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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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### Good Morning Optimist

Friday morning began with **Keith Gallaway** flying solo as greeter. He did an outstanding job pressing the flesh! The question asked the most was, “where is **Freddy Pasternack** today?”

### Invocation & Pledge

Lt. Gov. **Mark Metevia** delivered the invocation and reminded us of our mission to “aid in the development of youth.”

### Guests

No guests today! So, try and bring someone to our meeting on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### From the Prez

**President Paul Simon** made a special presentation to **Cy Regan**, who turned 85 years young this week, February 6<sup>th</sup>. **Happy Birthday Cy!**

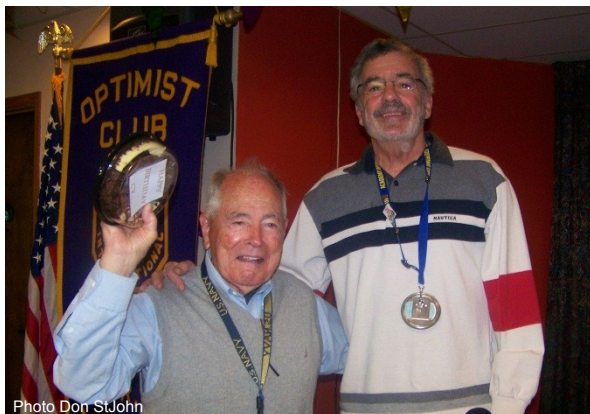


Photo Don StJohn

Of course Cy received a very typical rendition of *Happy Birthday* from all MSOC members in attendance — of course the only way birthday wishes can be sung without receiving a Grammy award.



### Valentine Breakfast This Coming Friday

All members are invited to bring their significant other to breakfast on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> @ Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite Street.

*Keep in mind there will NOT be a meeting at the Legion Hall.*

**Prez Paul** shared that it was a busy week for club meetings. On Monday night **Mike McMahon** ran the new member introduction meeting. Then Front Range American Cancer Society Club (FRACSOC) met Friday night, and Tuesday night **Ron Gustas** ran the meeting for the about-to-be-formed JDRF club.

The **Prez** announced that George Washington H.S. girls soccer team sent a nice thank you note for allowing them to help at tree lot. Editor, “*We should be thank them! They were a big help on one of my shifts.*”

On Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Brain Bowl Championship Tournament, at the Douglas County High School in Castle Rock, the new FRACSOC club will be raising funds as concessionaire vendor. They need at least 20 or so to tend to the stand; so if you can help in selling snacks and drinks, please let Paul Simon know so he can pass it along.

### Announcements

**Bob Safe’s Memorial Service:** **John Young** reported that 29 Monaco South Optimists attended **Bob Safe’s** memorial service this past week. Bob was our 20<sup>th</sup> club president. In attendance were **Bill Anderson, George Buzick, Ron Carlson, Ron Cisco, Ed Collins, Bob Avery, Bob Finkelmeier, Curt**

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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

**Jefferies, Jack Kitchell, Joe Marci, Mark Metevia, Todd Olson, John Oss, Tom Overton, Russ Paul, Don St. John, Pat Sullivan, Dick Cohen, Don Thomson, John Young,** and many spouses and ladies from the Tamarac Club.

### Brain Bowl Update: Karl Geil thanked the MSOC



members (and their non-Optimist spouses) who made the Central Optimist Brain Bowl Tournament held Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> a success. Members in attendance were: **Kent Gloor, Barry Barker, Joe Marci, Bruce Prather, Terry Shroyer, Pat Bush, Greg Young, O. C. Larsen, Bryce Slaby, Marc Goodbody, Paul Simon** and his wife, Debbie Reinberg, **Don St. John, John Oss, John Young, Mark Metevia, Gary Strowbridge, Frank Ross** (all Hail the King of the Buzzer Boards!), **David Telpner, Harry Fegley, George Buzick, Tom Overton, Randy Marcove, Dick Cohen, Paul Bernard, Allen Pierce, Tom Glazier, Scott Walker, Tom Charters, Ron Gustas, Cy Regan, Don Thomson, John Greene, Michael Chavez** and **Karl Geil**. Monaco South accounted for 32 of the 126 volunteers at the Central Tournament, which is just over 25% of the total. Thanks again to all who make the Optimist Brain Bowl such a great event. Now it is on to the South tournament, which will be held on Saturday.

### Liberty Day: Andy McKean announced that Liber-



ty Day will be Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the State Capitol with 120 kids participating. If you want to go on a tour of the Capitol let Any know and be there at 11:00 a.m. There is room for 30 adults. Governor **Phil Perington** announced that **Barry Barker** is now the new chair of the Liberty Day committee. *Thanks for stepping up Barry!*

JDRF Optimist Club Building: **Ron Gustas** says that on either March 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> the JDRF club will have it's charter date. Sign up or bring new members as a great new club is launched!

The Polar Plunge: **Mike McMahon** is going to be Freezing for a reason! February 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Polar Plunge. If you signed up, also register on line - look for an email from Mike with instructions. The event benefits Special Olympics, so if you are making a donation please make your check out to them.



File photo: At left Mike McMahon, in the center, last year jumping into the 35 degree water, along with 500 other people who supported the fourth annual Special Olympics Colorado Polar Plunge.  
Photos Kim McMahon

Estes Valley Model Railroaders: **Greg Hurd** announced that the Estes Park Train Show is February 16 and 17 in Estes Park at the Estes Park Conference Center, Rocky Mountain Park Inn (old Holiday Inn), Highway 36 and Highway 7 (St. Vrain). Adults \$5 & kids under 12 free. Lots of trains for sale and many operating layouts. Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hurd's Open House: With all the CO/WY District Conference goings on in Estes Park, the Hurd's, Greg and Cathy, are having an open house on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at their house in Estes, 409 Pawnee Lane. Contact Greg for a map (email copy) or call him at 303-220-7296 Denver or 970-577-9881 in Estes Park. Wine and Beer are sure to be there. His house is just off Highway 7 about 3 miles south of the intersection of Highway 36 and Highway 7 (first stop light in Estes on 36 coming from Boulder). Be sure to RSVP before Saturday so he will have enough wine etc. on hand.

CO/WY District Conference: The District Conference is Friday through Sunday, at The Stanley Hotel, 333 Wonderview Avenue in Estes Park, the same weekend.

Tri-Star Basketball: **Michael Chavez** reminded us that Tri-Star Basketball is Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 3:30 - 6:30 p.m., at the Boys and Girls Club (Ninth and Inca) and he and Jon Wachter could use some help. To sign up see Jon or Michael!

Oratorical Contest: **Keith Gallaway** let us know that March 1<sup>st</sup> at TJHS is the Oratorical contest from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Students from GW, South and TJ will be participating. Keith and **Frank Rowe** are still looking for a few more helpers, so please sign up.



The Joy of Optimism: **John Young**, who made the optimistic presentation last week, let us know that 22 members requested quotations from him since the presentation. John put together folders for each (with photos!), plus John's complete "Collections of Quotations" is attached to the GUMS distribution email.

Super Bowl Winners: The Ravens and Optimist Jr. Golf were the big winners of the Super Bowl however our club had several winners too. **Gary Strowbridge, Oscar Sorensen** and **Joe Marci** each won once. Friends of Monaco South also were winners as **Sam Pegues**, a former member, took home a winning quarter and one of our essay judges, **Nicki Orr** won twice including the end of the game as a result of the safety the Ravens took. Thanks to all of those who supported Jr. Golf during this years' Super Bowl.

## We had a drawing!

**Jack Kleinheksel** and **John Oss** went in search of the \$90, but alas, it was not in the cards.

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## Place Bridge Academy

**Erin Kobler, Parent & Community Engagement Specialist**

Our speaker today was from Place Bridge Academy — Erin Kobler, who is the Academy’s parent and community engagement director. Erin, a Ft. Collins native, works “in the trenches” with kids in difficult situations. Place Bridge is the magnet school for refugee children of elementary age. Place Bridge began when Place Middle, Whitman, and Fallis closed.



The Place Bridge Academy has Early Childhood Education - 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes, with over 1,000 kids. The school is at 7125 Cherry Creek North Drive (Cherry Creek North and Monaco, and have overgrown the building and now have an annex building at Cherry Creek South and Quebec.

Forty percent of the students are refugees, with 40 countries and 60 languages represented. Although the school is located in SE Denver, it accepts any “newcomer” from all over the city. A refugee is defined as having well founded fear of persecution in their home country due to religion, race, and belief. Bhutanese from Nepal are currently the largest source of ref-

ugees for the school. The U.S. is one of 10 countries that accept refugees, and Colorado received 1,700 in 2012. The school has a newcomer center to assess student needs and a testing center to rate English skills, since all instruction is in English. Medical and dental assistance is available on site to make those services more accessible. The school also provides tutoring and activities after school.

Erin works in the parent welcome center, where they offer English as a Second Language and computer class for parents in an effort to assist whole family. The school relies on many community partners including MSOC (we assisted with a backpack program). They are looking for male mentors for their program “Pals”- the mentors have lunch once a week with a middle school student. Place Bridge is completely funded by DPS, with community partners providing additional programs they receive no federal money. For more information contact Erin @ [erin\\_kobler@dpsk12.org](mailto:erin_kobler@dpsk12.org) or 303-514-4482.

### We had a drawing! Continued:

Cups went to: **Steve Kady, Tom Mauro, Pat Bush, Don Thomson, and Al Gapuzan** was wearing his nametag, but drew the wrong card this time as well.

**WE WILL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK AT CITRON BISTRO! BRING YOUR SWEETHEART WITH YOU! BE SURE TO BRING SOMEONE — THAT WAY IF YOU GO TO THE AMERICAN LEGION BY MISTAKE, AT LEAST YOU'LL HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO!**

### Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
2/15/13	Harry Johnson & George Buzick
2/22/13	Gary Strowbridge & Tom Seaman
3/1/13	John Oss & Dick Cohen
3/8/13	Bob Avery & ?

### Super Citizen Presenters for February

Feb 15 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45 am	Holm	Joe Marci
Feb 20 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Bob Avery
Feb 22 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Dick Cohen
Feb 22 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Al Gapuzan

### Monaco South Calendar

Feb 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Sweetheart's to Breakfast, Citron Bistro  
 Feb 15-17 Fri-Sun CO-WY District 2nd Quarter Conference, Stanley Hotel, Estes Park, CO  
 Feb 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102  
 Feb 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - American Presidential History, Lisette Clemmons  
 Feb 23 Sat 7:00 am Brain Bowl Championship, Douglas County High School, Castle Rock  
 Mar 1 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado History Day, Kendra Black  
 Mar 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Kendal & Taylor Atkinson Foundation, Ken Atkinson  
 Mar 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day  
 Mar 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

**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.