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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush



Good Morning Welcome Greeters

This editor arrived at the meeting before the official greeters were on duty so I did not verify who greeted this morning. **Bob Avery** and **Jim Easton** were scheduled so we will go with them but that will have to be recorded as an unverified report.

Invocation

Bob Avery did deliver the invocation this morning and he sent a message of "Don't Worry – Be Happy." He asked that we change those things in our lives that make us worry and stop worrying about the things we cannot change so that we can shed that tension and raise the level of happiness that we enjoy.

Morning's Guests

Jack Kleinhessel introduced **Kevin Koalenz** as his guest this morning. Kevin is semi-retired and is involved with the Eagle Scouts. **Bob Avery** and **Cy Regan** vouched that many of the top award winners in the region have been under Kevin's tutelage. Welcome Kevin and we hope to see you back with us again soon!

A New Spittoon

A new spittoon was at the meeting this morning for the Happy Bucks campaign. As you may recall, the old spittoon went missing a while back. This spittoon appeared to be cleaner and shinier than the old one; at least on the outside. I did not have the nerve to check the inside. This spittoon is from Minnesota via President Elect **John Oss**. Thank you John for this antique.



A new spittoon for our Happy Buck collecting.
Photo John Oss

Announcements

Csaba Recke Bench: **Ron Cisco** and President **Jon Wachter** attended Legacy Academy's *Patriot Day Observation* and dedication of the **Csaba Recke**

Attention Project Leaders — Submit Your Budget Now

The budgeting process for next fiscal year (Oct. 1- Sept. 30, 2015) is beginning. Please submit to Greg Young, Treasurer, the list of items and amounts you are requesting for next year. We expect a short selling season for Christmas Trees this year, so funds may be limited as to what can be funded. Please submit your requirements in writing directly to Greg, or by email:

gndyoung@comcast.net no later than Friday, September 19th. If you have any fund raising ideas or projects that you want to head up this coming year, please discuss with John Oss, our President-elect.

In order to maximize our Tree Lot fund raising, all members should begin setting their schedules to work the lot for at least 15 hours between Nov. 28th and Dec. 24th.

Bench. Ron collected \$342 from MSOC members to establishing this memorial for **Csaba**, his grandson.



At left, Ron initiates the new bench in memory of Csaba Recke.

At right, Tami & Tom Recke, Csaba's parents, along with his brother and sister. Many armed services personnel, community leaders, fireman, nurses, police officers, teachers, etc. were in attendance to celebrate this day.

Photos Jon Wachter



Ron, thanked Monaco South members for making this possible.

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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******

Announcements Continued

Super Citizen Presenters Needed: Rob Gardner announced that he is in search for presenters for the Super Citizen program due to start on September 17th at Most Precious Blood with Ed Collins presiding. We also will be presenting awards at McMeen on the 25th of September. Rob says he has many open slots to be filled. Get in touch with Rob if you can help present at one of our ten school programs.

Celebrate Optimism Gala: Paul Simon started off by asking, "What is the shortest distance between two jokes?" He answered, "A straight line." Hearing a few more chuckles than some of our other jokesters get he went on to say, the "Celebrate at Optimist Gala" on Saturday evening, September 27, which promises to be the biggest installation dinner yet for Monaco South. We should have more than 90 members and guests there to celebrate Jon Wachter's terrific year as president and to usher in the new era of President-Elect John Oss and his new board. If you have not paid for the dinner, please mail your checks to Greg Young (see the directory for his address) or bring them to Friday's meeting and give them to Greg personally. Questions about the dinner should go to Paul Simon (He is out of town from the 18th to 22nd). The event is at the Highland Events Center, 3220 Federal, and begins with a social hour at 5:30, dinner at 6:30. He shared we have cooked up a few additional elements to make this an even more enjoyable evening, and we expect to welcome a dozen or so first-timers to the dinner! Dinner price is \$33 apiece; however, first-timers and their dates pay \$23 apiece thanks to the MSOC board of directors.

Walk to End Alzheimer's: Cap Hermann reminded us that the Walk to End Alzheimer's disease would be held this coming weekend at City Park. He also reminded those planning to attend, that parking will be scarce and it can be a "zoo" around the park. He suggests that we get there early (before 7:30 a.m.) to get a parking space reasonably close to the park.

Another Plug for Super Citizen: Another plug was given to the Super Citizen program by the chairman Robert Wardlaw. He said the program was started in the 1980's and now involves 10 schools so we need a lot of help. He thanked all the school liaisons that work with the schools and asks that members support the program by presenting at one of the schools.

JDRF Walkathon: Members of the Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club-T1DOC "Walk Team" and Ellie's Diabetes Busters "Walk Team" would like to thank all those from OCMS that helped stage the walk on Thursday and Friday and who also financially supported or participated in the Saturday fund raiser. Ron Gustas reports, the "Walk" is hoped to raise \$750,000 to help find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes and

improve the lives of almost 3,000,000 American youth and adults with the disease.

Included in the Ellie's Diabetes Buster walk team group picture is John Oss who helped both on Thursday and walked again this year with Ellie's team. More details next week on all those who helped make the event a success.



Ellie's Diabetes Busters walk team.
Photo Beth Gustas

Directory Sponsorship by Advertising: Tom

Mauro made one last plea for business card ads for the membership directory. They only cost \$25.00 and the potential return on investment is unlimited. If you would like to get your business card published in the directory, get a \$25.00 check to Tom now if not sooner.

Sullivan Scholarship Fundraising: Joe Marci

shared that *Entertainment Books* are available for purchase at \$30.00 per book. All proceeds will go to funding the dozen and a half or so scholarships that will be given out next spring. Joe is also looking for members to help sell books at their places of employment or other circles of influence. If you can help sell a few books, get in contact with him. He could use our help and support to build this scholarship fund monetarily.

Columbus Day Golf Tournament: Joe Marci also announced that he is putting together a golf outing for Columbus Day, Monday, October 13th. He guarantees that there will be no snow. He already has a foursome and is looking for additional golfers who would like to participate. Let Joe know if you would like to get in on the action.

Operation School Supplies: Oscar Sorensen reminds all of the school representatives that they need to get checks for school supplies if they have not already done so. We want to wrap this up soon. We already received a thank you note from McMeen Elementary school for their supply check.

Transplant Refrigerator: Paul Bernard is looking for a gently used refrigerator's for donation to Children's Hospital organ transplant unit. They must be in good operating condition. Let Paul know if you can help with this project or make a donation.

Bradley Security Patrol: Volunteers are still needed to help with the Bradley International School security patrol. A member asked if previous events

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had happened making this a necessary precaution. **Mike McMahon**, currently the Bradley PTO president, indicated that no such incidents had occurred but they are just trying to prevent any possible incidents from taking place.

Pumpkin Unloading Assistance: **Bob Avery** is looking for some help to unload pumpkins from a semi-trailer truck. He did not make clear whether the pumpkins would be sold for Halloween or used in the annual pumpkin launch. If you are concerned about participating in an innocent pumpkin's violent demise, you can call Bob for clarification.

Honor Club Reminder: Prez Jon reminded us that we are only three new members away from obtaining our honor club status this year. Let us make a final push for honor club status by bringing in new members.



Parking Lot Instructions: Have you noticed the new signs since the fence on the South side of the American Legion Hall has been replaced? It is assumed they want no rear enders at this new fence. Please oblige!



\$\$ Happy Bucks \$\$

Our guest speaker for the meeting this morning had canceled on short notice. Our unusually nimble president did not allow this to rattle him and he conducted a *Happy Bucks* program this morning. For those new members who have not witnessed this event a member can donate one dollar to the childhood cancer campaign for a chance to express a happy thought or a reason why they are happy. Some of the happiness expressed this morning included: **\$ Pat Bush**, your monthly editor, started it off by saying he was happy that there had not been any incidents at Bradley International despite the fact that Monaco South had been providing play ground security patrols over the past year. **\$ Carl Brown** was happy at the birth of another great



grandson. **\$ Bryce Slaby** donated a buck even though, "He was not that happy." **\$ John Young** was happy to get the chance to socialize with this group of guys although this editor wonders why that would make him so happy. **\$ Jack Kleinhessel** was happy that Kevin joined us for breakfast and Kevin was happy to have been asked to breakfast. **\$ Gary Miller** was happy that he was able to get another generator donated for use at the Christmas Tree Lot this year. **\$ Prez Jon Wachter** has happy that he only had two more weeks as president. **\$ That**, in turn, made **Dick Nickoloff** happy so one thought raised two bucks for the campaign. *Thanks to the many other happy members, present this morning helping raise money for the childhood cancer campaign.*

Drawing Winners & Closing Bell

The members that were happy because they were drawing winners this week included **Don St. John**,



Ron Cisco, John Oss, Jack Kleinhessel, Lynn Jones, and Terry Shroyer twice. However, **George Buzick**, shown in the photo at right

with **Prez John**, pulled the lucky card from the three remaining and took the pot of \$40.



Photos Don StJohn

Super Citizen Presenters for September

Sept 17 @ 2:30	MPB	Ed Collins
Sept 25 @ 1:30	McMeen	?

Be a Super Citizen Presenter
See **Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203**
gardnerrb@gmail.com

NOTE: Due to large numbers, some schools are holding two or three presentations. For example at McMeen: 2nd & 3rd grades @ 1:30-2:00; 1st, 4th, & 5th grades @ 2:15-2:45; and Kindergarten @ 2:10-2:30. Therefore, we need your help!

Weekly Greeters

9/19/14	George Buzick & Steve Kady
9/26/14	Tom Kramis & Michael Chavez
10/3/14	Mark Metevia & Ralph Petersen
10/10/14	Al Gapuzan & Pat Bush
10/17/14	Jeff Johnson & John Oss

Need Friday morning greeters,
see **O.C. Larson, 303-797-7432** or
larson1942@comcast.net

Sep 17	Wed	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Sep 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Carrie Nolan, President CO-WY Chapter National MS Society
Sep 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim Paradise, Space Adventures with Lockheed Martin
Sep 27	Sat	5:30 pm	MSOC Celebrate Your Optimism Gala, Delmonico Hall, 3220 Federal Blvd.
Oct 3	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
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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.