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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—John Oss for Robert Wardlaw



Good Morning Optimist

Snow greeted us for this first meeting of this new 2013-2014 Optimist year. We brushed off our cars and some drove through frosted trees on our way home. District Governor **Phil Perington** and hotrod driver **Steve Kady** were our official greeters. The handshakes were warm, and Phil carried it a step further. See note later.



At right, Steve Kady was spotted driving this car recently. It was reported that someone should have called the Fire Department.

Invocation and Pledge

Our new president **Jon Wachter** appointed and presented a new Club Chaplain **Bob Coulson**. Bob led us in prayer. *"We are thankful for the efforts and leadership of the club board and officers. That is true for those of last year and for those of this year. We can all work for the best by treating our optimism as a way of life."* We all pledge our allegiance to our country via our pledge of allegiance to our flag.

Editors Note

John Young sponsored **Bob Coulson** on May 3rd. Bob's wife Diane joined the Tamarac Club. Bob is ordained clergy in the United Methodist Church. He identifies his profession as the State Youth Administrator. He is a veteran, American Legion Post 1 member, and an Eagle Scout. He has a deep interest in the Congressional Youth Awards program. He and Diane have traveled to Washington D.C. to see their daughter Jill receive the Congressional Youth Award Gold Medal. His grandson Sean is pursuing his bronze medal award. The home page of the program cites former President's Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter and others. For more information on this positive youth development program, visit [http://](http://congressionalaward.org/)

congressionalaward.org/. It is this editor's opinion that we need more citations of honor for politicians from both major political parties.

Bob relates, *Optimist defines the purpose of a club chaplain is to provide spiritual guidance for Club projects and social functions and respect inter-denominational (spiritual) diversity*. OI defines the Chaplain's duties to include offering guidance that a community-serving organization should have, arranging for prayers and invocations at Club functions, being a friend and pastor to all members and assisting those who are ill or suffer loss. Bob says he is honored to serve as our Club Chaplain!

Welcome President Jon Wachter

Phil Perington, greeted our new "Big Cheese" with a cup so labeled. We all welcome our new "big cheese."



Photos John Oss & Don Stojin

Welcome Guests

Paul Bernard introduced **Bob Fries** who came to check us out. He has been with the military overseas for about the past ten years. Bob came on the recommendation of a past Monaco member. **Tom Glazier** introduced his friend **Bob Bidenger**. Bob played baseball at Adams State, and volunteered to help the TJ baseball team. Tom says he is a really active volunteer. Well, Monaco South is a really an active club.

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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******

Welcome Guests Continued

With over forty service projects, so come join us, there has to be a place for more help.

Thank you and Welcome Officers

President **Jon Wachter** thanked the outgoing Board: President **Paul Simon**, Vice Presidents **Craig Eley**, and **Jon Wachter**, Treasure **Greg Young**, Secretary **Jack Rife**, Past President **Randy Marcove** and members **Barry Barker**, **Pat Bush**, **Michael Chavez**, **Mike McMahon**, **John Oss**, **Allen Pierce**, **Michael Short**, and **Scott Walker**. He welcomed the incoming board: **Craig Eley** and **John Oss** as vice presidents, Treasure **Greg Young**, Secretary **Pat Bush**, Past President **Paul Simon** and new and returning Directors **Michael Chavez**, **J. R. Gieck**, **Jack Kleinhessel**, **Mike McMahon**, **Fred Pasternack**, **Ralph Pedersen**, **Mike Short**, and **Scott Walker**.

Words of thanks were like echoes from the awards banquet held last Saturday evening. There were about a hundred in attendance including our Governor, **Phil Perington**, our incoming Governor **Bob Hartwig**, and Governor Elect **Abigail Nicholas**.

Special Recognition

At the Installation Banquet, **Barry Barker** was recognized as the Monaco South Optimist of the Year. **Jack Rife** was recognized with the Marlin Kent Eternal Optimist Award.



Barry Barker receiving the Monaco South Optimist of the Year Award from Paul Simon.



Jack Rife is recognized with the Marlin Kent Eternal Optimist Award.

Photos Craig Eley

This editor had two insights into the significance of the Marlin Kent award. Jack was clearly moved by what he saw as a great honor. Marlin Kent attended the last awards dinner held at Blossoms, two years ago. He came by himself in his wheel chair. He was in his nineties. He exuded the character of an optimist for the full hour and a half wait for his tardy ride. My Ruth and a couple sat with Marlin during the wait. The evening was filled with gentle chatting with an obvious optimist. When the ride finally came he departed with a smile. Marlin is fondly remembered.

Don Thomson was given recognition at the banquet for his many years of service to our Super Citizen program, by getting 2013-14 dues paid for by the club. **Robert Wardlaw** is stepping up to coordinate the program. **Rob Gardner** is now taking on the role of SC presenter scheduler. The



Don Thomson
Photo Craig Eley

shoes that **Joe Marci** wore for so many years. Look up Rob and sign up to be a presenters at one of our upcoming SC programs.

Newsletter Editors Thanked

New President **Jon** made a recognized and expressed his gratitude to the *Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South*, **GUMS** editors and staff. You know who they are. Just look at the last page of any newsletter. In addition, the photographers were recognized. **Don StJohn**, **Marc Goodbody**, **Steve Kady**, **John Oss**, **Craig Eley**, **Greg Young**, and **Wyatt McCallie** have served, especially at Super Citizen recognition assemblies. This editor wants to draw a broad line under our editor in chief **Bob Finkelmeier** who keeps us in line, and casts the final product each week. Jon was kind with a plea for folks to give the GUMS editors a written versions of their announcements and news items to assure accuracy. Get them to the current editor or to Bob Finkelmeier. It does help us to produce a more accurate and complete product.



Governor Elect Abigail Nicholas

Abigail Nicholas came to visit as our CO/WY Governor elect for the 2014-2015 year. In a way she comes to us as being a member of the Tamarac Optimist Club. Her optimist involvement started with our very own Kent Gloor. They met in 2001. Kent brought her to a Monaco South Christmas party. Abigail learned about the Tamarac club and soon became a member. She is a mother of five with two adopted. She is a grandmother to 15, thanks to Kent contributing of four from his side of their marriage. She was a licensed insurance agent in her father's agency when she was eighteen. Her career grew over the next 23 years. She managed the accounts of 53 Colorado credit unions. Listen to her sharing her background by [Clicking Here](#). *We are blessed with strong leadership in our district. Look at our banner to see the names of governors from our club.*

Induction of Dave Owens

President **Jon** and Gov-elect **Abigail** brought **Dave Owens** into our ranks by taking him through his pledge to optimist principles and the organization. His OCMS mentor will be **Michael Chavez**. **Ron Cisco** is diligently reaffirming the interest of past mentors. He is also looking for new mentors. He must be good at



Pictured from the left, Abigail Nicholas, Dave Owens, and Prez Jon, as they present Dave as a new member to the Optimist Club of Monaco South.

Photo Don StJohn

mentoring. He mentored Jon Wachter and both Ron and Jon are pleased with the outcome. Ron prefers that you contact him through the U.S. mail. Mail delivery is essential and continuing.

Announcements

Classic Car Optimist Club of Colorado: Our retiring governor **Phil Perington** led the last new CO/WY Optimist club through chartering. Our speaker Darren Martin is the president of the club. The Club has 39 members signed up for the chartering. Eleven of the members are also Monaco South members. Pictures from the charter meeting can be found by [CLICKING](#).

MSOC Shirts: Tom Glazier is still taking orders for Monaco South polo shirts. See Tom.

Super Citizen Presenters: Rob Gardner is signing up members to be Super Citizen presenters at our ten SC school assemblies. See Rob or contact him at 303-322-9954 or gardnerrb@gmail.com.

Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner: Donlie Smith told us to look forward to the Thanksgiving feed for the Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc. on Tuesday, November 26th. So mark your calendars. Watch for Thanksgiving food basket distribution as well. **Donlie** and **Jon Wachter** visited the new manager at the DTC Hyatt Regency regarding helping with cooking the turkeys. The manager has only been on the job for three weeks and is continuing to provide support. We can all express appreciation to the DTC Hyatt Regency.

Our Speaker & President

Of the Classic Car Optimist Club of Colorado

Phil Perington introduced **Darren Martin**, president of Charter Financial Resources. Darren told us about his vision for this new club and why he is interested in making it a big success. He did remind us all that you do not need to own a classic car to be a member of the Classic Car Optimist Club of Colorado. Or as Phil is now referring as the CCOC Club. The club to be has already taken youth on car cruises, spent time with them discussing the work ethic, and

providing the fundamentals of personal financial management.

Darren also shared with us some information about his organization, Charter Financial Resources, a financial planning firm that offers financial, legal, tax, insurance services all under one roof. He emphasized why it is important to look at your estate planning since some new tax laws have come into effect for preserving and protect assets, and what needs to be addressed in your will. He also talked about HIPAA, Medical Durable POAs, beneficiary deeds, and multi-generational IRAs to minimize a tax burden on your entire estate.

Drawing

The new pot survived—well what are your chances with a new deck of 52 cards? **Karl Geil** had two winning tickets. **Woody Thibodeau** was really disappointed with his draw. Try again next week!

Final Bell & Pledge

As the meeting came to a close a round of support was heard for past president **Paul Simon** and new president **Jon Wachter**. Someone even mentioned that Jon now has one meeting under his belt.

With that Abigail Nicholas led us in the Optimist Creed, Promise yourself to be so strong....



Darren Martin
Photo Don StJohn

Theory of Intelligence



"Well you see, Norm, it's like this ... A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is

good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Now, as we know, excessive intake of alcohol kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of alcohol eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. And that, Norm, is why you always feel smarter after a few drinks."

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
10/11/13	Greg Young & Tom Glazier
10/18/13	Harry Johnson & Nick Newey
10/25/13	Bob Coulson & Karl Geil
11/1/13	Tom Hock & Rob Gardner

Super Citizen Presenters for October

Oct 9 @ 2:30	MPB	?
Oct 9 & 23 @ 8:00	Highline	?
Oct 11 @ 8:30	Slavens	?

Monaco South Calendar

Oct 11 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Schlessman YMCA Campaign
 Oct 16 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Oct 18 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Oct 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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

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T H E O P T I M I S T C R E E D — 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.