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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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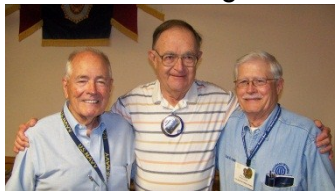
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### Welcome to Camaraderie Day

Having been properly greeted by **Nick** “The Car Guy” **Newey** and **Edward** “Woody” **Thibodeau**, each member was handed a card by **Frank Middleton**, the master mind behind *Shuffle the People Day*. As a way to increase communications between all members, the usual table arrangements were changed by having



The three Amigos, Cy Regan, Donlie Smith, and Don StJohn have a photo moment.

members sit at the table denoted by their card. This really is a great way to get to know our members. For instance, your editor did not know that someone in our midst has a Master’s Degree in Nuclear Physics. Guess Who!

### Invocation & Pledge

**Phil Perington** delivered a stirring invocation and then led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance* to our flag.

### From the Prez

Using his best management skills, President **Randy Marcove** delegated the running of the meeting to his able Vice President, **Frank Ross**. I think this may have been because Frank is the only one in the house who can usually make the microphone work as it is designed. Frank recognized smiling **Jack Phillips**, whom we haven’t seen for a while. Also returned is **Andy McKean**, Liberty Day Maestro Extraordinaire. Frank also welcomed **Dan Hugo** and **Doug Morton**.

### January Birthday Tribute

Frank lead us in a rousing round of “Happy Birthday” to our BD members, **Leo Hagele** 1/5, **Curt Jefferies** 1/27, **Joe Marci** 1/28, **Bill McGroarty** 1/04,

**Andy McKean** 1/25, **Allen Pierce** 1/14, **John Stoffel** 1/7, **Jim Vander Kamp** 1/24, **Jon Wachter** 1/25, **John Walsh** 1/28, and **Peter Zafian** 1/29.

### Guests

**Freddie Pasternack** introduced **Dave Bakke**, who is already a *Friend of Optimism* (FOO), and who Freddie says, can fix anything, including the numerous chain saws that Freddie seems to come up with. Need anything fixed? Contact Dave at [dbak@uswest.net](mailto:dbak@uswest.net). Freddie said he had invited a second guess who was missing. *As was the Broncos defense last Saturday.*

### Announcements

**Denver Golf Expo:** **Joe Marci** announced that there would be a Junior Golf Booth at this year’s GOLF EXPO at the Merchandise Mart during the weekend of February 10-12<sup>th</sup>. If you’re willing to staff the booth for a couple of hours, you will receive a free admission to the EXPO. Contact Joe at 303-771-3748, if you would like to help. Joe also said that there were some final bills to pay for the Tree Lot, but that he would have a full report of how we did in a couple of weeks.



**OCMS Second Quarter Dues:** Second Quarter dues invoices have been sent out by your erstwhile Treasurer, **Greg Young**. Also, invoices for Tree Lot purchases have been distributed. Please pay these invoices as soon as possible. Greg’s friend, Guido, is looking for work and he knows where you live. We all know that **Ron Cisco** would not want the club to have to spend \$.45 to mail a second notice after Sunday.



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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

**Plunge for Special Olympics:** Mike McMahon, one of our newer members, is taking the plunge for Special Olympics Colorado. Rightfully termed, "The Polar Plunge." Mike will be jumping into the Chatfield Reservoir on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Mike is looking for sponsors and you can contribute in person or online at [www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/mikemcmahon/chatfieldpolarplunge](http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/mikemcmahon/chatfieldpolarplunge). Mike is even going to bring his computer to next Friday's meeting to assist everyone in getting involved. *Let's get behind Mike (far enough to keep from getting splashed) and help out Special Olympics Colorado!*



**Eagle Scout Dinner:** Donlie Smith announced the selection of the Eagle Scout Project Award Winner. This will be the 13<sup>th</sup> year that Monaco South Optimist Club has presented this award. Donlie says, "It is truly amazing the service that Eagle Projects provide to their communities, churches and schools. We are also astounded by their efforts and hours put into these projects and the excellence of the Eagles as young men."

The Council award winner was Keenan B. Kimmick, Troop 199, for his Red Rocks Park and Amphitheater Trail. Park authorities estimated the trail restoration could cost as much as \$40,000 (if done by the government). The projects by Scouts cost only \$5,257. Keenan spent 173 hours on the project. Timber steps, water bars and rock check dams were required. The 120 foot trail, previously closed, is now open to literally tens of thousands of people is in excellent condition.

**Sweetheart to Breakfast:** Tom Overton, a real sweetheart of a guy, reminded us that the Sweetheart Breakfast would be held at Citron Bistro the morning of Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. If you're not coming to this breakfast, alone or with someone, you can stop by Denny's for breakfast, since there will be no club meeting that day. Tom also reminded us, once again, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter District Board meeting in "sweetheart" Estes Park, that same weekend.

**Brain Bowl is Here:** *The Brain Bowl is here! The Brain Bowl is here!* Karl Geil made one last plea for support of the Brain Bowl to be held Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at Monarch High School in Louisville. *Yep, that was yesterday. So if you weren't there, you missed it. However, there other opportunities coming. See the schedule on page 3.* Karl begged those who have signed up to be readers to show up, because we have no alternates. Be there or be square.

Paul Simon shared, "In spite of the fact that Freddie would miss a Brain Bowl in many years, there were 104 other people who have signed up to work."



**Super Citizen Program:** The Super Citizen supreme organizer, Don Thomson recognized Harry Fegley and Greg Young for their work at Most Precious Blood School Super Citizen Awards. Don also said that the club is planning a field trip for Super Citizens to the Denver Dumb Friends League. The club is considering presenting the Optimist "Excellence in Education" award to recognize the educators who have supported our Super Citizen Program.



## Drawing & Final Bell

Although there were several attempts to pull the 9 of Hearts from the shrinking deck, the pot still stands. Even Mr. Lucky (aka **Karl Geil**), who had the last shot based on wearing his nametag, couldn't pull the magic card. Next week — \$170! Remember, you can't win if you don't play. Fifty cents a ticket gets you at chance at winning the whole enchilada.



*Promise yourself*

To be so **strong**  
that nothing can  
disturb your  
**peace of mind.**

Optimist Creed

## Now, you're from Colorado if...

- You say "the valley highway" and everybody knows which interstate you're talking about.
- You grew up planning your Halloween costumes around your coat.
- You know what the Continental Divide is.
- You don't think Coors beer is that big a deal.
- You went to Casa Bonita as a kid, and as an adult.
- You always know the elevation of where you are.
- You wake up to a beautiful 80 degree day and you wonder if it's going to snow later in the day.
- You don't care that some company renamed it, the Broncos still play at Mile High Stadium!
- You actually know that "South Park" is a real place, not just a dumb show on TV.
- You know what a "trust fund hippy" is, and you know it's a natural habitat is Boulder.
- You know you're talking to a fellow Coloradoan when they call it "Elitches," not "Six Flags."
- A bear on your front porch doesn't bother you.
- Your two favorite teams are the Broncos and whoever is beating the Raiders.
- When people back East tell you they have mountains in their state too, you just laugh.

## Darwin Awards (Non survival of the unfit)

### Glorious Winner

1. When his 38 caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.

### Honorable Mentions

2. The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting machine and after a little shopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine and he also lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.
3. A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.
4. After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.
5. An American teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.
6. A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man

took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer ... \$15. If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, is a crime committed?

7. Seems an Arkansas guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on the head, knocking him unconscious. The liquor store window was made of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape.
8. As a female shopper exited a New York convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes, officer, that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."
9. The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan at 5 a.m., flashed a gun, and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast. The man, frustrated, walked away.
10. When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street by sucking on a hose, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline, but he plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

*Remember ... They walk among us and they can reproduce.*

<b>Weekly Greeters</b>	
Date	Greeters
1/27/12	Bob Avery & Jim Riley
2/3/12	Terry Shroyer & Leo Hagele
2/10/12	John Oss & Jim Riley
2/17/12	Steve Kady & George Buzick

**Be a Greeter, see OC Larson.**

<b>Super Citizen Presenters for January</b>		
24 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	Steve Kady
27 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Tom Charters

**Be a Presenter, see Joe Marci.**

### Monaco South Calendar

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|---|-----|---------|---|
| Jan 21  | Sat | 7:00 am | North Region Brain Bowl, Superior High School in Louisville, CO         |
| Jan 27  | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Karen Blackman, Colorado Oral-Deaf Pre-school    |
| Jan 28  | Sat | 9:00 am | Brain Bowl Reader Training, Euclid Middle School, Littleton, CO         |
| Feb 3   | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Lindsey Morgan Tracy, Literacy Matters           |
| Feb 4   | Sat | 7:00 am | North Region Brain Bowl, Heritage High School, Littleton, CO            |
| Feb 10  | Fri | 7:00 am | Sweetheart to Breakfast, Citron Bistro, 3535 South Yosemite             |
| <i>No meeting at the American Legion Hall</i> |     |         |   |
| Feb 15  | Wed | 6:30 pm | Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102 |
| Feb 17  | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day                                  |
| Feb 24  | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Incarceration in Colorado, Steve Smith           |



**Past Presidents of the  
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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
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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.