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## **SAVING DARFUR**

Paul Simon introduced Valerie from the Colorado Coalition for Genocide Awareness and Action. He also gave credit to Karen Pasternack for recommending Valerie.

### **Save Darfur Coalition Unity Statement**

"The emergency in Sudan's western region of Darfur presents the starkest challenge to the world since the Rwanda genocide in 1994. A government-backed Arab militia known as Janjaweed has been engaging in campaigns to displace and wipe out communities of African tribal farmers.....Lives are hanging in the balance on a massive scale."

CCGAA is a coalition of many organizations in Colorado focused on stopping genocide. Some of the organizations involved are: American Jewish Committee, Archdiocese of Denver, Colorado Council of Churches, Interfaith Alliance, and Urban League of Metro Denver.

**Important web sites for saving Darfur:**

<http://www.darfurgenocide.org/> Darfur is a genocide we can stop: A campaign to end it, offering a do-it-yourself activist kit.

<http://www.darfurinfo.org/> Background info provided by Ali B. Ali-Dinar, Ph.D, U of Pennsylvania African Studies Center.

**MEETING PLACE**  
**AMERICAN LEGION HALL POST NO 1**  
**5400 E. YALE AVENUE, DENVER, CO**  
**FRIDAY MORNINGS AT 7 AM**

**THE MEETING**  
**of July 6, 2007**

**Invocation**

**Former District Governor, Jim Brown**, led us in an invocation. We then renewed our pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**Guests**

**Fred Pasternack** introduced Michael Engelberg, Howard's brother, as his guest. (His guests show up occasionally.) Welcome, Michael, please join us in the interest of youth.

**Rockies Tickets**

**Joe Marci** has tickets for sale, benefiting Optimist Junior Golf. \$20 each near third base. Only 13 left. July 23, vs. San Diego and August 20 vs. Pittsburg.

Joe also announced that we are sending 26 (a new record) boys and girls to the Optimist International Golf Championships at the PGA Resort in Florida.

**Grocery Cards**

**Cy Regan**, ever on the job, reported sales today of: King Soopers \$750, and Safeway \$200. Please remember to buy these convenient cards for a simple, for us, way to provide funds in favor of our youth. We retain 5%!

**Lowry Optimist Club Golf Tourney**

August 17, Mira Vista Golf Course, check in at noon, shot gun start at 1 PM. \$75 includes everything you need.

**Pennies, We Got Pennies**

**Jimmie Brown** announced that we are up to \$135.43, which **President Paul** thinks has reached or exceeded his goal. Is this for Children's Cancer, or what?

**MS-150 Info**

**Jack Rife** encouraged us to pledge, pledge, pledge to support our riders.

**Don St. John** reminded the volunteers to be at the Louisville Middle School rest stop at 7 AM Sunday. This is one of the most pleasant rest stops we have worked, and much enjoyed by the riders (The Optimister).

**Honeymoon Weekend**

**Frank Middleton** announced a first for the weekend: pontoon boat tours! 2 boats with grills, 2 boats without. July 20 and 21 will find us in the beautiful mountain town of Breckenridge for a variety of activities. Please join us!

**District Convention**

Save August 23 to 25 for the convention, welcoming **George Buzick** as new District (Colorado/Wyoming) Governor, and saying farewell and good job to **Sherman Phillips**.

**New GUMS Editors Wanted**

Three GUMS editors are retiring at the end of this fiscal year, September 30. Some have been doing this for at least 5 years, others far more than that. Our goal is to have 4 editors, so 3 are needed to allow work every fourth month. Training, if requested, and what little know-how we have, will willingly be provided. **See Jim Piccinelli to volunteer for this interesting and fun job. Exercise your creativity!**

## Honeymoon Weekend

We have reserved condos at the Mountain Thunder Lodge, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths (4 persons per unit) for under \$105 per couple. A limited number of one bedroom units are available at under \$140 per night. Final room rate depends on the number who sign up. This is a premium/private accommodation located near the base of the New Breckenridge Gondola and within walking distance of main street. Your MSOC committee, **Al Gapuzan, Kent Gloor, Greg Young,, John Young and Frank Middleton**, is working on a variety of unique and fun activities for this memorable weekend. Please sign up as soon as possible so reservations can be confirmed at this attractive rate. Please call one of the committee members.

## Voices from Darfur

"The problem of Darfur began with Arabs coming and attacking villages. When you were going to school they would stop and ask you, 'Where are you going?' I would say, 'I am going to school.' They would say, 'We are going to stop you. Why do you need to go to school?' Since I was a child they have been asking, 'Are you Fur? (Fur means slave) They say that we are like slaves, that they need to remove the Fur. They want to kill us because we are black. This land before belonged to the Fur tribe or other minority peoples in Darfur, but they say no, this Fur land is Arab land."

*Anwar Bakar, Fur survivor*

## COMING EVENTS

- Sun, Jul 8 7 AM MS-150 Rest Stop, Louisville Middle School**
- Fri, Jul 13 7 AM Meeting, David Althouse Colorado News 2**
- Fri, Jul 20 7 AM Meeting, Camaraderie**
- Fri and Sat, July 20, 21, Honeymoon Weekend, Breckenridge**
- Fri, July 27 7 AM Meeting**
- Fri Aug 03 7 AM Meeting**
- Sat Aug 04 6:15 AM Mud Volleyball**  
**Cy Regan, Parking**
- Fri, Aug 17 Noon lunch, Mira Vista Golf Course, 1 PM shotgun. Lowry Optimist Club Fund Raiser**
- Tue, Aug 21 Pedersens leave for a cruise/tour of Alaska**  
**(See what fun you can have if you would be an editor?)**
- Thu-Sat Aug 23-25 District Convention**

## Save Darfur Resources

[savedarfur.org](http://savedarfur.org) (Save Darfur Coalition) - this web site is a clearinghouse of info including a history of the conflict, current events, and details on how you can get involved. The Coalition has sponsored the "Million Voices for Darfur" campaign, national and international rallies, and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson's visit with Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir.

[genocideintervention.net](http://genocideintervention.net) - provides monthly news briefs on the situation in Darfur and provides multiple way for you to contact your elected officials and urge them to take action. Urge them to request and implement the provisions of the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act signed into law in 2006.

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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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