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Best in Children



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February 15th Monaco South

Valentines' Breakfast

Today we had 41 beautiful lady guests to share with us in a delightful breakfast at the Wellshire Inn. A very special thanks to **Tom Overton** and Sheryl for all their work in making this a very special Valentine Wives to breakfast event! We were especially happy to have with us Annette Cohen and Kathy Sullivan who both have many fond memories of attending previous meetings with their husbands.

There were some interesting demographics this year. We had one couple that had been married for less than a year. Guess who? We had five couples attending who had been married for 12 years or less, and only one couple who had been married in the 20 to 30 year range. There were 18 couples who had been married for 30 to 40 years, 12 couples who had been married between 40 to 50 years, and 2 couples who had been married for over 50 years.

Believe it or not, we collectively had over 2,646 years of married life represented by the married couples there. For those who think that's too many, think about it this way. The total years for "couples"

was 1,323 years, however, both man and wife count. If a couple has 40 years of marriage, that totals 80 years of married life, 40 for the wife and 40 for the husband! Going back this many years in history, a person would have been born 83 years before Buddha was born (563 BC). How's that for a little bit of trivia!

Due to breakfast being served a little late we missed **Craig Eley** and Cindy's oldie wed game, which we all look forward to each year, but as a consolation the restaurant waived our \$200 room fee.

The couple that had been married longest won a beautiful floral arrangement at each table. We don't know who had been married the longest at the reception table as the flowers there also mysteriously disappeared as well as the balloons Sheryl had hoped to save for her grandchildren.

Prompted by an offer of a free perfectly clear 8 carrot diamond ring, our men all renewed their wedding vows by promising to be a loving husband and to make their wives outrageously happy for the rest of their married lives.

Again, a special thank you to Tom and Sheryl Overton for making this delightful Valentine celebration!

Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

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

Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

Tri-Star Basketball

The correct date for the Monaco South Tri-Star Basketball tournament is February 28th, not the 21st. Sorry! **Gary Laman** needs lots of help starting at 4:00 pm on February 28th at the Cope Boys & Girls Club on the corner of 8th and Inca.

Super Citizen Comes to Slavens and University Park Schools

You've never seen a happier kid! This youngster from University Park Elementary was practically overcome with joy at being selected as the first SUPER CITIZEN at University Park. All the kids cheered and yelled for each inductee. This IS why we are FRIENDS OF YOUTH! If you have not signed up to present or take pictures at one of the eight schools we support, contact **Joe Marci** or **Don Thomson** right away before all the slots are gone for this year. You will be happy you did!



Computer Needed

LindaLee Law, president of the Lakewood Breakfast Optimist Club is on the look out for a computer that someone may be getting rid of due to upgrading etc. The club's current computer is ancient and they would be most appreciative if someone could help them locate a newer one. If you can help, please let **Greg Young** know.

Welcome Home Reception

Thanks to the following MSOC members for helping at the Welcome Home Reception at Buckley AFB this past Sunday, February 10, 2008. **Donlie Smith, Gary Miller, Phil Parrington, Al Gapuzan, Russ Paul, Greg Young, and Bob Avery** were on the food lines serving some 1,000 attendees representing servicemen and women and their families of the 140th Wing of the Colorado Air National Guard who had recently returned from Iraq. It was quite an event being able to say thank you to our brave men and women for their service

in the fight against terrorism in the Middle East. Many big brass and politicians were also in attendance as well as local TV media covering the event now in its fifth year. Ironically, many were thanking us for volunteering to help make them feel their service was not being taken for granted. A good time was had by all!

See the **News 2 Video, Welcome Home** @ <http://cw2.trb.com/news/kwqn-soldiers-welcomed-home,0,811898.story>. You can pause on the food line pan and see Donlie on the left with the cap, Greg in the red jacket, and Bob on the right in the red vest.

Overheard at Wives to Breakfast

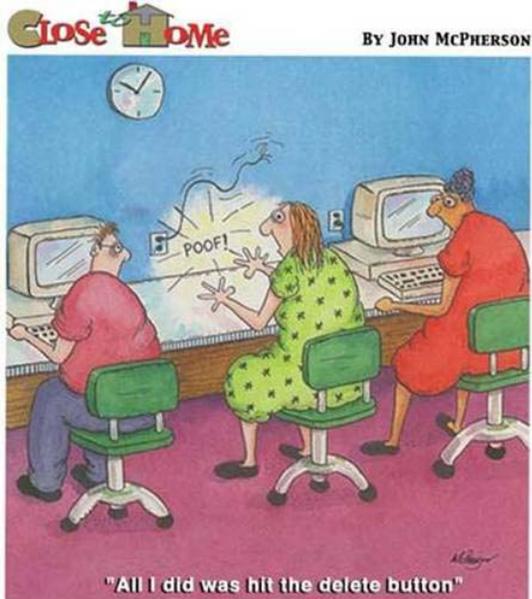
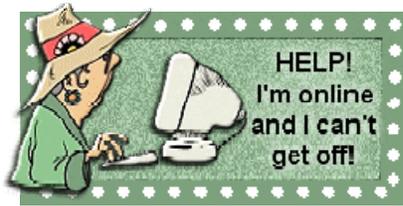
Here are some miscellaneous comments on marriage heard at the wives to breakfast. They will remain anonymous to protect the guilty.

- *I don't mind my wife having the last word. In fact, I'm delighted when she reaches it.*
- *The secret to a happy marriage remains a secret.*
- *I never kept any secrets from my wife—mind you I tried.*
- *My wife and I are two well-balanced God-fearing people who always keep the Ten Commandments—five each.*
- *The only cure for a man in love is marriage. If that doesn't cure him, nothing will.*
- *Marriage—two minds with but a single thought—hers!*
- *Love is blind, but marriage is a real eye opener.*
- *There are two ways to handle a woman, and nobody knows either of them.*
- *An ideal wife is any woman who has an ideal husband.*
- *A woman looking for a husband has obviously never had one.*
- *A man with half a mind to marry has all the qualifications.*
- *A man can be a fool and not know it, but not if he's married!*



Computer Problems

Since many of you are now getting GUMS via email these days the editorial staff would like to share some ideas for keeping your computer experience fun!



"THIS COMPUTER IS EQUIPPED WITH AN AIRBAG IN CASE YOU FALL ASLEEP!"



Animator vs. Animation

For anyone who has ever tried to create something visual beyond words, this is a fun clip to enjoy the satisfaction of getting back at some of the frustrating, non-intuitive programs, that prevent us from easily creating while working on the computer—CONTROL CLICK HERE [OPEN](#)

Monaco South Calendar

Feb 19	Tue	6:30 pm	MSOC Board Meeting—Eley's Office
Feb 28	Thu	4:00 pm	Monaco South Tri-Star Basketball - Cope Boys & Girls Club, 8th and Inca <u>Note Date Change</u>
Feb 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Feb 24	Sun	6:00 pm	Eagle Scout Recognition Reception
Feb 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Bill Convery: <i>Colorado History Day</i>
Mar 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
Mar 12	Wed	6:30 pm	Monaco South Oratorical Contest - Schlessman YMCA
Mar 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
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 11	Fri		Zone 9 Oratorical Contest - Windsor Gardens

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

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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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