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 Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

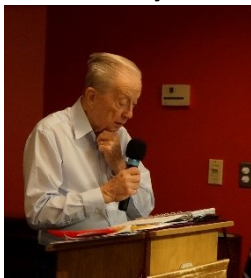
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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush



Good Morning Optimist

On a very warm Friday morning, we are greeted by



Russ Paul and **Ron Carlson**. It was especially good to see Past Distinguished District Governor **Bob Hugo** give us the invocation this morning.

At left, former Governor and Monaco South member Bob Hugo leads the invocation.
 Photo Craig Eley

First Bell

At the stroke of 7, **Prez Paul Simon** calls the meeting to order and welcomes the assembled group.

Guests

Jim Vander Kamp introduced his grandson, Levi as a guest this morning. Levi came hear our guest speaker Bill Hanzlik. **John Wachter** also brought a guest, Bob Winterfield. Turns out Bob also wanted to hear Bill Hanzlik.



Jim Vander Kamp's grandson, Levi, was a guest at the meeting and apparently found John Young fascinating! Or, was John trying to recruit him to become a member of MSOC?
 Photo Craig Eley

From the Prez

President Paul read several Thank You Notes this morning. Peggy Lehmann thanked us for our help at the Council District Community Picnic last Saturday, June 22nd. We also had a thank you note from the Gateway Optimist Club for our support of their golf tournament fund raiser and another thank you from a Charlie Korsoski Super Citizen Award Winner.

Cheyenne Visitation: President Paul announced that he will be making a visitation to the Cheyenne, Wyoming Optimist Club. He announced that any members who wish to join him are welcome to carpool with him. The visitation will be made on Wednesday, July 10th. Talk with Paul to get all the particulars.

Super Zone Meeting: **Prez Paul** also announced that the Super Zone Meeting for zones 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be held Saturday, June 29th at the American Legion Hall. The meeting will start at 8:00 a.m. and donuts and lunch will be provided. All members are welcome to attend.

Announcements

MS 150 Bike Ride: **Bob Avery** reminded us that the MS 150 Bike Ride is this weekend. About a dozen Monaco South members have ridden in the MS 150 event at one time or another with a few riding this year. Bob has personally ridden in this event since 1990. He brought the official shirts that they have worn since he started riding. They are colorful to say the least. The ride is a two day event that goes up to Fort Collins and back. The Monaco South Optimists sponsor the lunch rest stop in Longmont on Sunday, June 30th.



A portion of the colorful MS 150 shirts Bob Avery brought which he has earned during decades of riding for the cure.

Photo Craig Eley

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******

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Announcements Continued

Relay for Life: The Relay for Life fund raiser for the American Cancer Society will be held at Salisbury Park, 9200 N. Motesenbocker Road in Parker, CO on July 27th, starting at 3 p.m. Our own **Barry Barker** announced that he needed to collect pledges in the next two weeks. If you made a pledge to support Barry, he would appreciate it if you brought a check for your pledge amount to the next breakfast meeting. He would hate to show up with nothing but IOU's.

Roundup Fellowship Car Show: Roundup Fellowship is having their 40th Anniversary Customs & Rods Car Show on Saturday, July 13th at the old K-Mart parking lot on the southeast corner of S. Monaco Pkwy. & E. Evans Avenue (our Christmas Tree Lot location). The show will be from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is a family event. Food, beverages will be available along with prizes and drawings. If you have a car of interest, you can enter it into the show for only \$20.00 by calling 303-757-8008 x 12. Bring the family by and see all of the cars. All proceeds to benefit Roundup Fellowship's Community Participation Program for people with developmental disabilities.

Monaco South Shirts: Tom Glazier asked if we could get an order for Monaco South shirts that could be worn to work on projects. With several new members recently joining the club, now might be a good time to order them. If you would like a shirt, let Tom know.

Meeting Dates Changes: Prez Paul had asked members to support the FRACSOC club by attending one of their meetings. We had announced that their only July meeting would be July 17th because of the Independence Day holiday. That has changed and they will be meeting on July 10th and July 24th, both dates are Wednesday's, at Perkins on Colorado Blvd. and Evans. Please come by on either of those evenings but if you show up on the 17th, you will be having dinner alone.

Community Picnic Follow Up: Greg Young reported that the Council District 4 Community Picnic was held last Saturday, June 22nd. The picnic was sponsored by the Optimist Club of Monaco South and District 4 Councilwomen Peggy Lehmann's office. The event was held in Bible Park. Along with free food and drinks, the kids had a blast with the games, and the Denver Jazz Band provided a great musical backdrop. A brief address by Mayor Michael Hancock also was in the mix. The mayor told us later that we are his favorite service club (he signs our Super Citizen certificates). The weather was perfect and the kids all got soaked by the Tower 22 Fire truck that sprayed water from across Yale into the park. A spirited volleyball game for all comers, and a balloon artist for the kids rounded out the festivities. Special thanks to the or-

HELP US TO HELP YOU

Please help us the newsletter editors get it accurately. If you will just write a small summary of your announcement, we can make sure that the articles published in the newsletter are accurate. Showing up at your project at Bible Park with all your help going to Cook Park is not a fun experience. Even if you just answer the 5 W's, it will help. Let us know who, what, when, where, and why, and we'll help you insure your project is a success.

Thank you in advance, your editor, Pat Bush, Paul Stratton, John Oss, George Buzick, Robert Wardlaw, and Robert Finkelmeier.



ganizers and helpers who set up, ran the games and helped with food service:

Pat Bush, Barry Barker, Rob Gardner, John Oss, Ralph and Lois Pedersen, Paul Simon, Don Thomson, Jon Wachter, Scott Walker, and Greg Young. Others who helped or attended were **Allen Pierce, Tom Glazier, John Young** (thanks for the use of his truck), **Les Larson, Jim Easton, Eldon Strong, Robert Wardlaw, Bryce Slaby,** and cameo appearance by **Perry Allen.** Of course we also have to give credit to the Councilwomen Lehmann's staff who orchestrated this event.



Denver Mayor Michael Hancock and Councilwomen Peggy Lehmann enjoy the day with Southeast Denver families.

Below some of the kids that enjoyed the fun and games.

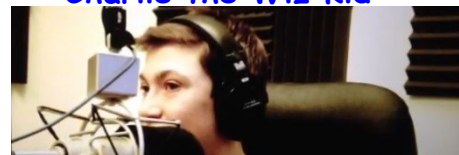
Photos Greg Young



Closing Bell & Drawing Winners

The lucky winners this week were **Greg Young, District Governor Phil Perington, Karl Geil, George Buzick, Steve Kady, Jack Rife, John Oss and Barry Barker.** **Ron Carlson's** name was drawn for a chance at the big pot but he had no luck with the cards.

Charlie the Wiz Kid



Randy Marcove's son Charlie is now the baseball whiz kid on The Brandon Spano Show, 93.7 FM, 1510 AM, every Wednesday evening from 8:45 until 9:00 p.m.

Give a Listen! **CLICK HERE**

A very large m4v file, and may take 2 min. to download & only available for 3-days: <http://www.cutesendit.com/22d83885cfac9065d322ffe46e271a85/>.

Our Speaker, Bill Hanzlik

Former Denver Nugget & Founder & CEO of Gold Crown Foundation

The Gold Crown Foundation was started in 1986 by Denver Nuggets player Bill Hanzlik and Colorado businessman Ray Barker. Ray wanted to start a basketball camp for youth players and went to Bill to ask if he would help. Bill, at the time was still playing and had small children so he declined, but Ray wouldn't stop. It wasn't until Ray asked about starting a girls' basketball camp that Bill agreed because there were so few opportunities for girls.

So the first basketball camp enrolled 150 girls and they were off and running. In the early 1990's school budgets were being cut and athletic programs for middle school students were vanishing, so Gold Crown started youth basketball leagues for all ages and skill levels.

Now they run leagues for over 400 teams. They have also added other sports such as volleyball, lacrosse and golf.

In 1998, Gold Crown teamed up with the Colorado Rockies and built the Coca-Cola All Star Baseball Park in Lakewood. They also acquired the old Alameda Junior High School with the idea of refurbishing it,



Bill Hanzlik, whose head barely fit under the projection screen, throws a T shirt to a lucky club member.

Photo Don StJohn

but plans quickly changed as the structure was scraped and a new 56,000 square foot field house was constructed in 2003. Also in 2003, they expanded their programming outside of sports by adding art and technology classes for kids. The coursework is flexible as they let the kids set the direction for what they want to learn.

All along the Gold Crown mission has been teaching life skills through sports and enrichment programming. Their guiding principle has been "What's best for the kid."

Their budget now tops 3.3 million dollars a year with about 55% of that funded by fees charged for the programs and the remainder is funded by sponsorships and donations.

Monaco South Optimist Club has committed to sponsoring a couple of scholarships for kids that otherwise could not participate in the programs.

Thank you, Bill, for telling us about your foundation and all the work you do with our community's young people.



Soon to be MSOC President Jon Wachter, left, who first wanted a photo opportunity before he introduced Bill Hanzlik as an arena PA announcer—"Here is Bill Hanzlik, at 6' 7" from the University of Notre Dame, playing forward-guard, and now the Founder & CEO of Gold Crown Foundation."

Photo Don StJohn

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
7/5/13	Pat Bush & Curt Boell
7/12/13	Frank Ross & Bob Avery
7/19/13	Leo Hagele & Barry Barker
7/26/13	Mark Metevia & Fred Pasternack
8/2/13	Jim Vander Kamp & Phil Perington

Monaco South Calendar

July 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Daniel Dornan, Komfort4Kidz
July 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Our own Casey Funk, Colorado's Water Situation
July 17	Wed	6:30 pm	FRACSOC - Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club Meeting Perkins Restaurant, 1995 S. Colorado Blvd, 7:00pm, come early to visit
July 17	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
July 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

**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.