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Optimists Bring Out the
Best in Children



The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Editor for this Issue—John Young

Special Thanks to Bill Walters

Steve Martinez, Director of the Owens Branch of the Boys and Girls Club, came to give **Bill Walters'** a very special thank you, and a nice plaque plus two Rockies tickets for the June 14th game.

Bill started and for many years has chaired our Thanksgiving Dinner project. He also thanked **Donlie Smith** for heading up the project this past year. In Bill's absence Steve left the plaque and tickets with president **Greg Young** to be presented to Bill next week.



Speaker Today: Janet Pirchio, Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator, Metro Denver Partners

Janet Pirchio needs volunteers for the Metro Denver Partners program to mentor at risk children ages 8-17. Many children wait up to 6 months to participate because of lack of adult mentors and there are currently 60 kids on the waiting list. Qualifications of mentors are having a car, loving children, and wanting to make a significant difference in a child's life. As "*Friends of Youth*" this program is right up our alley. Children are referred to the program by school counselors and special service personnel. The program is voluntary for the children. 77% come from single parent families and 30% are in trouble with the law. If you want to change a kid's future for the better, enjoy fun activities, appreciate challenging experiences, and enjoy community involvement, you should consider becoming a mentor. For additional information call 303-777-7000.

Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

Good Morning Optimists! Invocation & Pledge

Kent Gloor led our 59 Monaco South members in the opening invocation followed by president **Greg's** quote of the day from Ronald Regan that, "*Politics is the second oldest profession which very closely resembles the first.*" He also shared with us the meaning of politics. It comes from two words: *poly*, meaning many, and *tics*, meaning blood sucking parasites. Of course we all know that politics is the fine art of getting votes from the poor and money from the rich by promising to protect each from the other.

Club Visitors

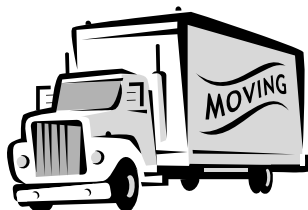
Linda Lee Law, president of the Lakewood Breakfast optimist Club, and fellow member Wayne Caykendall came to announce their raffle of season Bronco tickets on August 7th. They sold a number of tickets and hopefully a Monaco South member will be the winner.

Habitat for Humanity

Ron Cisco is hustling up volunteers to work on building a home for Julia Arellano. Ron and Barbara have "adopted" Julia and hope her new home will be just beautiful. The project is Friday, June 27th from 9:00am to 4:30pm at 58th and Olive. Bring your tools and after breakfast we can carpool together for this great project.

Russ Paul Forgets his Cloths!

Ten men and five trucks spent last Saturday morning moving **Russ Paul** to new digs. We got everything moved but his clothes which he forgot in a back closet.



After the move refreshments were served at the **John & Claire Young** household where **Jerry Davis** joined in and enjoyed talking with his fellow optimists. Those participating were: **Russ Paul, Les Larson, Donlie Smith, Coy Horton, John Young, Gary Strowbridge, Al Gapuzan, Jim Easton, Oscar Sorensen, Tom Overton, Cy Regan**, and a lovely young helper Russ rounded up from his facility.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference

Paul Bernard is still looking for volunteers for June 14th leadership conference to discuss with the students the ethics of leadership. Please contact him for details.

Colorado Wyoming Junior World Golf

Don't forget!!! 9:00am June 13th at the Flatirons Golf Course in Boulder and Monday June 16th 9:00am at the Fitzsimons Golf Course in Aurora.

Great West Life MS-150

Don StJohn reminds us—Sunday, June 29th at the Silver Creek High School, 4901 Nelson Road in Longmont, 8:00am. This time we handle the lunch stop with the help of the Tamarac Ladies. There will be a band there and we will be taking photos of many of the participants. We need 10 more, so please sign up!



Fish Tremble When They Hear Bryce's Name!

Bryce Slaby, certified fly instructor, will share his fish catching secrets Saturday June 14th at 8:30am to 4:00pm at the lake at 3800 West Mississippi Avenue, on the Southside.

Groceries

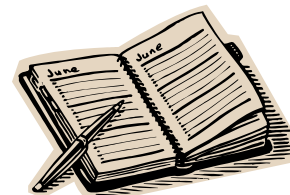
Cy Regan reported that sales were off a little from last weeks \$1,500. Cy sold \$900 King Soopers and \$200 Safeway cards today.

Mark Your Calendar

August 22-24, 2008
Colorado Wyoming District
Convention Breckenridge

August 9, 2008, Monaco
South Picnic, details to follow

September 12, 2008,
Monaco South Installation Banquet, details to follow



Profile of Bob Hugo

By Robert Wardlaw

Past MSOC President and District Governor **Bob Hugo** has been member of The Optimist Club of Monaco South since 1982. His service and volunteer duties are well known, but there is more to the story.

Bob was born in Denver in 1926 and attended South High School. After graduating from high school, Bob enlisted in the US Army, entering chemical warfare training in Camp Sibert, Alabama for basic training. It was during this time, as he pasted an army band hall one evening, that Bob noticed the trumpet player was missing and volunteered to play for the night. Bob's trumpet playing talents' were recognized and it led to his being chosen to play with the US Army Band. He found himself being transferred to the Special Services band stationed out of Camp Lee, Virginia. The band played for special events in a variety of venues in front of many dignitaries. Bob played with many talented musicians and counts this time as some of his most enjoyable experiences.

After service in the Army, Bob put the GI Bill to use and entered Denver University and earned his degree in Engineering. Bob then went to work for Public Service (now Xcel Energy), where he stayed for 36 years. It was during this time that the modern utility networks that we know today were just beginning. Bob was involved with the implementation and coordination of varied aspects of this modern utility systems.

Bob rose through the ranks to become the Manager of Public Service System Planning Department. He worked with other states' utility systems to coordinate the inter-connectivity of the various voltage transmission systems. His work also took him overseas where he helped develop more reliable systems in developing countries.

Bob and his wife Janna have been married since 1953 and have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

Monaco South Calendar

Jun 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - David Lazeroff
Jun 13	Fri	9:00 am	Optimist Junior Golf Tournament, Boys & Girls, 14-15 & 16-18 - Flatirons Golf Course, Boulder
Jun 14	Sat	5:30 pm	Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar - Picnic with Participants - Colorado School of Mines
Jun 16	Mon	9:00 am	Optimist Junior Golf Tournament, Boys & Girls, 10-11 & 12-13 - Fitzsimons Golf Course, Aurora
Jun 17	Tue	6:30 pm	MSOC Board Meeting - New Location - District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Jun 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Jun 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Jun 27	Fri	9:00 am	Habitat for Humanity Work Detail
Jun 29	Sun	8:00 am	Great-West Life Bike MS (MS 150) - Silver Creek High School, 4901 Nelson Road, Longmont
Jul 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Independence Day

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
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
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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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