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Optimists Bring Out the
Best in Children



The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimist!

Ralph Pedersen and Harry Johnson greeted everyone warmly on a beautiful morning.

President Greg Young opened the meeting and handed the microphone to Frank Middleton for the invocation. His prayer asked for the spirit of cooperation and to consider the world in terms of how we will the world to future generations and then led the club in the pledge of allegiance.

Guests

Frank Middleton introduced Richard Thomason who moved here from Omaha and is looking to get involved. Gary Laman met Keith Koch and began discussing Tri Star basketball, and invited him to the meeting. Gary declined to have Keith elaborate. Steve Kady introduced Stan Peters who is a retired pilot from Continental and worked for Frontier before the changeover. Welcome to all of you and please consider joining us!

Announcements

If you or your significant other left a pearl at the holiday party President Greg has it for you. He also read a thank you from the family of an Eagle Scout for the recognition dinner recently hosted by the SMOC.

Jack Rife talked about the Tri-Star basketball skills competition which went off very well, February 28th. Winners advance to the regional competition Saturday, March 8th. Jack mentioned he needed 5 more volunteers and was greeted by 4 ready and willing volunteers. Kids who advance to the finals at the Pepsi Center, are treated to free tickets to what should be, an excellent game between the Nuggets and the Houston Rockets. To help defray the cost of these donated tickets, Jack is selling tickets to that game for those interested.



District Governor George Buzick invited members to OI President Dinner March 29th. This is an excellent opportunity to meet the president from Jamaica and hear him speak.

Joe Marci announced the sign-up sheet for presenters for April Super Citizen awards. He also mentioned the March dates have been filled. Joe also mentioned the Rockies have sold his usual allotment of opening day tickets, high times for the defending National League Champions, but don't forget the fans that have supported you all these long years!



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Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

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

Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

Announcements continued

Gary Strowbridge called for more uniforms for the cleanup duty for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. **Craig Eley** said he really enjoyed scooping up the business during last year's festivities and is looking forward to the action this year. Well done!

Oscar Sorenson followed with a call for those interested in a leadership position with the club. Consider this for a memorable year.

Don St. John called attention to the 3 major events that are coming up quickly and for members to get involved in the St. Patrick's Parade, the Furry Scurry, and the MS 150 Bike Ride in June.

Cy Regan reported grocery card sales of \$1350, a strong effort for the week.

The drawing today was for \$230 and after several attempts, no winners were rewarded, it grows to next week!

Speaker Today Our Own Greg Hurd

Our Speaker today is our own **Greg Hurd** who spoke about his interest and collection of model trains. The beautiful display on the table in front of him confirmed the variety and world wide appeal these collectibles have gained.

Greg talked about how these models began back in the late 1800's and continued with varieties of materials and scales they encompassed.

Some of the first trains introduced in Europe were powered by 220V and these early creations were the start of crude but creative examples of craftsmanship during the time.

Some of the early French trains are very valuable with estimates of their worth into the tens of thousands of dollars. Some of the early trains were made of tin with attention to scale but lacking in detail, the Germans were leaders in the world during the early part of the century into the 20's. By the time of WWII, model train production came to a halt, with many of these companies turning their operations to war requirements. In the post-war era, model train came into a new phase as new materials such as plastics were introduced and refined. Also during this time, changes in size of models were also being explored.

One of the more interesting models Greg showed was the Silver Bullet whose origin dates back to Christmas time at the Coors executive offices, and became the feature item for their new light beer. Also, the Mt. Evans model which was available only in the Western U.S. Some engines featured models which actually blew smoke from their stacks while others contained clickers which mimicked the sound of the clickety-clack of actual tracks. A very interesting topic and great models on display!



Photos by Don St. John

New Members Steve Kady & Allen Pierce



Last week **President Greg** inducted two new members:

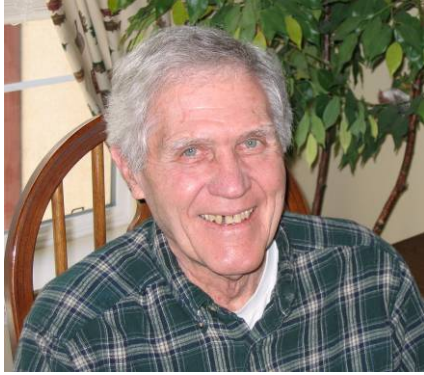
- **Steve Kady**, sponsored by **Tom Hoch**
- **Allen Pierce**, sponsored by **Jim Easton**

For New members, remember—

JUST ASK!

Come Visit!

Jerry Davis can't make it to all our meetings now and he wishes you all his best. He'd love to have you drop in and see him sometime. His new address is 2670 South Abilene, East Building #216, Aurora, CO 80224, phone 303-755-1009.



Exhausted & Proud Granddad!

Richard Cohen reported that his new granddaughter Annabella was born at 10:14am on the morning of February 28th. Mother and daughter are doing fine - the grandparents were exhausted! Dick and Terri spent 28 hours at the hospital. Dick reports at 9 lbs, 13 oz. and 22 inches, we're sure that Annabella will be trying out for a Broncos linebacker position in 2028.



A Big Thanks!



THANK YOU!

25 February 2008
Dear Gentlemen,
Please know how touched and honored each of us are by The Optimist Club of Monaco South's award of Outstanding Eagle Scout Project - Frontier District. Optimist Club members lead by example. Your example certainly inspired our son. Charlie. With gratitude,
Keshi, Carol & Charlie Malar

Monaco South Calendar

Mar 12	Wed	6:30 pm	Monaco South Oratorical Contest - Schlessman YMCA
Mar 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Scott Bates: House Candidate District 9
Mar 18	Tue	6:30 pm	MSOC Board Meeting - Eley's Office
Mar 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Craig Eley: <i>Patrick Henry</i>
Mar 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Apr 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Sara Winter: <i>Nye Colorado Trails Association</i>
Apr 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Bob Fein: <i>Sports Marketing</i>
Apr 11	Fri		Zone 9 Oratorical Contest - Windsor Gardens
Apr 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Apr 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Kristen Bertuglia: <i>Pharmaceutical and Water</i>
May 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Dr. Richard Flanagan: <i>Longevity</i>

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
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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
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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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