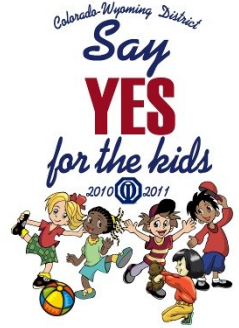




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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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Greetings

Friday morning, October 1, 2010, and the beginning of another grand opportunity for the members of Monaco South to rise to new heights of excellence. Every September the music plays and we circle the chairs of leadership. When the music stops, the leadership positions are filled and some find they have no seat. While not everyone can have a leadership position, we can all strive to continue the excellence, which has been established by those who have gone before us.

The beauty of the Optimist Creed is that it begins, "Promise Yourself....." And so it falls to each of us, whether in a leadership position or not; to renew our commitment to living by the tenets of the creed; to leaving the communities we serve just a little bit better than they would have been without us; and to "Bringing out the Best in Kids."

Good Morning Optimists

Our new 35th President **Ed Collins** dropped the gavel on the bell at exactly 7:00 a.m. Having been greeted by **Russ Paul** and **Jon Wachter**, the mem-



President Ed and First Lady Beda Collins at the Installation Dinner, September 24th at Blossoms Restaurant.
Photo Greg Young

bers were treated to the usual fine breakfast, prepared by our own **John Marinos**. **Jim VanderKamp** gave an excellent extemporaneous invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

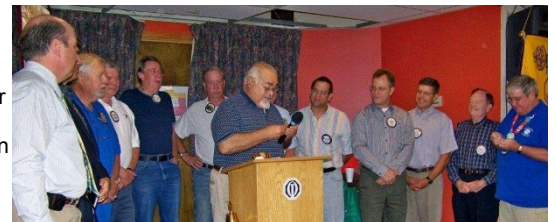
Recognition

Immediate Past President **Ron Cisco** presented some very important awards for the year 2009-2010 to a couple of people who were unable to make the installation banquet. The Marlin Kent Lifetime Achievement Award for ongoing service to the club was presented to **Bill Walters**. **Frank Middleton** was presented with a Life Membership to Optimist International for his service as Club President in 1978. This honor normally is bestowed on Presidents when they finish their year, but somehow Frank was missed. Banker that he is, Frank immediately requested to be compensated for the 32 years he has been paying full dues, to which Treasurer **Greg Young** replied something to the effect of, "Fat Chance."

In addition, the Board of Directors also voted to provide a (well deserved) Life Membership to **Joe Marci**. Although Joe has never been president of the club, he has certainly done everything else that can be done. In addition to being present at most club events, Joe is the driving force behind the Tree Lot, the Scholarship Program and Junior Golf. Go Joe!

Ron also recognized **Phil Perington** as Optimist of the Year for the 2009-2010 year and presented last year's Board of Directors with pins recognizing their service.

Past President Ron Cisco recognizes his officers for their past service.
Photo Don StJohn



Meeting Place

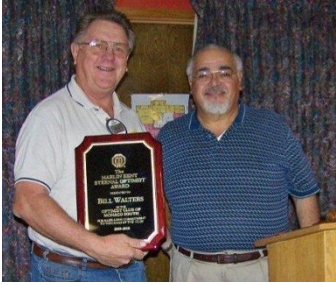
American Legion Hall Post 1

5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado

Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am

****INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN****

Recognition Continued



Bill Walters, on left, receives the Marlin Kent Lifetime Achievement Award Ron Cisco.

Photo Don StJohn

Past President **Ron Cisco** presents the Marlin Kent Lifetime Achievement Award for ongoing service to the club to **Bill Walters**. Bill past president, 1991-92, was instrumental in starting 100% Day and our Thanksgiving Dinner for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver.

The New Regime

Prez Ed introduced officers for this year, including **Randy Marcove** and **Paul Simon** as Vice Presidents, **Greg Young** as Treasurer and **Jack Rife** as Secretary. The Board consists of **Michael Chavez**, **Henry Fegley***, **Les Larson***, **Wyatt McCallie***, **Frank Middleton***, **Terry Shroyer**, **Kale Smith**, **Brian Williams***, and Past President **Ron Cisco**. (* New members to the board.)

Ed has reinstituted the Sergeant of Arms position, which will be filled by **Don StJohn**, **Craig Eley** and **Tom Hoch**. These three are authorized to issue \$1 fines for conduct they consider to be not in keeping with the scrupulously high standards of the club. There were some comments by the usual suspects (**Bob Avery**, **Oscar Sorensen**, etc.), and some offers to pay in advance for those who knew fines would be coming. Oscar was heard to say that he'll need to take out a loan for the coming year.

Super Citizens School Guests

Don Thomson, Program Coordinator, who has been heading the Super Citizen program for the past several years, gave a brief history of the program and recognized "**Dr. Bob**" **Finkelmeier**, who prints all the certificates for the 700+ students who received them this past year. He also mentioned that **Greg Hurd** has designed a model presentation for Super Citizen Assemblies, but apparently has kept it well hidden, since nobody but Greg and Bob knew that it existed. Representatives present from the following schools were:



- Adam Volek – McMeen Elementary
- Heather Reagan – Bradley International
- Barbara Nash – Hamilton Middle School
- Kurt Siebold – Slavens Elementary
- Dana Williams – University Park Elementary
- Cari Riedlin – Lowry Elementary
- Colleen McManamon – Most Precious Blood
- Gregg Gonzales – Highline Academy

Each of the representatives was given a chance to speak and all said that the Monaco South Super Citizen Program was one of the most popular in their re-

spective schools and that students were constantly striving to become "Super Citizens." There were also a number of testimonials from members who had their first experience with the Optimist organization at Super Citizen assemblies and later became members of the club. **President Ed** closed this segment of the meeting by sharing the story of how his daughter had received the award in 1994; he joined the club because of this, and is now the President.



Super Citizen representatives were recognized and listened to all of the comments regarding our great program.

Photos Don StJohn

Announcements

New MSOC Membership Roster: **Tom Mauro**

asked those who might have updates to club directory or wanted to add or delete their business cards to contact him.

Dr. Ed. Fankhauser OC Monaco South Founder: **Bryce Slaby** recognized Ed, who attends meetings on a regular basis, as not only a charter member of Monaco South, which was formed in 1974, but as the President of the club which built Monaco South.

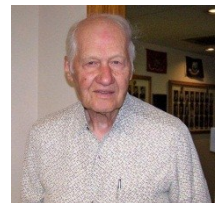


Photo Don StJohn

King Soopers/Safeway Coupons: **Donley Smith** announced that we had, once again, surpassed the \$1,000 mark for *King Soopers/Safeway Coupons*. This is a painless fundraiser. We all have to eat (or put gas in our cars). The club gets 5% of the value of certificates redeemed.

Drawing: We broke open a brand new deck of 52 cards to start the year. Seems as if nobody wanted to try for the pot, which was only \$10 and a 1 in 52 chance, when they were assured of winning at least six bucks by taking a cup. What a choice!

Member Update: **Tom Mckee** has moved to Shalom Park and is resigning from the club for health reasons. **Robert Duvall** reports, hip is coming along okay. May be able to drive by November 5th!

Recap on 34th Annual Dinner

By Phil Perington

In 1976 The Optimist Club of Monaco South (OCMS) was founded by **Dr. Ed Fankhauser**. It is rumored that he did it as a science experiment. The result of this act of faith has been almost supernatural. The Club has grown to, and maintained its annual status of Honor Club by maintaining and preserving a spirit of camaraderie, humor and service to the community, in spite of itself. A big thank you to Dr. Ed!

The 34th Installation Annual Dinner was a wonderful reflection of what MSOC is all about. After Greeter and Door Monitor, **Gary Strowbridge**, confirmed all those in the room were probably okay, **Bob Hugo**, our designated Sergeant at Arms “with horn,” crisply blew his trumpet at 7:00 p.m. sharp announcing dinner is served.

Everyone eventually seated themselves and prepared to engage in eating and camaraderie. **Greg Young** then recited the invocation honoring the efforts Optimists engage in and followed with Pledge of Allegiance. Dinner was then served and we were presented plates of superb prime rib and halibut accompanied by delicious buttered sliced carrot, salad and fresh rolls. Dessert was a toss-up.

Following dinner **Craig Eley** and the crew sang a wonderful rendition of “*Thank God I’m an Optimist*” to the accompaniment of **Frank Ross** and **Randy Marcove**. President-elect **Ed Collins** shared his vision statement for



On left OCMS founder Dr. Ed Fankhauser and charter member Marlin Kent at the Installation Dinner. Marlin is still active in sorting and labeling GUMS newsletters each week and holds the distinction at being our senior member. Photo by Greg Young

2010-11 and assured everyone he wasn't "crazy or out of his mind" for taking the job. He then went on to produce a huge bottle of meds to prove his point. Everyone enjoyed the moment and we all look forward to another successful year.

Ron Cisco recapped the Club activities of over 30+ community programs delivered by the Club during 2009-10. Ron announced the recipients of the Marlin Kent Lifetime Achievement Award, **Bill Walters**, and Optimist of the Year Award, **Phil Perington** and announced that Past President **Frank Middleton** (1981-82) and **Joe Marci** were being awarded with *Lifetime Membership* status.

The installation of new Officers commenced and was conducted by Lt. Governor **Clara Sitter**. New members present, included VP's **Randy Marcove** and **Paul Simon**, Treasurer, **Greg Young**, Board members **Les Larsen**, **Wyatt McCallie** and **Terry Shrover**.

Following the induction Colorado-Wyoming District Governor, **George Mills** speaking from his heart, reflected as to the great strides our District had made in 2009-2010. Governor George went on to affirm the mission of Optimism, as we impact the community and how MSOC was a continual leader in Colorado and the International Optimism Organization. The closing ceremony was highlighted by the Blue Jacket Presentation. All past Club Presidents donned their Blue Jackets with **Greg Young** and **Phil**

Perington slipping **Ron Cisco** into his jacket, giving a big high-five for the kids and metaphorically placing a big wet kiss on his forehead and a slap on the butt! It was an excellent evening of Optimism and good cheer.

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Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
10/8/10	Frank Middleton & Paul Stratton
10/15/10	Bob Avery & Joe Marci
10/22/10	Frank Ross & Fred Pasternack
10/29/10	George Vassilaros & Elton Strong
11/5/10	Russ Paul & Keith Gallaway

Monaco South Calendar

Oct 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Don't Hurt Colorado, Amendments 60 & 61
Oct 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Oct 20	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Oct 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado Supreme Court Election
Oct 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - James Buckles, Executive Director, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Rocky Mountain Chapter

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
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Walters	1991-92	Phil Perington	2008-09
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ron Cisco	2009-10

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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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