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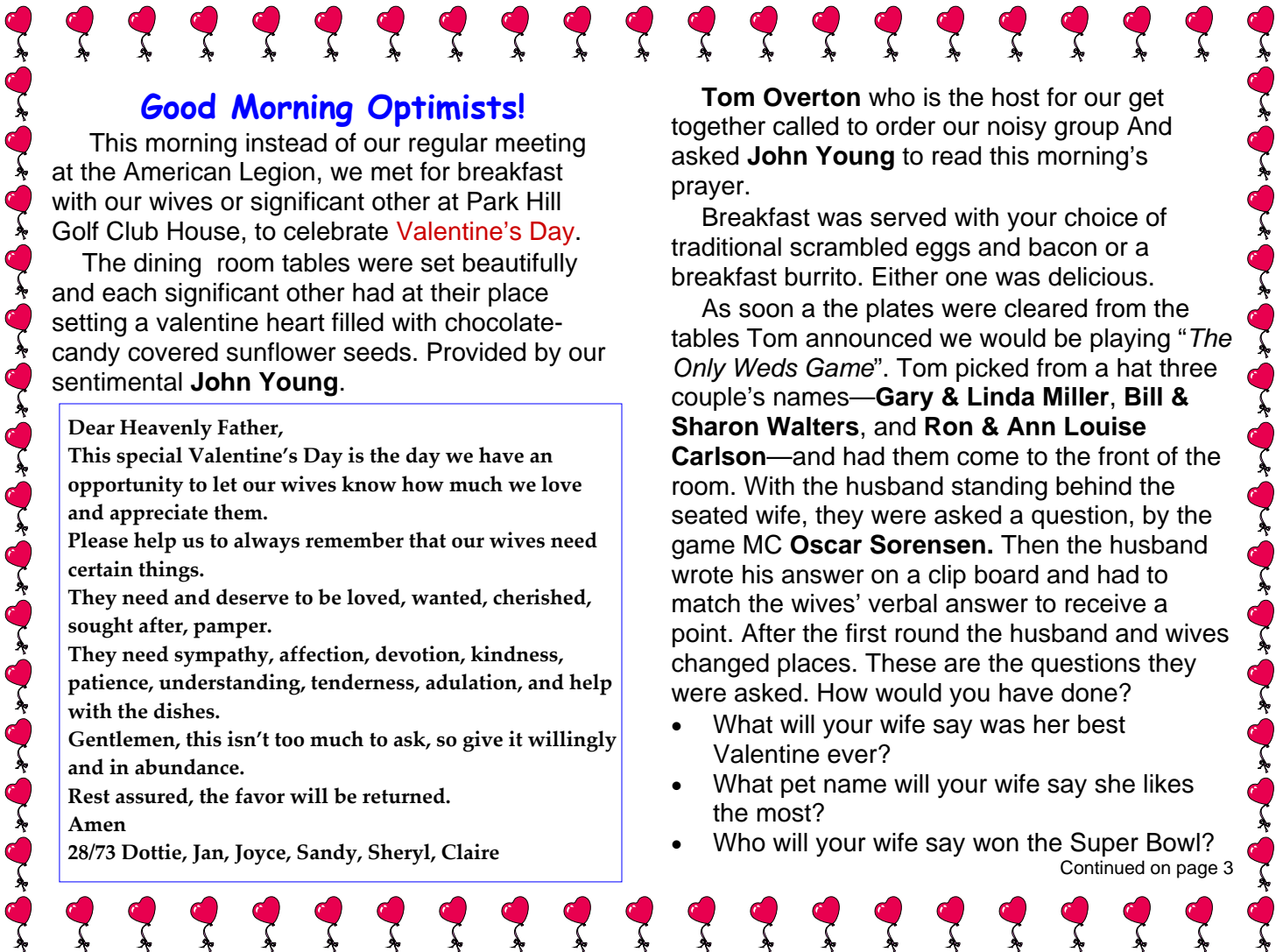
The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Editor for this Issue—OC Larson



Good Morning Optimists!

This morning instead of our regular meeting at the American Legion, we met for breakfast with our wives or significant other at Park Hill Golf Club House, to celebrate **Valentine's Day**.

The dining room tables were set beautifully and each significant other had at their place setting a valentine heart filled with chocolate-candy covered sunflower seeds. Provided by our sentimental **John Young**.

Dear Heavenly Father,
This special Valentine's Day is the day we have an opportunity to let our wives know how much we love and appreciate them.
Please help us to always remember that our wives need certain things.
They need and deserve to be loved, wanted, cherished, sought after, pamper.
They need sympathy, affection, devotion, kindness, patience, understanding, tenderness, adulation, and help with the dishes.
Gentlemen, this isn't too much to ask, so give it willingly and in abundance.
Rest assured, the favor will be returned.
Amen
28/73 Dottie, Jan, Joyce, Sandy, Sheryl, Claire

Tom Overton who is the host for our get together called to order our noisy group And asked **John Young** to read this morning's prayer.

Breakfast was served with your choice of traditional scrambled eggs and bacon or a breakfast burrito. Either one was delicious.

As soon as the plates were cleared from the tables Tom announced we would be playing "*The Only Weds Game*". Tom picked from a hat three couple's names—**Gary & Linda Miller, Bill & Sharon Walters, and Ron & Ann Louise Carlson**—and had them come to the front of the room. With the husband standing behind the seated wife, they were asked a question, by the game MC **Oscar Sorensen**. Then the husband wrote his answer on a clip board and had to match the wives' verbal answer to receive a point. After the first round the husband and wives changed places. These are the questions they were asked. How would you have done?

- What will your wife say was her best Valentine ever?
- What pet name will your wife say she likes the most?
- Who will your wife say won the Super Bowl?

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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 Super Bowl Winners

By Joe Marci

Last week's winners from our club were **OC Larson, Oscar Sorensen** and **Bob Avery**. The 4th winner was a bowler. Thanks to all the guys who supported the Optimist Jr. Golf Super Bowl Fundraiser. Bob called **Joe Marci** to say he got too much money, \$40, for his winning quarter score. The winners each received \$40 and Jr. Golf banked \$40. For those members who want to support the Jr. Golf Program there will be several other opportunities to contribute. We'll be sharing these with you in the coming months.



If They Don't Come To Us, Then We Go To Them

By Steve Kady

Bonnie Brae Tavern Manager Rick Dire was invited several times to a MSOC's Friday meeting to receive a certificate of appreciation. Due to the fact that he has to work late on Thursday night's, and do all the cooking the following day, Rick just couldn't get up early enough to make a meeting. So Prez **Ron Cisco**, along with **Allen Yockey** and **Steve Kady**, made the trip to the Tavern. Prez Ron made the presentation in front of a jammed packed audience of customers. It couldn't have been better!



President Ron Cisco presents Rick Dire, Bonnie Brae Tavern Catering Manager a certificate of appreciation for the food contribution to our holiday party.

Photo by Allen Yockey

Rick's kind and caring contribution of pot roast and turkey fed nearly 100 members and friends at our Holiday Party on January 9th. Rick's donation was well over \$250 of food.

Rick has indicated that we can count on him and the Bonnie Brae to help out with next year's party. If you happen to be near the Bonnie Brae Tavern, at 740 South University Boulevard, please stop in, introduce yourself and tell Rick "thanks" for his help. You can find out more about this historic Traven at <http://bonniebraetaverninc.com/>.

Super Citizen Presenters for February

Day	School	Presenter
17 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Les Larson
17 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Miller
19 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Craig Eley
19 @ 9:10 am	Holm	George Vassilaros
22 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Ron Roth
25 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Todd Olson
26 @ 1:30 & 2:15 pm*	Samuels*	George Vassilaros
26 @ 2:45 & 3:15 pm	Univ. Park	Steve Kady
26 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Randy Marcove

* Note date change

Central Region Optimist Brain Bowl

By Karl Geil

Many thanks to the 29 volunteers from Monaco South at the Central Region Optimist Brain Bowl: **Russ Paul, Jack Kitchell, Don Iley, Gary Strowbridge, Jim VanderKamp, Ron Gustas, George Vassilaros, Oscar Sorensen, Don St. John, Ron Roth, Don Thomson, Frank Middleton, John Young, Bryce Slaby, Peter Dimond, OC Larson, Scott Walker, Tom Mauro, Donlie Smith, Randy Marcove, Paul Bernard, Bill Litchfield, Joe Marci, Rich Mahoney, Bill Wells, Craig Eley, Frank Ross, Paul Simon, and Karl Geil**. Monaco South led the way with 29 volunteers. Tamarac Optimist Club was close behind with 21 members.

We had about 120 Optimists/guests in support of 75 teams of middle school students, nearly 400 kids, plus their parents, other family and coaches. One of our Super Citizen Schools, Hamilton Middle School, had the 2nd place 6th grade team, and its 7th grade team made it into the afternoon elimination rounds.

Don't forget, we are doing ANOTHER Brain Bowl in 2 weeks in Colorado Springs, the first full South Region Brain Bowl. We need assistance, so please RSVP to Paul Simon at paul4123@comcast.net so we know how many helpers to expect. Give some time to the kids! Optimist Brian Bowl information is found at the web site: www.OptimistBrainBowl.org.



Photo by Don StJohn

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Optimist Brain Bowl Cont.

More pictures from the Brain Bowl. Note the bright eyes and smiling student contestants in this years competition...



...compared to some of the MSOC heavy-eyed, sluggish, and lethargic looking judges who are contemplating their decisions below.



Photos by Don StJohn

Central Region Brain Bowl 2010 Finals Results

February 6, 2010 at Overland High School, Aurora

Note: all are Middle Schools

6th Grade		Finals Score
1st	Northridge 6A	14
2nd	Hamilton 6A	6
3rd	Campus 6A	
4th	Littleton Academy 6B	

7th Grade		Finals Score
1st	Campus 7B	15
2nd	Littleton Academy 7A	14
3rd	Euclid 7A	
4th	Goddard 7A	

8th Grade		Finals Score
1st	Campus 8B	18
2nd	Campus 8A	15
3rd	All Souls 8A	
4th	Goddard 8A	

Note: Last Year's Results:

6th Grade	
1st	Littleton Academy 6A
2nd	Monument Academy 6B
3rd	All Souls 6A
4th	Goddard 6B

7th Grade	
1st	Campus 7B
2nd	Littleton Academy 7A
3rd	Campus 7A
4th	Powell 7A

8th Grade	
1st	Euclid 8B
2nd	Campus 8A
3rd	Sagewood 8B
4th	Sierra 8A

Good Morning Optimist Cont.

- What will your husband say is his favorite meal that you cook for him?
- What will your husband say is his favorite TV program?
- What will your husband say is his favorite Optimist Activity?

At the conclusion of the game **Tom Overton** awarded First Place in "The Only Weds Game" to **Gary and Linda Miller**. They received a flower bouquet and a round of applause. Next he gave the flower bouquet at each table to the lucky person setting to the right of seat number three!

Winding up the Valentine Breakfast Event, **Tom Overton** led us in the Optimist Creed.

Colorado-Wyoming District Meeting

Below is photo of a bunch of rowdies from Monaco South who posed with our Lieutenant Governor **Abigail Nicholas** at the 2nd quarter board meeting Saturday, February 13th.



Photo by Mike Snipes

CPR Class Saturday

March 6th 8:30am to 12 noon at Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda.
Heart saver class includes: CPR for Adult, Child, and Infant
Use of AED (automatic external defibrillator)
Cost if \$30 includes Book
Contact Joyce Thomson at 303-757-4273

Monaco South Calendar

Feb 17	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Feb 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Feb 20	Sat	7:00 am	South Region Brain Bowl Tournament, Harrison High School, 2755 Janitel Road Colorado Springs, CO
Feb 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Christy Wessler, Comedienne, Singer, Songwriter
Mar 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Sandy Clough, Radio Talk-Show Host
Mar 6	Sat	8:30 am - noon	CPR Classes by Joyce Thomson, at Augustana Lutheran Church, Sign up by Calling 303-757-4273
Mar 6	Sat	8:30 pm	Tri-Star Basketball Regional Completion, Boys & Girls Club Wilfley Branch
Mar 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Julia Wagner, National Veteran's Wheelchair Games

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

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