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Good Morning Optimist

In a preview of the Fall to come, the temperature was 54 degrees outside as **Ron Cisco**, Past President of MSOC Past Distinguished Governor of the CO/WY District was joined in greeting incoming members by Charter Member and Past President of MSOC **John Young**, the *Member Recruiter Extraordinaire*.

Past President **Randy Marcove**, ever the adventurer road his big fat tired bike to the meeting and parked it at the bar, as another Past President **Jon Wachter** passed around the greeter signup sheet. For those of you who haven't been a greeter, it means arriving around 6:45 a.m. and welcoming members and guests as they enter the hall. See Jon and sign up!

First Bell

President **Michael Chavez** rang the bell at precisely 7 a.m., and after the invocation and pledge led by **Greg Hurd**, called upon **Phil Perington** for a special presentation.

Phil introduced the "man of the day," his father **Al Perington**, whose birthday was August 3. He's 90 years young! Read Phil's recognition of his father below.

Phil also introduced **James Smith**, a long time friend and business associate of Al's. Congratulations to Al and all of those who have served our Country in military service.

From the Prez

Prez Michael mentioned that our newest member, **Dave Moore**, was approved by the Board of Directors at their last meeting. *Welcome, Dave!*

Michael also mentioned that a new club building effort has commenced in Englewood, with the support of the Mayor. The club will be centered on support of the Optimist International Junior Golf. See Michael or Phil Perington if you would like to assist in building this club.

According to Michael, and **Donlie Smith**, Donlie will be stepping down as the Chair of the **Bill Walters Boys and Girls Clubs and Girls Inc. Annual Thanksgiving dinner**. If you are interested in chairing, or co-chairing this annual event, which is one of our flagship programs, please see Pres Michael or Donlie. Donlie has consented to sticking around to train the new honcho. Thanks to Donlie for all of the effort he has put in to coordinating this activity over the past several years. He deserves a rest!

Michael also said that we need some new photographers for our **Super Citizen Programs**. We have 10 schools in-

involved in this program and the presentations sometimes overlap. If you are handy with a camera and enjoy seeing happy smiling faces of both students and parents, this is the job for you. See Super Citizen Chair **Robert Wardlaw** or **Rob Gardner**, who maintains the presenter schedule, if you are interested.

Prez Michael also shared that MSOC has another opportunity to make some money for the club by working the Colorado Rockies game this Sunday, August 7. If you have a couple of hours free, starting at 11:15 a.m. come on down. You can park for a dollar and watch the game for free. We will also be working the game on Sunday, August 21st, with an opportunity to make \$750 for our youth activities programs by handing out Bubblehead collectibles before the game with the Cubs.

Presentation to Al Perington

by Phil Perington



Phil Perington recognizing his father Al Perington for his birthday and military service with a Military Honor patch.

Photo Don StJohn

This morning, **Al Perington** celebrated his 90th birthday in the company of his friends and pals by being treated to an inspired singing of Happy Birthday in the Classic Monaco South tradition.

His son, Philip presented him with the *OI and OCMS Military Honor patch* for his service in the

Army Air Corps during World War II as the only turret tail gunner, armed with two .50 caliber machine guns, in a B-24-Liberator named "Alice from Dallas." Al was a member of the 464th Bomb Group. The 464th was stationed in Bari, Italy and Al completed 51 missions, earning the Distinguished Silver Cross for the solo kill of an attacking ME-109. His tour of duty from May to October 1944, also earned him a *Certificate of Valor* for a total of six Air Corp medals. Although he avoided a Purple Heart many of his crew members earned it, and some of them for serious and near fatal injuries.



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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******

Presentation Continued

It should be noted the normal tour of duty was 25 missions, but AI served at a crucial time in the War and by which the 15th Army Air Corps Division had increased required missions to 50. Concentrated and brutal bombing runs were conducted over the German Oil Depot at Ploesti, Anjou Beach and Krakow, involving severe air combat, intense anti-aircraft flak and heavy casualties. It was a very dangerous time and many young men lost their lives in combat fighting for America.

Because of Service Veterans like AI Perington we are still the greatest nation on the planet. His devotion and commitment to defend our inherent rights of freedom have been preserved for all men, women and children lucky enough to enjoy the privilege of living in the United States of America.

Additional Notes

- ◆ 464th Bomb Group 4 Squadrons 776, 77, 78, & 79. 144 members of the original Group. Annual Reunion in Denver this September 15-18, 2016.
- ◆ Training in Pocatello and West Palm Beach at Morrison Field then airlifted to Home Base in Bari (South Central) Italy. "Alice from Dallas" was their aircraft, also a survivor of every mission. One hell of a B-24 Liberator. Cruising speed 250 MPH at 20,000 ft. No heat, insulation or modern technology, like email.
- ◆ Targets included dangerous and brutal targets in Ploesti-Poland the center of 20% of the German Oil supply. Heavy casualties, flak and intense air combat.
- ◆ Vienna Austria Ball Bearing Plants and Krakow Poland the main marks helming yards for prison camps and supply distribution.
- ◆ Other Targets were located in Germany and France. Carpet bombing some of the most contested soirée's, including two low altitude cover missions for infantry troops fighting German troops on the beaches of Anjou.
- ◆ Flew 50-missions, plus one extra and received the Certificate of Valor and six other Air Medals. One of which was the Distinguished Flying Cross for solo kill of incoming ME-109. Some fellow flight crew members also were awarded Purple Hearts, including the pilot who was blown out of his cockpit seat and almost killed.
- ◆ The 8th Air Corp Division only required 25 missions for completed tour of duty. The 15th Division required 50.
- ◆ Rear Ball Tail gunner with twin-50 caliber machine guns one on each side of the rotating chair. Full view of the action including the bombs dropped, planes going down and parachutes of fallen crewmen.

Many memories from this historical time in American History. See the 464th Bomb Group Facebook page @ <https://www.facebook.com/464BG>.

Announcements

CO-WY 4th Quarter Convention: Curt Merrill, current governor of the district indicated that 85 people have signed up to attend the 68th annual CO-WY District Convention, being held at the Ft Collins Marriott August 26-28. See the GUMS distribution email details and agenda.

Some rooms are still available at the \$119 per night rate. Talk to Curt or his wife Trish to get details. Curt's number is 303-589-3000. Do not call the hotel.

Anniversary / Installation Extravaganza: Craig Eley is compiling brief video clips of Past Presidents of Monaco South for presentation at the 40th Anniversary and Installation Extravaganza, which will be held at Muggiano's on Saturday, September 24, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. Craig would like to get as many presidents as possible to make the video a real blockbuster. Craig also requests that all past presidents in attendance at the fete wear their blue jackets. Price of lunch is \$30/person. Not \$34 as previously reported.

MS Bike Ride: Bob Avery thanked those who have already paid up on their pledges for the MS Bike ride and suggested that there is still an opportunity to donate to the

40th Year of Monaco South

The Celebration & Installation will take place on **Saturday, September 24th at Muggiano's Little Italy, 7401 South Clinton, Englewood, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
Cost is \$30 per person

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MS Foundation, [CLICK HERE](#). Bob said that his "Personal Power Sources" for this ride were **Bill Morgan** and the late **Pat Sorenson**.

Junior Golf Championship: Reporting on the OI Junior Golf Championship, **Joe Marci** said the Colorado team's best performer was Mary Weinstein from Highlands Ranch who finished 5th in her age group, but a good time was had by all. **Barry Barker** helped shepherd our contingent in the early rounds. **Cap Hermann** and **Bob Meyer** will report when they get back from Florida. Once again, a stellar performance of coordinating the tournaments, fund raisers and all connected with this event by **Ron Cisco, Bob Meyer, and Joe Marci**, plus all golfing members of MSOC.

Joe also mentioned, the *Entertainment Books* are still available. The money earned goes into the OCMS Sullivan Scholarship Fund.

Brent's Place Annual Pancake Breakfast: **Paul Bernard** thanked those who got up early last Saturday morning to serve a pancake breakfast to those who participated in the walk for



Pancake chiefs Paul Bernard, Phil Perington, and Eldon Strong.
Photo Don Thomson

Brent's place, which provides temporary quarters for parents and siblings of kids undergoing Cancer treatment. Over 2000 pancakes, with all the accoutrements were served by members of Tamarac and Monaco South. Following are the participants: **Pat Bush, Allen Pierce, Gary**

Strowbridge, OC Larson, Greg Young, George Buzick, Ed Collins, Mike White, Michael Chavez, John Swick, Eldon Strong, John Greene, Don Thomson, Frank Middleton, Curt Merrill, Don Roth, Phil Perington, John Young, Harry Arkin, and of course Paul.

GUMS Photographer Stepping Down: Having faithfully served for many years, as "Official Meeting & GUMS Photographer" for our meetings, **Don St. John** is stepping down. Don will turn over his camera to anyone who is willing to take it. The main focus of this role is to take pictures every Friday morning for use in GUMS. Most of the fine pictures in GUMS are the result of Don's excellent work and we salute him for his perseverance and professionalism.

Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club:

Paul Simon is asking our help in salvaging the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club, FRACSOC. This club is one of many built by Monaco South, but needs our support in order for it to survive. They will be holding a meeting on August 16 to discuss how they can continue to function. If you have any suggestions, or would like to attend the meeting, contact Paul at 303-300-9940 or email at paul4123@comcast.net.

Frank Francone

Colorado State Health Care System, Amendment 69

Past President **John Oss** introduced our speaker for the today Mr. Frank Francone. Frank has been very active in Colorado politics and has spent several years educating Coloradans on the dangers of *The Affordable Care Act* and the need for increased choice in healthcare decision-making. He holds a law degree and is currently a small business owner as well as Healthcare Policy Fellow for the Centennial Institute. Additionally, he is founder and chairman of "Healthcare Options that Work," along with Dr. Jill Vecchio, MD. A non-profit organization dedicated to bringing market-based solutions in healthcare.



Frank Francone
Photo Don St.John

tee by any Federal or Colorado State agency. In concept, "Colorado Care" would pay for all medical bills for all covered ill. While there could be a co-pay or deductible involved, a majority of the cost would be borne by the State. This would require an increase in taxes to cover the cost which, according to Mr. Francone and would require a yearly budget of \$38 billion.

Mr. Francone, said where people believe they are getting "free" healthcare, they tend to use two-times more of health care benefits, thus increasing the cost to the government for these "free" services. This also leads to an overload on the healthcare system and a subsequent significant increase in wait time in order to receive covered medical services.

Mr. Francone urges everyone to vote "NO" on Amendment 69 saying that there is bi-partisan support for the "NO" vote, including former Governor Owens, current Governor Hickenlooper, and both of Colorado's U.S. Senators Michael Bennett and Cory Gardner.

Editor's Note: Mr. Francone did an excellent job of presenting one side of this extremely volatile subject. For a general overview of the subject including the perspective of those in favor of this proposition visit the website: [https://ballotpedia.org/Colorado State Health Care System, Amendment 69 \(2016\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Colorado%20State%20Health%20Care%20System,%20Amendment%2069%20(2016))

According to his organizations website @ www.healthcareoptionsthatwork.org, the mission is: "Organization dedicated to promoting a system of options in healthcare delivery and payment that allow for all patients to receive the most effective treatment, at the most effective time, at an affordable cost. This will insure that excellent quality healthcare will be available to everyone at a price that permits patients, providers and industry to prosper for many years to come."

Mr. Francone, explained that Amendment 69 is an amendment to the Colorado Constitution and will be on the November 8, 2016 ballot. This amendment grants the power to a 15-person board to create a healthcare plan within the State of Colorado which will replace the Affordable Care Act, aka Obama Care. In order to ensure independence, there is currently no provision for oversight of this commit-

Drawing

Yes, we have a drawing! Sixty dollars in the pot! Nobody wins "big pot," in spite of the fact that there are fewer than ten (10) cards currently in the draw pool. However, the cups with + or - \$7 bills went fast today.

Obviously the odds of winning go up with fewer cards to choose from, so now is the time to see Dr. Bob! Only 50 cents a chance and you can win big money. Editor, I was too busy writing notes to catch all of the winners.

A Bit of Humor

Did you hear about the new super – hero, "Aluminum Man"? Yesterday he foiled a robbery!

How many ears does Davy Crockett have? Three! His left ear, his right ear, and his wild frontier.

If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they would eventually find me attractive.

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

When an employment application asks who is to be notified in case of emergency, I always write, "A very good doctor."

New OCMS Webpage is Coming



Monaco South President Elect **Craig Eley** shared that a new Monaco South Webpage is coming and he is in need of a few people to help post content on the new website. He especially needs someone to maintain the web calendar on a weekly basis. If interest in volunteering contact Craig Eley at craigceley@gmail.com.

Weekly Greeters

8/12/16	Steve Kady & Tom Glazier
8/19/16	Gary Strowbridge & Paul Gibson

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40th Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Aug 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Super Citizen School Principal's to Breakfast
Aug 18	Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Aug 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Aug 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA



**Past Presidents of the
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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96		

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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.