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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

Tom Wos and **Gary Miller** met all with smiles and hearty handshakes. Boy, “all was a bunch” — with brass from the district shed and a contingent from our start up FRACSOC (Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club) we filled the hall. Even our Super Chief **John Marinis** was overwhelmed and scurrying around since no one told him the headcount. He had to make scrambled eggs three or four times.

Invocation and Pledge

Perry Allen, one of our new members, opened our meeting with a prayer. Good government and governance are a blessing we enjoy. Let us not take it for granted. Help us to inspire others and our youth to become involved in civic affairs. “I pledge allegiance ...” This prayer and the pledge are particular win-wins for this election season.

Governors Abound

For this Special Camaraderie Day **Phil Perington**, our current WY/CO governor, was in the company of five past governors. **Donna Priester**, immediate past-governor; and **Joe Priester**, busy taking pictures; along with **George Buzick**, **Ron Cisco**, and **Tom Overton** are current members of our club. It would have been six if **Bob Hugo** had been able to join us.

Gov. Phil, right, with his glasses on his forehead, reads over his next speech.

Photo by Don StJohn



Guests & Visitors Abound

Tom Overton introduced Tom Seaman. Tom is a two-time visitor. It cannot happen again; he brought a check and **Greg Young** has already distributed his completed application to the board.

Aaron Beery introduced a coworker, Michael Colalantia. Michael was curious about why Aaron was coming to work late. Now he is still not sure. Editor: *Aaron, how about bringing him out to serve turkey at the Boy's club on Nov. 20th? We need lots of help! There are another 39 community service projects to draw from. Maybe Michael would like his daughter to follow your daughter's leadership with three super citizen awards.*

Prez **Paul Simon** introduced his wife, Debbie Reinberg. She is the proprietor of Elder Resources/Elder Resolutions. She said she came today to check up on Paul.



Prez **Paul** also introduced Warren Coulson, at left, the president of FRACSOC.

And the recognized our past governor **Donna Priester**, our new immediate past governor and her husband past governor **Joe Priester**.



From left, Donna Priester, Phil Perington, Warren Coulson, and Joe Priester.

Photo John Oss

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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******

More Guests & Visitors

Paul continued by introducing **Sharon Foster**, past Lt. Governor, zone 10, and driving force for the Colorado Springs Academy Optimists Club Brain Bowl efforts. She looks forward to joining us on our tree lot this year. She also looks forward to being the Elf Queen on the Santa Train up Pike's Peak, sponsored by the Academy Optimist Club. There will be 50 cog rail runs this year. [Details can found here](#). Help is welcome. She is also looking for an Elf King from 25-55. Hmmm!?

And last, **Paul Simon** introduced **Janet Thompson**, Lt. Governor, zone 8. She shared that she is the sweet heart girl of MSOC. And, there will be a super zone meeting on Saturday, November 3rd. Paul later added that the meeting will be in Littleton. He encouraged broad participation by our membership.

Welcome, Good to See You!

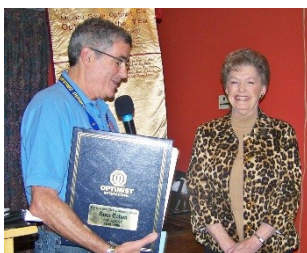


From l to r: Todd Olson, Allan McCall and Neil Alderson.

Photos Craig Eley

From the Prez

Ron Guru Video: Great video interviews, Prez **Paul** exclaimed, while tipping his hat to **Tom Hoch** for a great job. Take a look at the GUMS distribution from last week. Enjoy the videos with just one click [Go to!](#)
MSOC Stan Cohen Scrap Book: **Paul Simon** called



Paul Simon with Annette Cohen presenting Stan's Monaco South Scrapbook.

Photo Don StJohn

up Annette Cohen, Stan Cohen's widow. Stan was Monaco South's president from 2000-01. Annette is an active member of the Tamarac Club. He presented her with the scrapbook that "Stan kept" when he was president. Annette quietly shared that she had built the scrapbook.

MSOC at CO/WY October

Conference: Paul announced that **Mark Metevia**, **Don St. John**, **Donlie Smith**, **Paul Bernard**, **Ron Cisco**, **Phil Perington**, **Randy Marcove**, **Fred Pasternak**, **Allen Pierce**, **Karl Geil**, George Buzick, **Andy McKean**, **Tom Overton**, and **Joe Marci** were all in attendance.

Encourage Robert Hugo: Prez **Paul** shared that **Greg Young** will accept financial assistance to help the family of **Bob Hugo**. **Dan**, Bob's son, can fill you in on details.

MSOC Board Meeting Change: The Prez reminded the board the next meet was moved to the second Wednesday of November, one week earlier, due to Thanksgiving weekend. As always, the meeting is

open to all.

Change in Board Members: **Michael Chavez** will be taking **Steve Kady's** place on the board, since Steve cannot make any of the meetings.

No Brainer is Coming: It was announced that **Bryce Slaby** will lead the effort. We are going to pursue establishing a "No Brainer" program, akin to the Brain Bowl, for the younger set—fourth and fifth graders will participate. A pilot exercise was performed in Littleton last year. **Ralph Dergance** headed up the effort, and presented details at the October board meeting. Therefore, there is a lot of detail in place. Thank you Bryce for stepping up.

Happy Birthdays & Happy Bucks

The October birthdays were recognized and received the MS rendition of HB. Birthdays included: **Neil Atkinson**, **Richard Cohen**, **Bill Culbertson** (Hope you are doing well Bill.), **David Folsom**, **Tom Glazier**, **Ron Gustas**, **Harry Johnson** (Hit his 90th.), **Jack Kleinheksel**, **Allan McCall**, **Doug Morton**, **John Swick**, **Robert Wardlaw**, **Rich Wray**, and **Dick Zolman**. Happy Birthday guys!

And then the happy buck container went around with lots of good stories and wishes.

Announcements

Philanthropy Day: **Randy Marcove** reminded us of the Philanthropy Day presentation on Nov. 9th. You can still sign up and pay up. Go to: <http://www.npdcolorado.org/>.

The Brain Bowl is Coming: The Brain Bowl is coming as Karl Geil says. The Optimist Brain Bowl is an academic contest for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students modeled after the old G.E. College Bowl TV show (for our younger members, think of Jeopardy with teams) put on by the Optimist Clubs of the CO-WY District, and Monaco South always leads the way in terms of volunteers. This year we will again have about 1,500 kids competing in our four (4) tournaments. The time commitment involved for most volunteers is one-half day at each tournament; although, we do need several volunteers for the full day. This year's tournaments will be: (1) North Region: 1/12/2013 at Monarch High School in Louisville; (2) Central Region: 1/26/2013 at Heritage High School in Littleton; (3) South Region: 2/9/2013 at Carson Middle on the Ft. Carson U.S. Army Base in Colorado Springs; and (4) District Championship Tournament, February 23, 2013 at Douglas County High School in Castle Rock. We need at least 135 volunteers at each tournament in order for the event to run smoothly and have a number of different jobs available. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

Super Citizen Program: **Don Thompson** encourages folks to get involved as presenter or just to see how it is done. [Listen to audio for details](#).

Broncos are Going All the Way: **Fred Pasternack** has the word and says they are on the right track.

Broncos Speaker Next Week: **Steve Kady** reminded Fred, as well as all of us, that **Jim Saccomano**, Broncos VP of Communication, will be our speaker next week. So don't miss it!



Announcement Continued

Elementary Benefit Wine Tasting: Mike McMahon is selling \$25 tickets to a November 9th Bradley Elementary fundraiser. Mike is the president elect of the PTO and the PTO is running the event. We can help Mike, Bradley, the kids, and our pallets. See Mike for details.

Boys & Girls Thanksgiving Dinner: Donlie Smith will lead us through the fun again this year on Tuesday, November 20th. Details will be coming from Donlie.

Santa House Wardrobe Closet: Craig Eley says we need a closet. Not sure what this is for. Details will be coming from Craig.

New Directories: Craig Eley report that the new peach colored directory is out. *Doug Morton printed 'em, so get 'em.* Editor: Sure looks like pink to me.



Correctional Industries Visit

Bob Avery led two cars to visit the prison industries managed by Steve Smith. Optimists who joined Bob were: George Buzick, Craig Eley, Kent Gloor, Les Larson, Wyatt McCallie, John Oss, Tom Overton, Phil Perington, and Allan Pierce took the tour. The program is a one of a kind. Recidivism is cut in half. The top ten percent of prisoners can gain entry to the work ethic and skill-building program. Shop Whole Foods in Denver and get some of the finest tilapia money can buy. The dedication of inmates and staff is incredible. The program pays for itself. Fish, horses, cheese, spinning and fly rods, and motor cycles are among the products of the prisoners labors. Mended lives are the real product. Just seeing the pride of the workers impels pride in us as Coloradans to have such an exemplary program in our state.



At left, Steve Smith briefing MSOC visitors.

Below, one of many tilapia breeding and growing tanks.



It was reported that Craig Eley bought a pot at the prison. John Oss caught the purchase on his camera — interesting!

New Member Inductions

At the end of our meeting Randy Marcove called up the new members and sponsors. Donna Priester conducted the



Photo Cy Regan

induction. Sponsors were Randy Marcove, Don St.John, Tom Mauro and OC Larson. The new members included: JR (Jeffreyson) GliECK, Mike Mauro, Tom Glazier, Perry Allen, and Carl Brown.

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
10/26/12	Aaron Beery & George Buzick
11/2/12	Phil Perington & Floyd Hussey
11/9/12	Mark Metevia & John Oss
11/16/12	Doc Gardner & Steve Kady
11/23/12	Ralph Petersen & Michael Chavez
11/30/12	Woody Thibodeau & ?

Super Citizen Presenters for November		
Nov. 1 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	
Nov. 7 @ 8:30 am	Highline	
Nov. 12 @ 2:30 pm	MBP	
Nov. 16 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45 am	Holm	
Nov. 20 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	Univ. Park	
Nov. 28 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	
Nov. 30 @ 1:00 & 1:45 pm	McMeen	
Nov. 30 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	

Monaco South Calendar

Oct 26 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim Saccomano, Bronco VP of Communication
 Nov 2 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Barbara Martin-Worley, Denver District Attorney's Office
 Nov 9 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Phil Perington & George Mills, PGI Program
 Nov 14 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102 No change
 Nov 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day (Joe Marci on Tree Lot)
 Nov 17 Sat 7:00 am Parking for TJ Craft Fair - See Craig Eley
 Nov 17 Sat 8:00 am Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets - See Bob Avery
 Dec 9 Sun Winter Holiday Party, Copper Fields Event Chateau - See Frank Middleton

**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.