of the president’s cousins and in-laws in order to keep our membership at 130. Today we were blessed with a bunch of guests (none of whom appeared to be related to **Greg Young**) who said they were filling out applications: **Woody Thibodeau, Kale Smith, Rich Mahony** and **Jeff Carter** (our speaker three meetings ago).

Congratulations

President **Greg Young** called **Don St. John** up to the podium to give him an award for his 10 years of running Bingo. Don, in accepting the award, said “it’s been a great 10 years, but I don’t want another 10!”

Jim Easton was also summoned to the front and was handed the Optimist of the Quarter award for all his efforts as a new member, including bringing in several other new members. Jim, who is going on the new Board, expressed his appreciation and said the award and the Club “mean a lot to me.”

Memory Walk

Joe Marci thanked those MSOCers who helped him with last Saturday’s Memory Walk. As best he could recall, they were **Russ Paul, Cy Regan, Al Gapuzan, Ralph Pedersen, O.C. Larson, Oscar Sorensen, Gary Strowbridge, Harry Johnson, Greg Young** and **Bill Litchfield**.

Non-Alcoholic Walker Needed

Marc Goodbody is recovering from hip surgery and has sent word that he could use another walker. **Bob Avery** asked “Red Label

or Black?”

Regardless of what kind of walker you may have, if you can lend it to Marc, call him at 303-202-1610.

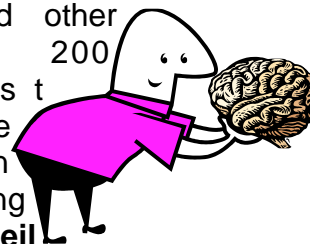
Dues Almost Due

Dues for the 2008-09 year (beginning October 1, 2008) are \$110. But if you pay during October in a lump sum, you receive a \$5.00 discount. This amounts to a 4.5% return on investment. Where are you going to get that kind of guaranteed rate in the open market?

The Brain Bowl is Coming!

The dates for the Brain Bowl, one of the District’s largest projects, have been set. January 24 will be the Boulder is the date The Boulder Bowl will take place on January 24, 2009 at Fairview High School. The Denver area event will be held at Overland High School on February 7.

This quiz bowl tournament attracts hundreds of middle school students from all over Colorado and other states, so 200 Optimist volunteers are needed. Sign up at a meeting or call **Karl Geil** at 303-333-1814.



Optimist International Foundation

Former District Governor **Jim Brown** reported that he has raised \$23,000 from the members in the District to send to the Optimist Foundation. Congratulations to Jim and to our generous Optimists!

Thanks from Gov. George

District Governor **George Buzick** noted that his term will expire in four days, and he thanked the Club and the District for all their work. He reminded us that Monaco South is still the flagship club of the District, and urged us to get behind incoming Governor **Joe Priestler**. George now joins the pantheon of former district governors who make Monaco South their Optimist home.

Knock Down, Drag Out!

David Lazaroff invited us all to a demolition party at the house he is remodeling to convert into a residential care home. The date is Saturday, October 4, and the house is at Dexter Way and Cornell. Bring your crowbars, sledge hammers, and maybe even a stick of dynamite or two. Let the little boy in you come out for a day or for an hour while you crash, smash and take to the trash!



You can warn David you are coming by calling him at 720-218-3254 or just show up. Lunch will be provided, and the dress is come as you are!

Induction

Steve Yates was inducted into the Club in a ceremony in which his sponsor, **Randy Marcove**, and the Board of Directors and officers participated. Because of deaths, moves and other reasons, our Club loses 10% of our members each year, so it is important that we continue to invite friends to meetings so they can enjoy the gift of Optimism while helping to strengthen our community.

Welcome to Steve, our newest member!

Speaker

Our speaker was Vance Moorman, who spoke on "How to Re-Invent Your Life so that You Can Re-Invent Your Future." His formula for success is to dream big dreams and set your goals. Republicans in the group were no doubt pleased by one of Vance's stories, "What Would Nancy Reagan Do?" Apparently, if she had a flat tire while driving, she wouldn't kill herself, she would call the Auto Club! Vance didn't mention whether he knew where we could buy "WWNRD" bracelets.

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Monaco South Calendar

- Oct 3** Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Professor Lucas Shamala, Support Africa Empowerment Foundation.
- Oct 10** Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Janis Gaede, Colorado Boys Ranch.
- Oct 17** Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day.
- Oct 21** Tue 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3542 S. Poplar Way #102.
- Oct 24** Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Amy McCullough, Animal Assisted Therapy.
- Oct 31** Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Shari Mitteco, Body Coach & Personal Trainer.
- Oct 31** Fri 6:00 pm Goblins Calling!



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

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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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