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Good Morning Optimists

ORANGE FRIDAY! Al Gapuzan and Chris Dun-

Dunphy stepped up! They saw a need and took the initiative to grab the official “greeter” lanyards and proceeded to press the flesh and make our members feel welcome. Thank you gentlemen! Go Broncos!

Invocation & Pledge

Lynn Jones began our meeting with a Valentine’s Day themed invocation on love, gratitude, and forgiveness. He then led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

From the Prez

President **Michael Chavez** announced that **Chris Dunphy** was voted in as a new Vice President at the Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, January 21st. Congrats to Chris! Welcome aboard.



Michael Chavez
Photo Don StJohn

He then reminded us of the upcoming CO-WY 2nd Quarter Conference on Saturday, February 27th at the Denver Bookbinding Event Center, 1401 West 47th Avenue, Denver. Interested mem-

bers can register on the District webpage at <https://www.optimistcowy.org/>.

Additionally, Michael said he is looking for a chairperson for this year’s upcoming Oratorical contest. The event needs judges, timekeepers, and a sergeant at arms. The first event is at Prairie Middle School on March 23rd.

Guests

New member **Matt Spampinato** introduced his friend **John Scarborough**, whose 3 kids were Matt’s students. John is opening an enrichment center, called Silicon STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Academy for learning coding, robotics, digital media, and engineering. The academy’s goal is to augment what schools are doing.

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Wives & Friends to Breakfast Friday, February 12

The annual Wives & Friends to Breakfast is coming up on Friday, February 12. Brad Montgomery, a magician and comedian who has performed internationally, will entertain us. The venue is Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite St., ½ block south of Hampden. Doors open at 6:30 a.m., buffet begins at 6:45. It’s fine to arrive at 7:00 or shortly after, so sleep in if you want. We’ll be done by 8:15.

You don’t need to bring a wife or a friend, singles are welcome! The tab is \$16 each, and while payment must be received in advance, there are a number of easy ways to pay.

Bring a check made payable to the Club to a Friday meeting and give it to Greg Young. Or, bring a credit card to a Friday meeting and see Greg Young. And, of course you can mail a check to Craig Eley at 3800 S. Peach Way, Denver 80237 in time for it to arrive by February 8th.

Pay online by clicking here https://squareup.com/market/Optimist_Club_of_Monaco_South. Go to “Event Payments” and click on “Valentine’s Breakfast.”

We must give the venue the number of attendees by the Monday before, so make your payment no later than February 8th.

If you have special dietary needs, email them to Craig Eley at craigceley@gmail.com.

There will be no meeting at the American Legion Hall on February 12, so if you want breakfast this is the only game in town.

You’ll be laughing so much that you won’t be able to eat, so come early and get breakfast out of the way first thing!



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*****

Guests Continued

Bob Avery re-introduced Ken Duffy. This is Ken's second visit. Ken is father of four, and looks eager to join. Get him an application and sign him up!

Announcements

A New OCMS Shirt: **Greg Young** asked for a show of hands to see who would be interested in buying an oxford shirt, long-sleeved with the Optimist logo and club name, possibly your personal name as well. They will likely be in the \$25 - \$35 range. Based on the show of hands, a sign-up sheet and more details will be forthcoming.

Brain Bowl: **Karl Geil**, shouted, "One Brain Bowl down and there are three more tournaments to go." The next one will be the Central Tournament on Saturday, January 30 at Arapahoe High School, 2201 E. Dry Creek Road in Littleton. It will be followed by the South Tournament on February 6 at Horizon Middle School, 1750 Piros Drive, in Colorado Springs, and the Championship Tournament on February 20 at Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E. Dartmouth Avenue.

Wives and Friends to Breakfast: Craig Eley announced this event will be February 12th at the Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite. See the front page. This replaces our normal Friday meeting! So if you show up at the American Legion you will be lonely and hungry.

Tri Star Basketball: On Wednesday, February 17th the MSOC Tri Star Basketball will be held at the Boys and Girls Club at 808 Inca from 4:00-5:30 p.m. New member **John Bamford** is running the show, and he needs scorekeepers and timers. Please sign-up or give John a call at 303-549-9600 or email at bamfordjt@yahoo.com.



Special Olympics Polar Plunge: **Mike McMahon** thanked all of those who have pledged to support his Polar Plunge fundraiser for Special Olympics. He is also very happy that the club has made a donation as well. You can still sponsor Mike at a meeting or online by [Clicking Here](#). Thanks you for supporting the athletes of Special Olympics Colorado!



Mike and his entourage at last year's event.

Super Citizen: **Robert Wardlaw** announced Super Citizen programs are coming up at McMeen on January 28 and Bradley on January 29. Get involved in making a Super Citizen presentation, see **Rob Gardner** to sign-up contact him at garderrb@gmail.com or 720-263-6203. In February we have nine presentations and he needs presenters.

FRACSOC Chili Cookoff: **Phil Perington** announced that FRACSOC (Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club) is having their 4th annual Chili Cook-off at the VFW on 2680 W. Hampden, off of Federal. It will be Sunday, January 31st from noon to 3 p.m. Enter your best chili—prizes for best green, red and mystery chili. The cost is \$15 for cooks and \$10 for tasters. Also, there will be a silent auction, live music, root beer floats, etc. So come on down!

CO-WY Essay Contest: **Joe Marci** is working on the district essay contest and is placing kids with clubs. He needs help finding clubs for three - one each in Superior, Commerce City, and Castle Rock. If you have a connection with a club, please let Joe know.

Upcoming Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** also mentioned that the Junior Golf program will be exhibiting at the Golf Expo, February 19-21 at the Denver Mart, 451 E. 58th Ave. Joe is looking for help manning the booth, so let him know if you are interested and available.

2016 Eagle Scout Recognition: **Donlie Smith** passed along thanks to the committee who helped judge projects for the upcoming Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet. The banquet is coming up on Friday evening, February 19th, starting at 5 p.m.

Monaco South Ski Day: **Bob Avery** let everyone know that Monday, March 7th will be MSOC ski day at Bob's condo in Copper Mountain. You are invited for skiing, hot tubbing, or whatever else may happen. Save the date, and Bob will get a sign up going around with more details next week.

Visit to CCI: Further, **Bob Avery** asked if members were interested in again touring the Colorado Correction Industries (CCI) in the Canyon City facility. Based on the level of interest, he will organize an April trip to tour the facility, including the tilapia farm, nursery, and wild horse program. Many members have done this trip before and found it very enlightening. It is usually an all-day event—stay tuned for more details.

Dime-A-Day: **Greg Young** reminded us about the Dime-A-Day program, which is a donation to Optimist International Foundation of \$36.60 in 2016! No, not due to inflation, but it is a leap year! Greg can take checks and now also credit cards.

Drawing

A \$50 bill was awaiting the lucky man who found the 6 of Spades. Alas, no luck for **Chris Dunphy** or **George Buzick**. Cups went to **Nick Newey**, **Jack Kleinhessel** x 2, **Dick Nickoloff**, **Ron Cisco**, and **Kent Gloor**.



For the Nametag draw, **John Young** was wearing his, but had no luck on the draw.

Creed

Our creed was started off by **Don Thomson**, and we were sent out on to our day with smiles on our faces - now **GO BRONCOS!**

ATTENTION PLEASE



Due to a large influx of new members the name badge box is being updated. Check the Chart on the Lid of the Box for the New Location of Your Badge. If your badge is not there, then either you have kept it in your possession, or it is lost. If it is lost, please contact **Jon Wachter**, at jon_wachter@msn.com and he will make you a new badge. As new members are added, their badges will be placed at the end of Box 2 until the boxes are once again updated.

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Happy Bucks

Our speaker did not arrive today, so **President Chavez** called an audible—*Happy Bucks!* To benefiting the Childhood Cancer campaign. Highlights included:

- ♦ **Ron Cisco** - Happy that his son is adopting 2 children.
- ♦ **Craig Eley** - Happy that his first grandchild is coming in July. 42 years was his first date with Cynthia, 22 years later at the same restaurant he met John Young which lead to his joining this club.
- ♦ **John Greene** is happy that he is walking on grass instead of pushing it up.
- ♦ **John Bamford** is happy he was able to take his kids to the Stock Show.
- ♦ **Harry Fegley** is happy that his "maturity" now allows him to ski for free at Monarch.
- ♦ **Bob Avery** is happy because his son's parole date has been moved up.
- ♦ **Don St. John** is happy for all of his grandkids.
- ♦ **Jack Kleinhessel** is happy that his Eagle scout son passed the EMT course.
- ♦ **Steve Kady** is happy to report that his granddaughter is pregnant.
- ♦ **Jim Easton** is happy that his former boss John Scarborough is visiting the club and may join.
- ♦ **Robert Wardlaw** is happy to be living in beautiful Colorado.
- ♦ **Dick Nickoloff's** granddaughter is having brain surgery

on February 3rd. He happy because he knows the best wishes and thoughts of club members will support her.

- ♦ **Dick Zolman** is happy, and he doesn't owe us an explanation!
- ♦ **Chris Dunphy** is happy to be in the club and to become a new Vice President!
- ♦ **Harry Arkin** is happy to be back from New Zealand, and for moving his home and his office closer to our meeting place.
- ♦ **Phil Perington** is happy that his dad, **Al Perington**, and **Ron Cisco** are neighbors, and is looking forward to Ron giving Al a ride on Friday mornings.
- ♦ **Ken Duffy** is happy for good health, and happy to give best wishes for those who may not be.
- ♦ **Cap Hermann** is happy for his new granddaughter.
- ♦ **Mike McMahon** is happy that his 10 year old son surprised him and did sit-ups for two hours, a total of 1,500! Mike sponsored him a penny a sit-up for a fundraiser.
- ♦ **Tom Kramis** is happy since he son has signed up for a STEM Academy course.
- ♦ **Matt Spampinato** is happy that his daughter is opening her own bread company.
- ♦ **Gary Strowbridge** is happy since his 2 year old grandson had a cyst taken off his chest in surgery at Children's Hospital and is doing well.

Some Identifying Characteristics of Optimists

by John Young

The Optimist lives well, laughs often and loves much, looks for the best in others, gives the best he has, and leaves the world a better place than he found it.

The Optimist knows that happiness does not depend on who you are or what you have: it depends solely on what you think.

The Optimist knows that regrets don't come from trying and not succeeding. Not trying your hardest to do something you dream of is what makes you have regrets.

Optimists live in honor and integrity so that their self-esteem is not miserable.

Optimists go after creating their highest goals and visions, and don't wish and dream they will just happen on their own.

Optimists know that in the end it is their relationships, not their accomplishments or money, that matter the most in life and which will ultimately bring them the greatest sense of fulfillment and belonging.

January Super Citizen Presenters

Jan 20 @ 2:30	MPB	Joe Marci
Jan 28 @ 3:00	McMeen	Joe Marci
Jan 29 @ 3:00	Bradley	Everett Gardner

Be a Super Citizen Presenter
See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203
gardnerrb@gmail.com

Weekly Greeters

1/29/16	Allen Malask & Ed Collins
2/5/16	John Oss & ?
♥ 2/12/16	Robert Wardlaw & Ricardo Ortiz ♥
2/19/16	Bob Avery & ?

Help, Help, Help — we need
Friday morning greeters,
see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or
jon_wachter@msn.com

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40th Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Jan 30 Sat	6:45 am	Brain Bowl, Central Regional, Arapahoe High School, 2201 E. Dry Creek Road
Feb 5 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 6 Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl, South Regional, Horizon High School, 1750 Piro Drive, Colorado Springs
Feb 12 Fri	7:00 am	Valentine's Day Wives' to Breakfast: Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite St. ♥
Feb 18 Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Feb 19 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day



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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
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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.