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Editor for this Issue—OC Larson & Ralph Pedersen



Good Morning Optimists!

With a last minute requirement to be chauffer for his daughter on Friday our January editor, **Brain Williams** wasn't present. Thanks to our February editor, **OC Larson** and veteran editor, **Ralph Pedersen**, for capturing the *Grandiose Utterings!*

Greetings

Our official greeters this week were **Les Larson** and **Keith Gallaway**.

Invocation and Pledge

George Vassilaros gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Welcome Back

No guests this morning, but good to see **Curt Jefferies** after some absence. Curt is a longtime MSOC member and past president. He is now serves as the CO-WY District Secretary/Treasurer.

Utterings from Prez Ron

Prez Ron again recognized the tree lot Chili Cook-off winners. Tree lot Chili cook-off winner were **OC Larson**, others that brought their chili was **Greg Young, Les Larson, and Harry Johnson**. All were awarded a certificate of acknowledgement.



Prez Ron also recognized **Steve Kady**, who returned from his duties at the National Stock Show, for doing such a good job with the Holiday Party—actually the credit should go to Susan, Steve's wife.


Steve Kady in turn recognized **Frank Ross** for providing some of the entertainment at the party.



Photo by Don StJohn

Announcements

Paul Bernard, liaison to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program (HOBY), needs financial support. Those interested in helping out should visit with Paul. The mission of HOBY is: *To inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation.*


WIVES TO BREAKFAST
Friday, February 12, 2010
 Park Hill Golf Club House
 \$12 per person
 Colorado Boulevard and E. 35th Avenue
 Please RSVP by February 5th to **Tom Overton** at
 303-617-4476 or 720-323-9935

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 Cont.

CPR Training: Don Thomson announced that his wife Joyce, will again be doing CPR classes. He will provide more information soon.

Brain Bowl Update: Karl Geil recognized Bill Walters and Russ Paul for their extra help prior to Brain Bowl #1 held on January 19th. Overall the North/Louisville Brain Bowl went well, with about 90 teams and about 135 Optimists participating. The results for this event can be found at <http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org/northresults.html>. Brain Bowl #2, the Central Region Brain Bowl Tournament, will be at Overland High School, 12400 East Jewell Ave., Aurora, on Saturday, February 6th. Start time is 7:00am. More information is on the website.

Tri-Star Basketball: Gary Laman is running our club's competition which will be at the Cope Branch of the Boys/Girls Club, 8th and Inca, February 8th at 4pm. Members are needed to help with this competition. Please sign up or call Gary Laman for more information.



Our winners feed into the Regional Competition which will be held at the Wilfley Branch of the Boys/Girls Club on Saturday, March 6th at 8:30am. The Regional Winners feed into the District Finals at the Pepsi Center on Saturday, March 20th. We will invite the 144 winners from the 4 Regional's to the contest which will be on the main floor before the Milwaukee Bucks game that night. All kids who are invited are given a free ticket to the game. The winners of the Finals will be announced to the crowd before the game and will participate in the Nuggets Fan Tunnel.

MSOC fund the giveaway of free tickets for the winners by selling tickets to Optimists and families. We have set aside a group of tickets for the event; these are \$27 tickets which we are sell for \$20. This year ALL TICKETS must be purchased on-line through the Nuggets ticket sales. That link for purchasing Optimist member tickets is: <http://www.pepsicenter.com/nuggets/tristar.asp>. If anyone has trouble buying tickets or wants further information contact Jack Rife, 303-756-8042.

Denver Golf Expo: Joe Marci needs help to man



the Junior Golf Optimist booth at the Denver Merchandise Mart Plaza Hall, February 12-14. While helping out learn more about the game of golf, whether beginner or competitive, and have a little fun too. Se Joe for details.

Other News

Jimmy Brown's wife Kay recently passed away. As you recall Jimmy passed away in May of 2009. A gathering of friends will be at Hampden Gardens.

Bill Turner is having some respiratory problems. Send a card to him at Holly Heights Care Center, 6000 E. Iliff Ave., Denver, CO, or call 303-902-5684.

Cy Regan announced our Super Market Sales were \$2,375.00, with a big help from Doug Morton.

Our drawing this week didn't have a winner—the pot keeps growing.

Paul Bernard led us in the Optimist Creed as the last meeting in January 2010 came to a close.

Super Citizen

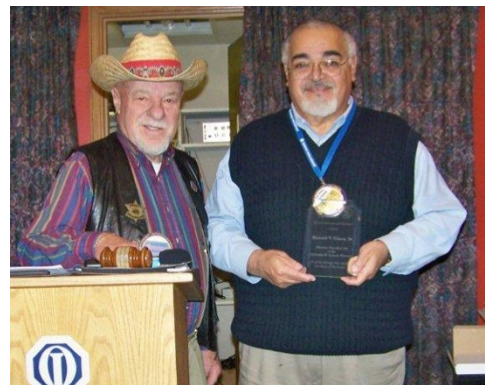
Presentations for the super citizens in the 10 school's supported has a big month. All but one has a presentation this month as shown below.

Super Citizen Presenters for February

Day	School	Presenter
17 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Les Larson
17 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Miller
19 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Craig Eley
19 @ 9:10 am	Holm	George Vassilaros
22 @ 8:00 am	Highland	Ron Roth
22 @ 1:30 & 2:15 pm	Samuels	George Vassilaros
25 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Todd Olson
26 @ 2:45 & 3:15 pm	Univ. Park	Steve Kady
26 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Randy Marcove

The Christian D. Larson Partner Award

Last week it was missed that our President, Ron Cisco was recognized by Fred Pasternack for becoming a Christian D. Larson Partner. He contributed a one time gift of a \$1,000 to the OI Foundation to support the Foundations mission. As a reminder, the *Optimist Creed* was written by Christian D. Larson. Other members of this partnership from the COWY District are Willie Shinault, Kathy Goering, Jimmy & Kay Brown, Cliff Dougal, Bob Charles, Charles Larsen, Joe Priestler, and Fred & Karen Pasternack.



For more on Christian D. Larson see the attached with the email version of GUMS.

Bring On The Music

Super Notes 4 Super Kids Charity

Our speaker this morning was one of our new members, **Paul Gleditsch**. Paul has started a new non-profit organization to recycle musical instruments, called *Bring On The Music!*



As Paul stated, "We have all been influenced by music. Think of your experience with music, and first experience with music. How do children react to music? More self-esteem, better grades, discipline, and they learn organizational skills."

Additionally, musical instruments are expensive and many students cannot afford to buy them for class. Donating instruments will benefit music education in our community. What Paul needs:

- Donated musical instruments
- School Administer Contacts
- Instrument Repairs Experts
- Fund Raising Expertise
- Grant Writing Expertise
- Space for Operations
- Volunteers

To learn more about *Bring On The Music* or to assist Paul, please contact him at 303-522-6662 or by email: paul.gleditsch@msn.com. Thanks Paul!



Monaco South Calendar

Feb 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Phil Walters, Navy Carrier Operations During the Vietnam War
Feb 6	Sat	7:00 am	Central Region Brain Bowl Tournament, Overland High School, 12400 East Jewell Ave., Aurora
Feb 12	Fri	7:00 am	Wives & Partners to Breakfast, Park Hill Golf Club, RSVP by Feb 5 th
Feb 13	Sat	7:30 am	Colorado-Wyoming District 2 nd Quarter Meeting Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 S. Datura Street
Feb 17	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Feb 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Feb 20	Sat	7:00 am	South Region Brain Bowl Tournament, Harrison High School, 2755 Janitel Road Colorado Springs, CO
Feb 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Christy Wessler, Comedienne, Singer, Songwriter

**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
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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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