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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist

Greeters this morning are **Jim Tapp** and **Russ Paul** doing a wonderful job of getting the meeting off on the right foot this morning. Welcome to all!

First Bell

President **Randy Marcove** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. **John Young** gives the invocation this morning. Our prayer this morning asks us to truly *“Think Only of the Best,”* try to set aside malice and negative thinking and let the power of positive thinking lead our actions.



Ron Gutru then plays “America” on the piano, “America, America God shed his grace on thee”

sounds sweet this morning. Hear America the beautiful, song by Ray Charles, by [clicking here](#).

From the Prez

President **Randy** asks **Tom Overton** how his son is doing. Tom tells us that he is better and improving, having been transferred to Craig Hospital. Please continue to keep Tom and his family in your prayers.

Guests

Guests this morning to our meeting include Steve Bernstein who is a ticket broker, specializing in sporting events, the crowd showers Steve with inquiries. Welcome Steve!

Announcements

Thank You Card: President Randy reads a very nice *Thank You Card* sent from Ben Bergman, a young man who thanks the club for supporting schools and recognizing the importance of reading. Young Ben is hoping to earn enough points to earn a \$100 savings bond. Good luck Ben!

District Convention: Randy also reminds the club that 4 weeks from today is the District Convention at Copper Mountain. Those interested are invited to attend, and the

club will even buy you lunch during the session. A great opportunity for members to learn more about the workings of the Colorado/Wyoming district.

Speaking of Convention: Below are some pictures taken at the 94th annual OI convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 12-14, 2012.



Above, soon to be president of MSOC Paul Simon chats with Joe Priester, past CO/WY District Governor, at the registration desk in Milwaukee.

At right, current governor CO/WY District Donna Priester is accompanied from the stage by Joe Priester.



Operation School Supply: **Oscar Sorensen** announces the approaching Operation School Supply. He is interested in suggestions or ideas that will improve the benefit for the kids who need school supplies. Anyone with ideas or input please contact Oscar.



Optimism: **Paul Stratton** reads the club an excerpt from Michael Lewis' heralding the power of Optimism. *I want to read that book Paul, please give us more information.*

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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 Continued

Relay for Life: Paul Simon reminds members about *Relay for Life* which will be taking place this weekend in Parker. Members are invited to stop by if only for a few hours, the idea being they walk around a track continuously because "Cancer Never Sleeps." If you would like to donate to Paul's efforts please see him. Below are pictures from this event shared by Paul.



At left, the MSOC Team assembles in the evening light. At right, Paul recovers from all of the walking. Photos Paul Simon

CO-WY Junior Golfers: Joe Marci updates the club on some results from Junior Golf tournament in Florida. *It is amazing to hear some scores and the skills these young golfers possess.* There were 22 Colorado-Wyoming golfers trying to win at PGA National in Palm Gardens Florida. The top District golfers were Li Chen from Westminster who finished 14th in the boys 14-15 age division and Adara Pauluhn from Niwot who finished 17th in the girls 13-14 age division. Listed are the winners in each age division and the Colorado-Wyoming golfers:

- **10-11 Boys:** Guangshi Chen, China & Ty Findlow, Lone Tree
- **12-13 Boys:** Ryan Grider, TX; Jackson Solem, Longmont; & Tyler Zhang Lone Tree
- **14-15 Boys:** Mike Graboyes, NJ; **Li Chen**, Westminster; Behrod Keshavar, Erie; & Donny Kinnaman, Clifton
- **16-18 Boys:** Joey Lane, VA; Braden Baer, Westminster; Conner Klein, Lone Tree; Ben Moore, Englewood; Colin Prater, Co Spgs; Hayden Nicholaides, Englewood; & Kevin Klatman, Boulder
- **10-12 Girls:** Thanyawarat Temyord, Thailand & Taylor Sunset, Boulder
- **13-14 Girls:** Ke Rojanapeansatit, Thailand; **Adara Pauluhn**, Niwot; & Mary Weinstein Highlands Ranch
- **15-18 Girls:** Marcella Pranovia, CA; Jamie Griffin, Aurora; Sarah Hankins, Thornton; Kelly Moran, Boulder; Jordan Sunset, Boulder; Kelsey Peterson, Loveland; Alexandria Trask, Denver; & Megan McCambridge, Boulder

Closing Bell

With the meeting coming to a close, **President Randy** asks Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** if there is a drawing, and a pot of \$110 is announced. **Pat Bush** is the first one called, but has no luck when he selects to draw for the Two of Clubs. On the second number called **Phil Perington** walks up and calmly draws the card and calmly claims the large jackpot. Nicely done, Phil! And on that note members are encouraged to go forth and have a great day!



Reflections from Phil ... The Two of Clubs is the lowest card in the deck. To quote Caddy Shack, "Even God can't hit a two iron." I thank, Keir Mathur, aka Keir Royale, the

Thanks to all who supported this years program!

Mudd Volleyball: Cy Regan reminds members about parking for the Mud Volleyball event next Saturday. Please meet at 5:30 a.m. Saturday, August 4th and we can car pool over. If you intend to drive directly there, let Cy know so we are not waiting at the Legion Hall for you, see you then.

OCMS Installation Dinner: Mark you calendar, **Ed Collins** announces the upcoming installation dinner coming Saturday evening, September 22nd. The event will be at Park Hill Golf Course at 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., and the sign-up sheet will continue to be passed around.

Honeymoon Weekend Remembered: **Howdy Fry** reports that 13 couples attended the 2nd Honeymoon weekend at Colorado Arlberg Club last weekend. The honeymooners enjoyed biking, hiking, music and art festival as well as good and comradery. The weekend was highlighted by a visit by a moose on Saturday night during the cocktail hour. Those attending included: Jack & Kathy **Rife**, Eldon & Roxie **Strong**, Casey & Sharon **Funk**, Wyatt & Joanie **McCallie**, Frank & Sally **Ross**, Bryce & Sue **Slaby**, Al & Donagene **Gapuzan**, John & Claire **Young**, Greg & Diane **Young**, Don & Char **St. John**, Gary & Joyce **Laman**, Frank & Sandy **Middleton**, and Howdy & Dana **Fry**.

John young reports this to be one of the most enjoyable weekends he can recall and presents Howdy with a beautiful coffee mug set. Of course this what everyone had to contend with according Howdy ...



Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast: **Paul Bernard** has a final reminder for Brent's Place pancake breakfast coming this Sunday. Paul and his crew hope to flip over 1,000 pancakes. Good luck to Paul and his crew!



Photo Don StJohn

magician and maverick instilled in me the belief that drawing a winning card or hitting a hammer shot is always there. Just go for it!

Speaker, Holly Caldwell, Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence

Paul Bernard introduces our speaker this morning, **Holly Caldwell**, Associate Dean of Students at Platte College, School of Nursing. Holly speaks to us this morning on the state of Nursing and how it relates to the proposed changes of Health Care Reform. Health care reform legislation recently signed into law will greatly increase the availability of health insurance and broadly impact the delivery of health care in America.

Holly is member of the speakers guild that targets the Nursing sector and how that area can be improved in regard to the care of patients in various settings.

Currently there are over 2 million nurses practicing in our country in hospitals, nursing homes, care facilities and private institutions. They are the first line of care patients receive and comprise the backbone of the healthcare system. With the changes that have been proposed and are due to be implemented in 2014, this will be affecting both patients and health care workers. Currently some 800,000 Coloradans are without any sort of healthcare coverage with the majority of these being in the 21-24 year old age group and the 31-34 year old age group. These groups of people, who are starting out their adult lives and careers, or starting families are in danger of being negatively affected should a health care incident occur. The main factors that Holly is concerned with are Coverage, Capacity, and Cost as it relates to patients and their health.

Holly mentioned that the health reform law promises to deliver big changes in the U.S. health care system. But, as with other sweeping pieces of legislation, it can be hard to get the real facts about what it does. So she recommended



Holly Caldwell, Associate Dean Platte College, School of Nursing.

Photo Don StJohn

that we all take a short, 10-question quiz on the Kaiser Family Foundation's website at: <http://healthreform.kff.org/quizzes/health-reform-quiz.aspx> to test our knowledge of the law.

Holly states that as educators, they are charged with changing the education level of the nursing workforce. She believes that the conditions that nurses have worked in the past will not continue to exist. Along with this are standards of education that the nursing field hopes to implement. It is the Colorado School for Nursing Excellence desire to make 80 percent of the nursing workforce educated with a 4-year degree. This will improve the level of care patients receive and prepare the nurse to be better care givers. In California, 70 percent of nurses have a 2 year degree so the statistics show there is much improvement to be made in that area.

One aspect of this dilemma is how will the advanced education be funded. Will nurses who are currently working and perhaps married with children, have the financial resources to further their education. In many cases, they will not and in turn rely on grants or scholarship to fund this additional schooling. Nurse practitioners are one sector of higher educated nurses who take more of a holistic approach to health care, and studies support the idea that this improved method leads to more positive outcomes for patients.

With the trend toward to reducing the number of hospital beds available and alternatives to this model of care, the nursing field will have to evolve to adequately care for those in need of care.

Thank you Holly for an informative presentation.

Peach Orders Still Being Taken

Bob Finkelmeier reports that peach orders are still being taken. He recently received a small supply, that some early orders got to enjoy, but more are coming. The cost is \$25 a case, about 16-18 lbs., with \$4 going to either Monaco South or Tamarac Optimist Clubs. Peaches will arrive by refrigerated truck in the next 10 to 14 days, so be ready to pick them up upon being notified. To order call Bob at: 303-756-5829.



Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
8/3/12	Ralph Peterson & John Oss
8/10/12	Greg Young & Art Erickson
8/17/12	Frank Ross & Frank Middleton
8/24/12	Ed Collins & Aaron Berry
8/31/12	Michael Chavez & Casey Funk

Monaco South Calendar

- Aug 3 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Dolls for Daughters, Jessica Bachus
- Aug 4 Sat 6:00 am March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball - See Cy Regan
- Aug 10 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Dumb Friends Harmony Equine Center
- Aug 15 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Aug 17 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Super Citizen school principals
- Aug 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Sep 22 Sat 5:30 pm OCMS Installation Dinner, Park Hill Golf Course

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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.