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Encounters

As the guy responsible for arranging speakers, it's gotta be your worst nightmare when the speaker calls you the day before your meeting and says he can't make it. Today's speaker had the flu. But John Moser, knowing that he'd eventually need to deal with the problem, had a plan. John, with the assistance of a few members, sidestepped a problem and provided a very entertaining presentation. John talked about personal encounters with some real "characters" and referred to it as the good, the bad, and the ugly. The pace was a bit fast to catch his stories but he talked about Ken Kesey the author of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and a hero of the countercultural revolution and the hippie movement of the 1960's. There was Tom Wolfe, one of the founders of the New Journalism movement of the 1960's and 70's. At the extreme was Dick Afflis aka Dick The Bruiser who was a former professional football player turned wrestler who became a symbol of the 1950's tough guys - a beer guzzling, cigar chomping "bruiser" of a man. Greg Hurd took a girlfriend to a Mancini concert, got invited backstage and spent most of the evening there. Jack Rife got Cassius Clay's signature on a dollar bill and gave it to his girlfriend. Tom Hoch saw Mohammed Ali at the airport and has a picture where it appears he's landing a punch on the boxers chin. Eldon Strong met Earl Campbell and had guard duty for Rudolph Hess. John Young was in an elevator with 7'2" Artis Gilmore. Bob Avery had the honor of presenting an award to a sitting U.S. President. Ron Carlson and Paul Bernard had encounters with some well know folks but the pen went try and my memory failed. Everyone should write an article detailing the specifics of their encounter titled "My Encounter With ____" to be printed in the newsletter on Camaraderie Day. The stories were great.

Meeting Place - American Legion Hall Post No. 1

Club News for August 10

Invocation

Ralph Pedersen read the invocation this morning asking for the guidance to see every day as a special gift and providing the support to live the Optimist Creed. Members gave the pledge to our flag,

Fort Lupton Duck Race

Peter Dimond is selling tickets for the Fort Lupton Optimist Club Duck Race. The annual race held this year on Sept. 9 is the main fundraiser for the Ft. Lupton Club.

Buy a ticket for \$5,00 and sponsor a duck to race the distance of the tributary of the South Platte. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the prizes are:

\$500.00 for 1st	\$250.00 for 2nd
\$100.00 for 3rd	\$ 50.00 for 4th
\$ 25.00 for 5th - 9th	AND

\$100.00 if your Duck takes the non-direct route and finishes last.

Mr. Dimond says he's been selling these same ducks since 2000 and MSOC has had a winner every year but one ... dismissing Bob Finklemeier's claim that he never got paid.

Thank you

Dear Mr Marci and Mr. Cisco,
I would like to thank you and the Optimist club for such a wonderful Opportunity to compete in your championships at Palm Beach Gardens. My Mom and I had a great time! I'm looking forward to competing again next year.
Sincerely,
Kim

Super Citizen Program

Although it's still a ways off, be assured that Din Thomson is working diligently to provide another successful year. His meeting with the 7 school principals went well.

What No Peaches?

For the answer to why we are at risk of not getting the western slope peaches this year go to www.denverpost.com/business/ci_6541382 It's an interesting article and you will learn about the soft suture and split pit.

Super Market Sales

Sales of King Sooper cards totaled \$750 and sales of Safeway cards totaled \$450. A nice gain of \$350 over last week. Good show!

MUDD Volleyball

The following members worked the MUDD Volleyball Tournament last week-end and did a great job. Thanks to Greg Hurd, Curt Boell, Ron Carlson, Ken Rock, Ralph Pedersen, Donlie Smith, Russ Paul, Leo Haggie, Pat Sullivan Greg Young, Robert Wardlow, and Joe Marci. Cy thanks you all for volunteering.

Rockies Handout

Volunteer to handout Rockies jersey's at the game on August 22 at 4:15pm. With enough volunteers the club can earn \$500. With only 5000 jersey's to give away you will be done quickly. The Rocks are playing Pittsburgh. Go Rockies!

Tickets Available

Joe Marci is selling 4 tickets to the Rockies game on Labor Day to support Junior Golf. It's the start of a 3 game series against San Francisco. Go Rockies!

Liberty Day

There is a need for two volunteers to serve as Liberty Day School Coordinators. If you have the time give it some consideration.

**INSTALLATION BANQUET
SEPT 8TH, SATURDAY NIGHT, 6:30 PM
BLOSSOMS AT HEATHER GARDENS
DINNER \$20 per person
COCTAILS AT 6:15, SETTING AT 6:45, DINNER AT 7:00**

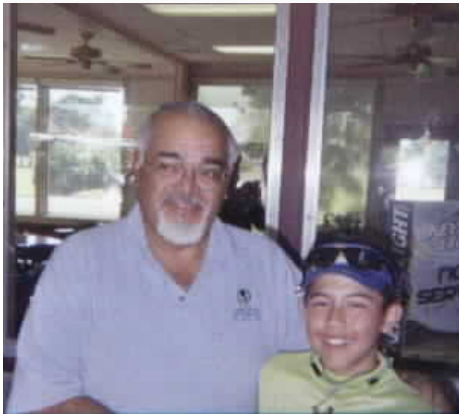
“Please call me or sign up, \$20 per person, New York Steak or Chicken Oscar (Oscar is many things, but not a chicken).

IMPORTANT: YOU MUST PAY NOW !!! We have to pay for the meals in advance !! Cash or check (to MSOC), give to Donlie.

Deadline Aug 31st....Deadline Aug 31st...Write this down !!”

Donlie Smith

Ron Cisco & Kim



MSOC Donations

MSOC is making a donation of \$250 to the Colorado Neurological Institute's Cochlear Kids Camp and \$300 to Help Them Hear Foundation. Bill Litchfield will deliver the check to Cochlear Kids Camp and Paul Bernard will present the check to Help Them Hear at the District Convention.

Monaco South Calendar

Aug 16	Thur 6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Craig Eley's Office
Aug 17	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Comaraderie Day
Aug 24	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Aug 24-26	Fri-Sun	Colorado / Wyoming District Convention
Aug 31	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Dr. Shane Steadman, Stress Reduction
Sep 7	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - First Tee
Sep 8	Sat 6:30 pm	Installation Banquet, Blossoms at Heather Gardens
Sep 14	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Craig Eley, Constitution Day
Sep 20	Thur 6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Craig Eley's Office
Sep 21	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - 100% Day, Y'all come now!
Sep 28	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA

Past Presidents

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bill Walters	1991-92
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bob Safe	1995-96
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Tom Overton	1996-97
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Pat Bush	1983-84	Cy Regan	1999-00
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Jack Rife	2002-03
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Karl Geil	2003-04
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Avery	1989-90	Donlie Smith	2005-06
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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 successes 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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