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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado  
 Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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Editor for this Issue—John Oss



### Good Morning Optimist

Our greeters today were **Jack Kleinheksel** and **Greg Young** who greeted all with smiles and a firm handshake.

### Invocation and Pledge

New member **Jeff Johnston** opened our meeting with a prayer. The prayer called us to honor our pledge to be “too noble for anger.” The reward of cooling off before responding is real. Following the pray we pledged our allegiance to the flag. A period of camaraderie followed. If you need a bit of dental work done, Doctor Johnston likely can fix you up. He just missed the last directory. He is particularly interested in community service, publicity, program development, and cultivation of membership. Be sure to introduce him around and enlist his help and leadership.

### Thank you from the Tamarac Club

**Roxie Strong**, wife of **Eldon Strong**, thanked us for assisting the Tamarac Club, with a promotional handout at a Rockies game in July. Those who assisted were **Curt Boell**, **Jack Rife**, **Jon Wachter**, **Scott Walker**, and **Russ Paul**. Roxie presented our club with a check for \$100.

### Our Breakfast and Coffee Provider

**Prez Paul** explained that after many years of providing breakfast to Monaco South as well as food services for American Legion members and other clubs that meet there, **John Marinos** no longer is the food contractor at the Legion Hall. John is a valued member of MSOC and we are grateful to him for all that he has done for us through the years. We look forward to seeing him at club meetings and to the prospect of



using his catering services for projects as the need arises.

For todays meeting breakfast food was brought in to cover our needs. Thank you, **Craig Eley**, for enlisting your sister in law **Phoebe MacLeish** to set up our breakfast. Editor: And boy did we have coffee. Just do not get in the way of the two tankards. One was a special brew from Starbucks Coffee.

### CO-WY Breckenridge Convention

Gov. **Phil Perington** reported on the Monaco South turn out and participation. **Kent Gloor** and **Abigail** hosted a social on Thursday evening. The Saturday breakfast was an opportunity for **Prez Paul** to share about the **Don St.John** day celebration. **Joe Marci** and **Ron Cisco** recognized those in the district who supported the essay contest and the junior golf competition.

Those attending from our club were: Governor **Phil Perington**, Prez **Paul Simon**, along with **Joe Marci**, **Ron Cisco**, **Don** and **Charlene St.John**, **John** and **Ruth Oss**, **Kent Gloor** and **Abigail**, **Randy Marcove**, **Jon Wachter**, **Tom** and **Sheryl Overton**, **John Young**, **Fred Pasternack**, **Lt Gov. Mark Metevia**, and **Donlie Smith**. Thanks to Donlie for stirring up rides!

The Glass Half Full band did a rendition of Kids Rock which was recorded and sent on to OI. Thanks to **Jon Wachter** and **Randy Marcove** for their great participation in the band.

**Abigail Nichols** (Kent's wife) is our new CO-WY District governor elect for 2014-15. Congratulations!



Governor Phil Perington presents soon to be President of the Optimist Club of Monaco South Jon Wachter, with his very own CO-WY District shirt. Now Jon has no excuse for not having the appropriate convention attire.

Photo John Oss

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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\*\*\*\***

## From the Prez

**District Convention:** Prez **Paul Simon** reported on a good convention. The club received two new patches for our banner. Our participation in the essay contest and in Junior Golf drew the recognition. Thank you **Ron Cisco** and **Joe Marci** for your leadership.

**Certificate of Membership:** Prez **Paul** called **Cap Hermann** up to present him with his membership certificate. Cap has been a member since January, but we did not have a certificate ready for him at the time. So now he too has his certificate of membership.



Photo Gary Miller

**Seventy Dollar Check:** Prez **Paul** shared that Denver City Councilwoman **Peggy Lehmann** wanted to honor **Greg Young** on his birthday. There was no report on his age. She gave the club a check in Greg's honor.

## Announcements

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, with budgets finalized by October 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Dime a Day Members:** **Fred Pasternack** reported we are up to 67 contributors. **Perry Allan** is doing a year every month. Our club is tops in OI, but we can do more. Fred will accept added donors to fight childhood cancer.

**Glass Half Full Band:** **Freddie Pasternack** repeated that **Jon Wachter**, **Randy Marcove** and the crew did a great job at the convention. They played continuously from 9 p.m. through until midnight. The district is very fortunate to have such a band.

**Alzheimer Association Walk:** **Cap Hermann** is looking for people for the Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> walk. The support task is to ask people to become advocates for support of the Alzheimer Association endeavors. Plan on attending starting at 7 a.m. at City Park. Cap has experience on the organizing committee for the walk in previous years. A signup sheet was circulated. There are about eight thousand people who will participate in the walk.

**Bradley Elementary Eagle Eyes:** **Randy Marcove** passed a sheet to get added help. **Steve Wear**, MSOC member and Bradley principal says one hour a

week does the trick. **Barry Barker** and **Jon Wachter** are already signed up. Three more are needed. The hour runs from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes Setup:** **Ron Gustas** announced that help is needed on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, before the walk. Setup begins at 9:45 a.m. and should be done by noon.

**Builders of Excellence Award:** **Phil Perington** called **Ron Gustas** and **Paul Simon** to receive medallions awarded by OI International for launching a new club. The medallions are to be worn at all district and OI International conventions. **Dick Cohen** was presented a medallion in absentia.



Gov. Phil Perington, I, presents new club building medallions to Paul Simon, c, and Ron Gustas, r.

Photo Gary Miller

Medallions were given for both the "Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club" (T1DOC) and for the "Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club" (FRACSOC).

## Induction of Rodner Winget

**Phil Perington** led **Rodner Winget** through his pledge to honor the precepts of OI.

**John Young** stood with his new recruit. Both **Rodner** and **John** were beaming. The entire club joined in the smiles.

**Rodner** was our speaker on June 7<sup>th</sup>. He submitted his membership application soon thereafter. **Rodner** comes with interest in health and longevity. He serves clients with his photographic and videography skills. He certainly magnified subjects a great deal more during his years as a pharmaceutical biochemist. Seeing the word health in our creed draws his interest. He declares that he would like to lead membership in fitness outings. Your editor joined **Rodner** on his first outing. We took a walk up the hill on Yale and along the trail heading south. **Rodner** would love to have more members join in future walks.



Photo John Oss

From left, John Young, Rodner Winget, and CO-WY Gov. Phil Perington.

## Drawing

Do we have a pot? We started with \$40. The winning card was the two of hearts. **Don Thomson**, **Randy Marcove**, **Rodner Winget**, **John Walsh**, **Bob Coulson**, **Perry Allen**, and **Jack Kleinheksel** had good numbers. Nobody drew the two of hearts. **Kent Gloor** wore his name tag, was summoned to the cards, and failed to draw the winner.

## Pledge

**Steve Wear** led us in reciting the creed.

# Partners in Education Awards

## Special Teacher Award Recognition

**Tom Mauro** served as MC for recognizing three Denver teachers. The audio of the presentation, [CLICK HERE](#), captures the energy and quality of the teachers. Tom's words reported today activities:

"Today's program honored three educators from the Monaco South Service area who consistently go above and beyond the call of duty in providing quality education to their students. By so doing they are contributing to the Southeast Denver Community and providing daily delivery of the motto Friend of Youth to our children. Honored today was Lisa Lynch, first grade teacher at University Park Elementary. Her principal, Dana Williams, attended in support of her.



Lisa Lynch



Ellen English



Matt Spampinato  
Photos Craig Ely

Also being honored was Ellen English, first grade teacher from Bradley International School. Steve Wear, her principal and Monaco South member, attended in support of her. Finally, Matt Spampinato was the third teacher honored. He founded the Communications and Technology magnet school at Thomas Jefferson High School. His new principal Suzanne Morris-Sherer was also in attendance. Many of the children of Monaco South members have had Matt in class and can attest to his outstanding qualities.

Each of the teachers honored today were honored earlier in the year by The Denver Teacher Awards, a private foundation that recognizes outstanding teachers each year in Denver Public Schools. Kendra Black, who nominated Matt Spampinato, explained the industrial strength process and time it takes to put together the books for teachers nominated. Many teachers are nominated, but the books are thoroughly

reviewed to insure the integrity and character of the teachers nominated. Kendra indicated that over 100 letters had been sent by former students for Mr. Spampinato.

The committee arranging for the *Partners in Education Award* today included **Tom Mauro**, chair, **Joe Marci**, **Randy Marcove**, and **Jack Rife**. Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** did the certificates for the awards. Apparently, everyone appreciated the work of these teachers as they all received a standing ovation at the end of the presentation!"



From the left, Tom Mauro, Matt Spampinato, Ellen English, Lisa Lynch, with Prez Paul Simon.



From the left, Kendra Black, Suzanne Morris-Sherer, Matt Spampinato, Steve Wear, Ellen English, Paul Simon, Lisa Lynch, Dana Williams, and Partners in Education Awards Coordinator Tom Mauro.

Photos Gary Miller

### Can you passed this English Quiz...

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between these two words — COMPLETE and FINISHED.

In a recently held linguistic competition in London and attended by supposedly the best in the world, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over 5 minutes.

The final question was: How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand?

Some people say there is NO difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED. Here is his astute answer ...

*When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED, and when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!*

quiz



<b>Weekly Greeters</b>	
Date	Greeters
<b>9/6/13</b>	Carl Brown & Gary Miller
<b>9/13/13</b>	Paul Stratton & ?
<b>9/20/13</b>	Pat Bush & Tom Glazier
<b>9/27/13</b>	Eldon Strong & Joe Marci

**Friday Morning Greeters Needed**  
**Sign up with OC Larson**

### Monaco South Calendar

- Sep 6    Fri    7:00 am    Meeting, Legion Hall - Susie Fox, Sweet Dream in a Bag
- 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 28   Sat    5:30 pm    Installation and Awards Banquet, Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens

**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.