

Optimist Club of Monaco South



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 Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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Good Morning Optimist

Those who rose early enough saw a beautiful “Bronco Sunrise” as they made their way, by whatever means, to the meeting this morning. Members were greeted by **Mike Miller** and **Carl Brown**. Invocation and pledge were lead by **Harry Johnson**, our very own WWII vet. Thanks to Harry and all who have served our country!

From the Prez

President **Paul Simon** congratulated **Barry Barker** and the contingent who participated in the *Relay for Life* in Parker on behalf of the FRACSOC club for their gift. Prez Paul presented Barry with a special *Relay for Life* gift.



Photos Don StJohn

Prez Paul also read a thank you note from Lisa Lynch, one of the recipients of our “Partners in Education” Award, which was presented last week.

From the Gov

Gov Phil Perington, current Governor of the Colorado/Wyoming District, asked for support in starting a new club, which will be organized around an interest in classic cars. Phil has promised six members, if other club organizers can come up with the other nine required to meet the chartering requirement of fifteen members. Please contact Phil if interested.



There will be a classic car event in Golden on Saturday, September 7.

Announcements

Super Fan: Freddie “the Bronco fanatic fan” Pasternak was decked out in his totally orange outfit, including orange boots and vintage 1960 orange pants.

Amazingly, the pants still fit (well, almost fit). This was in honor of last Thursday night’s ravage of the Ravens. *Go Broncos!*

OCMS Help on JDRF Walk:

Ron Gustas said that over \$10,000 total pledges have been made to the Juvenile Diabetes Relief Fund and thanked club members for all of their support. On Saturday Ron reported, that **Barry Barker, Michael Chavez, Russ Paul, Mike Prete, John Young, Pat Bush** and himself joined the JDRF staff and other volunteers in getting the “Walk to Cure Diabetes” site ready for the event to be held Sunday, September 8th. The “Walk” is expected to have 7-9,000 participants and hopes to raise near a million dollars for research seeking a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. Many thanks to the above for a great job on a very hot Saturday.



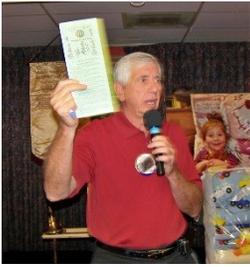
Club Directory Update: Craig Eley made his semi-annual plea for new pictures for the directory, followed by **Tom Mauro** with his semi-annual guarantee of a million dollars worth of new business generated by placing a business card in the directory. He noted, “Guarantee to be honored by **Oscar Sorensen**.”

MSOC Shirts: Tom Glazier announced that new Monaco South Optimist shirts would be available shortly. While there was significant interest in the polo shirt, Tom’s announcement of a “slim fit” dress shirt was met with less than enthusiasm, especially among the more portly members.

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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



At left, "So you want to make a million dollars worth of new business," hawks Tom Mauro. And it is "Guarantee to be honored by Oscar Sorensen."

Photo Don StJohn

Partners in Education Update: Tom Mauro thanked Dr. Bob Finkelmeier for saving the club some money by designing and printing certificates given to "Partners in Education" recipients.

Memory Walk: Cap Hermann requested a few more volunteers for the Alzheimer's Memory Walk, which will be held at City Park on September 21st. See Cap for details.

Cub Scout Pack at Highline: John Oss, pictured at left, requested support for the formation of a Cub Scout Pack at Highline Academy. Organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, starting at 6:30 p.m. See John for details.



Breakfast Caterer: President Paul announced that John Marinis was no longer catering for

the American Legion Hall and that the Legion was going to be hiring another caterer shortly. Currently we will be experiencing several different caterers until a new one is selected. Thanks to John for all of the great breakfasts he has prepared for us over the past years. We hope to see John joining us soon!

Storage Area Alert: President Paul brought up the fact the storage shed used to store equipment for the myriad of Monaco South activities is "a total mess." He asked for volunteers to clean it and to put it back in order and, especially, for someone to chair the activity. While there were no takers at the meeting, it appears that someone stepped forward, as the following was received from Donlie Smith: "It has been reported the storage garage area is reaching capacity,



remember Fibber McGee's Closet." Editor: it may look like the closet on the left, but it sure is bigger.

"So, for those who are responsible for the various items stored the following is suggested:

1. Are there items that are no longer useful that can be discarded?
2. Can items be consolidated into storage boxes for more efficient storage?
3. Are there other

places you could store your items than I-22 garage? 4. What items are seldom used and can be placed on the top racks? 5. What items can be stored with the tree lot trailer? And, 6. Do you know where we could store the Tree Lot Power Poles? Please take time to give us your ideas and inspect the storage area for your items, and then let Donlie know."

October 2013-September 2014 Budget: Treasurer Greg Young requests that all project leaders send him their budget requests for next fiscal year: Oct. 1, 2013 to Sept. 30, 2014. Budget meetings will be held on September 19th, with budgets finalized by October 16th. This year's financial results will be published at that time.

Year End Banquet: Greg Young also reminded us to run down the signup sheet and plan to attend the September 28th, banquet at Blossoms at Heather Gardens, starting at 5:30 p.m. Get your checks to Greg within the next three weeks. There are about 80 currently signed up and help welcome our new club officers and board members.

Drawing & Closing Bell

As the year draws to a close, there are only six cards left to draw. While two people had opportunities to draw the winning card (the Six of Clubs) from the regular drawing, neither was successful. After doling out cups to the other winners, the moment of truth came when Craig Eley drew Freddie Pasternak's name for the draw. Unfortunately, Freddie was not wearing his name tag on the tight orange outfit. Craig then drew Bob Avery's name. Bob was wearing his name tag and immediately pulled the Six of Clubs from the very small pile of cards left, thus becoming the winner of the \$50 pot.



Bob Avery takes the pot for \$50 big ones. It was reported that he did not share any of it with "Bronco Orange Fred."

Photo Don St.John

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Speaker: Susie Fox Sweet Dream in a Bag

Susie Fox was our speaker today, coming highly recommended by the Tamarac Club. Susie and her husband Wayne started "Sweet Dream in a Bag" in order to provide a gift of new bedding to children in poverty and in difficult circumstances who did not have a choice to be there. Sweet Dream also give the entire family acceptance, love, encouragement and hope.

The unique thing about their program is that each child gets to select his/her own bedding from the various "packages" furnished by the organization. Packages consist of a soft fleece thrown blanket tied with a colorful ribbon, a small stuffed animal to love, and a card of encouragement in a clear vinyl bag. Larger packages



Photo Craig Eley

es contain a twin comforter, sheet set, pillow cases with pillow and a personalized booklet.

A volunteer also reads with the child a fun, positive, personalized story that builds self esteem and encourages independent responsibility. Bags are portable so children can take their cozy spaces with them and have sweet dreams wherever they may have to move. Susie and Wayne have visited several Optimist Clubs seeking volunteers to help deliver "Dream Bags" and read to the kids who receive them. If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile project,

contact Susie at 303-507-2098, or visit their website at www.sweetdreaminabag.org.

UP!

UP — This is the only word in the English language that could be a noun, verb, adjective, adverb, or preposition.

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is "UP." It's easy to understand **UP**, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake **UP**?

At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP**? Why do we speak **UP**, and why are the officers **UP** for election and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report? We call **UP** our friends, brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver, warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the kitchen. We lock **UP** the house and fix **UP** the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, and think **UP** excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed **UP** is special.

And this **UP** is confusing: A drain must be opened **UP** because it is stopped **UP**!

We open **UP** a store in the morning but we close it **UP** at night. We seem to be pretty mixed **UP** about **UP**!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of **UP**, look **UP** the word **UP** in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes **UP** almost 1/4 of the page and can add **UP** to about thirty definitions.

If you are **UP** to it, you might try building **UP** a list of the

many ways **UP** is used. It will take **UP** a lot of your time, but if you don't give **UP**, you may wind **UP** with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **UP**. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing **UP**. When it rains, it soaks **UP** the earth. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry **UP**. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it **UP**, for now ... my time is **UP**!

Oh ... one more thing, What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

U P!

Did that one crack you **UP**?

Don't screw **UP**. Tell this to everyone you can look **UP** in your address book ... or not ... it's **UP** to you.

Now I'll shut **UP**.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
9/13/13	Paul Stratton & Bob Coulson
9/20/13	Pat Bush & Tom Glazier
9/27/13	Eldon Strong & Joe Marci
10/4/13	Phil Perington & Steve Kady

Monaco South Calendar

Sep 11	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Sep 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Sep 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Sep 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Chuck Bonniwell, Glendale Cherry Creek Chronicle
Sep 28	Sat	5:30 pm	Installation and Awards Banquet, Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens
Oct 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Darren Martin, Financial Workshops

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Safe	1995-96
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ron Cisco	2009-10
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Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Randy Marcove	2011-12

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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.