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Good Morning Optimist

The happy faces of **Nick Newey** and **Tom Hoch** greeted us as we came in from a chilly but clear Friday morning.

First Bell & Invocation

After the Prez shouted to share an optimistic greeting to your neighbor, **Bob Avery** offered up a prayer for the Rockies after they come home from a 1-3 start to their 2014 season. But Optimism abounds as they have their home opener today and several Optimists have their purple on in preparation for a great afternoon at the ball park.



Play ball! It's the Rockies Home Opener!

Guests

We did not have any guests this morning so the membership did not have to worry about our behavior. All in all, everyone was reasonably good.

Announcements

National History Day: Karl Geil read a letter that he had received thanking us for all of our support in the past for the National History Day program from Kendra Black, State Coordinator. He also reminded the membership that this year's competition will be upon us shortly and he will keep us updated.



File photo of
Kendra Black
Photo Don StJohn

Search for Greeters: The search for greeters is ongoing according to **O.C. Larson**. He reports that the search is particularly in need of new member greeters. This is a perfect way to meet and get to know all of the Monaco South members. For those who are unfamiliar with this activity, it is a chance for you and a partner to stand at the entry and greet each member as they arrive for the membership breakfast meeting. By the start of the meeting you will have talked with some 50 to 60 smiling faces; perhaps heard a joke or two and having your spirits lifted for a great start to the weekend. See the list on page 3.

Christmas / Holiday Party: Believe it or not, **Frank Middleton** wanted to be sure you have plenty of time to get the annual Holiday Party on your calendar. It is scheduled for Saturday evening on December 20th (2014 of course). It will be at the Glenmore Country Club this year. Frank shared that with over a six months advance notice there should be no excuses for not making it. Details will be forthcoming.

YMCA Capital Campaign: **Jack Rife** reported that he recently attended a YMCA recognition dinner. They distributed a list of donors to the Schlessman YMCA capital campaign. He said that he was able to identify over 50 Monaco South members who have made contributions and thanked the club for all of the support that Monaco South has given to the YMCA over the years.

Colorado Health Fair: The Colorado Health Fair is fast approaching. As usual, Monaco South will be supplying cashiers at the Schlessman YMCA site on Sunday morning May 4th from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. If you would like to help, just contact **Howard Fry**.



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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

Know Brainer: The Know Brainer competition for 5th graders will be held at Hamilton Middle School on Saturday, May 3rd. **Michael Chavez** is looking for a couple more readers—must have been trained for the Brain Bowl—and 13 more volunteers to help run the competition. If you think you are smarter than a 5th grader, then come by and help or watch the competition. Michael says you'll enjoy yourself and *that's a Know Brainer!*

Birthday Gift: Randy Marcove presented Phil Perington with two tickets and a box of tissues to the Rockies home opener this afternoon. The gift was in recognition of Phil's birthday today — April 4th. As it turned out Phil only needed the tissues to wipe away tears of joy as the Rockies pounded the snakes from the desert.



Phil Perington, left, shows off his "You owe me \$200" sign while Randy Marcove recognizes Phil's BD.
Photo Don StJohn

Friday Morning Walk: Rod Winget announced that they will be talking their weekly 20-minute brisk walk through the neighborhood right after the meeting. He has only been able to get four members to join him but he says there is room for more and it is a great way to work off those breakfast calories.



And look at who you might meet—no guarantees of course.



Membership Roster Pictures: This is the last opportunity to have your picture taken for the upcoming edition of the membership roster. **Craig Eley** will be taking pictures during the remainder of the meeting but must leave right after. Craig also said that he had been talking with **Randy Marcove** before the meeting and that Randy admitted that honesty was one of his many weaknesses. Craig thought that honesty would be a virtue not a weakness. Randy replied "*Who cares what you think.*" That phrase became the *Phrase of the Day* as it was repeated often throughout the remainder of the meeting.

Honoring Eagle Scouts: The Denver Area Boy Scouts Awards Dinner was held recently and our own President **Jon Wachter** participated. In light of that event, **Bob Avery** recently came across at patch that

honored the Boy Scouts highest rank of Eagle Scout by the U.S. Navy's submarine veterans. Remembering that **Doug Morton** had achieved Eagle Scout status and that Doug's father had served the country as a submarine sailor during World War II, he thought it appropriate to pass the patch on to Doug.



US Submarine Veterans
Honoring the Eagle Scouts of America patch.
Photo Craig Eley

Pluck the Duck: Paul Simon reminded us that he has tickets for the Duck Pluck to be held at the Third Quarter District Conference on May 3rd. The Duck Pluck tickets cost just \$5.00 each or you can purchase a "Quack Pack" of 6 tickets for \$25.00 or a "Quacker's Dozen" of 13 tickets for \$50.00. All proceeds go to the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Grand prize is room and meals at the District Convention this summer in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Paul is also looking for a few good Duck Plucker's to help pluck duck on May 3rd. If you would like to plunk ducks, call Paul.

Outstanding Educators Award: Nominations for the Outstanding Educator Awards are being sought by **Tom Mauro**. If you know a teacher that approaches their job with enthusiasm and makes a real impact on student's lives, this is an opportunity to nominate them for this award. Contact Tom for criteria.

Do We Have A Drawing?

Winners of cash cups this morning were **Ron Carlson**, **Don Thomson**, President Elect **John Oss**, **Tom Hoch**, **George Buzick** and **Russ Paul** (my second sponsor). **Phil Perington**, **Oscar Sorensen** and **Doug Morton** all tried their luck with the cards but washed out. The big pot now grows to over \$50.00. BTW, here is why the pot of \$120 was down this week. Jack **Kleinheksel's** guest, **Storm Gloor**, with a ticket presented to him by Jack, pulled the lucky card. Did you notice—both were missing today.



Prez John Wachter, left, with guest Storm Gloor. Storm pulled the lucky card to win the \$120 pot last week. Okay, where is he this week?
Photo Don StJohn.

Ever Wanted To Have A Butler?

Steve Kady found that the *Glendale-Cherry Creek Chronicle* did a feature article on **Perry Allen**. The article can be seen at <http://glendalecherrycreek.com/ever-wanted-to-have-a-butler/>. Perry is recognized by the author, Mark Smiley as "*Colorado's Top Butler.*" Congratulations Perry!



Our Speaker Our Own John Young

What does Optimism Mean to You?

Editors Note: John Young has been a member of MSOC since 1976. Yes, he is a charter member. John served as the club's president 1982-1983. He and his wife Claire, have been instrumental in many leadership and promotional activities to promote optimism!

Our guest speaker this morning was not a guest at all. In fact, he was charter member of Monaco South Optimist Club **John Young**. John spoke on the topic of "*What Does Optimism Mean to You.*" John introduced us to Ron Stanley whom sponsored John when the Monaco South Club was being built in 1976. John has since lost track of Ron but thinks he is now in Texas. He thanks Ron often for having impacted his life so profoundly in 1976. John said we all should thank our sponsors for inviting us to join the Optimist organization. Editor's comment: *Perhaps we should have a hug your sponsor day at one of our meetings.*

John said the most disappointing moment in his Optimist career happened on December 30, 1976 when the President Gerald Ford declined an invitation to attend a Monaco South breakfast meeting. John was looking forward to sponsoring President Ford as an Optimist member. The most memorable moment for John was when Monaco South sponsored the Tamarac club in 1993. That club has grown to become the second largest club in the Colorado-Wyoming District.

The best officer installation banquet, as remembered by John, was the one held at the Phipps Mansion in 1984. This one was particularly memorable for this editor as I was the outgoing president at the time.

John has been on a long time search for the one



John Young
Photo Don St. John

word that best describes the Optimist organization and he thinks he has finely found it. That one word is KINDNESS. There are many quotes about kindness but one of John's favorite is "*Neither genius, fame or love show the greatness of the soul. Only kindness can do that.*"

Men spend their lives seeking happiness and Optimists are generally happy people. That is because they have discovered what makes men happy. That is to: "*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, for as long as you can.*"

John invited several other members to talk about what optimism means to them. The stories varied a bit but the bottom line was best summed up by that old Budweiser commercial quote: "*I love ya, man.*"

John often thinks back to 1976 and asks, What if ... What if Ron Stanley had never asked him to join the Monaco South Optimist Club as a charter member? If John had never joined the club then some 60 other members may not have gotten the chance to join. We need to share optimism with everyone we know. Ask someone to come to a meeting and give them the opportunity to become an Optimist. Otherwise, we might be left to wonder, What if?



Editor, see the attachment to the GUMS distribution email for some "Kindness Wisdom."

Super Citizen Presenters for April

Apr 16 @ 2:30	MPB	?
Apr 18 @ 8:30	Slavens	?
Apr 22 @ 1:30	Samuels	?
Apr 25 @ 9:30	Holm	?
Apr 25 @ 12:45	McMeen	?
Apr 25 @ 3:00	Bradley	?

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

Weekly Greeters

4/11/14	Barry Barker & Michael Chavez
4/18/14	Jack Kleinheksel & Dave Peck
4/25/14	Don Thomson & Greg Young
5/3/14	Russ Paul & ?

Need Friday morning greeters,
see O.C Larson, 303-797-7432 or
larson1942@comcast.net

Apr 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - John Hames, TV Star
Apr 12	Sat	12:30 pm	Tri-Star Basketball Finals - North High School, 2960 N. Speer Boulevard
Apr 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Apr 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado Alliance for Retired Americans
May 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
May 2-3	Fri-Sat		CO-WY 3rd Quarter Conference
			Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd., Golden

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

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
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Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Cy Regan	1999-00
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Stan Cohen	2000-01
John Young	1982-83	Don St. John	2001-02
Pat Bush	1983-84	Jack Rife	2002-03
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Greg Young	2007-08
Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
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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.