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Good Day Optimists!

All the News That's Fit to be Read

Good Morning

Good Morning you fine Optimist, was the greeting this morning by MSOC Board Members, **Jim Easton** and **George Buzick**, who was also our former Colorado-Wyoming Governor.

Invocation & Pledge

Tom Hoch asked us to *Expected the Best* as we work through these interesting times in our lives. You never know whom you are going to touch/influence as you go through the day and *Only You control your Expectations*. Positive Expectations are the words for the day. Tom also led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Grandiose Utterings from the Prez Phil

Birthday-Boy, Prez **Phil Perington** told us the history of the day, which included the introduction on this day of a new car by Ford, the Ford Mustang. The price of a new Ford Mustang in 1964 was \$2,368.



The Prez also asked, Did you know, *Indecision is the Key to Flexibility?*

We *harmonized* HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to **Dick Nickoloff** (2nd), President **Phil Perington** (4th), **Jim Piccinelli** (6th), **Jack Phillips** (who is 81 on the 18th), **Rich Mahony** (25th), **Mychael Dave** (28th), **Don St. John** (29th) and **Robert Wardlaw** (29th). BTW, *In a group of at least 23 randomly chosen people, there is more than 50% probability that some pair of them will both have been born on the same day. For 57 or more people, the probability is more than 99%, and it reaches 100% when the number of people reaches 367.*

Prez Phil also told us that today was also the birthday of Stella Cordova, the founder of Chubby's Mexican Restaurant in North Denver. She is 100 years old today.

Welcome Back

Welcome back from Arizona **Eldon Strong!** Thanks for bringing the snowstorm with you.

Announcements

Rich Wagner, our Secretary, was awarded the *FINEST SECRETARY IN THE LAND* award by President Phil. Way to go Rich! Thanks for all your work for the club.

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

Bob Avery, who has been involved with the Boy Scouts for lots of years, reported that at the annual Scout Banquet this past week **Jack Kleinheksel's** son was in the Color Guard.

Does anyone know of a Kids Dance Group, a Kids Singing Group, etc., asked **Bryce Slaby**? He is looking for group of kids to entertain the MS150 bike riders. Brice can be reached at 303-792-5224 or susanslaby526@hotmail.com.

The Optimist Club of Monaco South is listed in the official program as a supporter of the COLORADO CONSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARS CHAMPIONSHIP. A reception for supporters was held at The Governor's Residence this past April 15th. **Dick Cohen** told us about the success of East High School over the past 20 years. They have been the National Champions three times in the past 20 years. Our support is greatly appreciated.

Come out to the Rubber Duck Drop on Sunday, May 3rd, please purchase 5 tickets for only \$20 urged **Greg Young**. The schools that we support use this as a fundraiser.



Don Thomson said that the Charles Korsoski Award would be awarded to the MOST OUTSTANDING of the Super Citizens winners this year. The winner and the story about the **Charles Korsoski** (1992) and the award will be forthcoming.

Save the date for the Adult Junior Golf Fundraiser on May 13th at Flat Irons Golf course in Boulder announced **Ron Cisco**.

Tom Mauro reminded us to update the Membership Directory because time is getting short for changes. If you would like your business card in the directory (only \$25 for six months) make sure you let Tom know about that as well.

Don Thomson announced Optimist couples that play golf are invited to JOIN the Tuesday evening 9-hole golf get-together—great fun, dinner, and drinks follow play. If interested contact Don at: 303-757-4273 or djthomson@earthlink.net. He is taking names. Play goes from June through August.

Saved a life lately? Looking for love? **Scott Walker**, who is on the board of Rocky Mountain Cocker Rescue, suggests that you consider adopting a Cocker Spaniel. Can't have a dog? Consider donating! 303-617-1939.

Don't forget to vote for **Jim Brown** at <http://www.oifoundation.org/>, if you donated at least \$36.50 to the OI Foundation this past year. Jim is one of six candidates running for OI Foundation Board of Directors. Need to vote before May 1st.

Election Day!

Today is Election Day and it was indeed lively! **Oscar Sorensen** (election leader and "What would Scooby-Doo do? Affection ado!") and his team of merry-men **Bill Litchfield** and **Dr. Ed Fankhauser** conducted the election and the results for the 2009-2010 officer are:

President: **Ron Cisco**
Vice President: **Howard Fry**
Board Member: **Randy Marcove**
Board Member: **Kale Smith**
Board Member: **Terry Shroyer**
Board Member: **Michael Chavez**
Board Member: **Don Iley**



Ron Cisco



Howard Fry



Randy Marcove



Kale Smith



Terry Shroyer



Michael Chavez



Don Iley

Photos by Craig

Supermarket Gift Card Sales

Cy Regan reported sales of \$1,300 in grocery store cards.

Meet One of Next Years Board Members

Randy Marcove is a 4th generation native to the city of Denver, 5th to Colorado. He, his wife Morgan, and their boys Max and Charlie live in a home just seven blocks away from where he grew up. Their oldest son Lincoln is attending college at CSU in Fort Collins.

In addition to his OI membership, Randy is also the President of the University Hills Neighborhood Association, as well as a CHSAA Certified High School Football Official. He also is the founding member/manager of the online LinkedIn Optimist International Club group.

When he has the time, Randy enjoys music, riding a bicycle, fishing, reading, table tennis (ping-pong with tons of English), or just hanging out with his family. Note: Randy's dad just suffered a heart attack so please keep him in your prayers.

IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS, ALL THE OFFICERS WILL BE FEATURED

We all appreciate all Board Member's time, hard work, and dedication! Thank You!

Meet Next Year's MSOC's President, Ron Cisco

Ron Cisco was born on December 28, 1941. Ron is the oldest of 5 children. He has two brothers and two sisters. Ron was raised in East Denver just two blocks west of City Park Golf Course. He attended Manual High School and graduated in 1960. Ron



Photo by Craig Eley

participated in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He got started in his speaking career by majoring in English and speech and drama. He was the lead actor in his senior play, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," and received glowing reviews.

Ron coached football, baseball, and basketball at a number of schools in the Denver area for about 15 years.

He went to work for the United States Postal Service in 1961 as a temporary clerk and ended up

staying for 36 years, concluding his career as the postmaster in Westminster, Colorado.

Ron is a professional motivational speaker. He has spoken before many groups all round the United States. He still speaks occasionally but considers himself semi-retired.

He enjoys playing golf, championship dominos, coaching speech at the Boys and Girls Club and of course Optimists.

Ron and Barbara are parents of two boys—Ron Jr. lives in San Francisco, California and Kyle lives in Parker Colorado. Ron is also the surrogate grandfather to his next door neighbors, 5 year old Csaba. He is presently helping coach Csaba in soccer.

Ron has had an extensive career in Optimist International. He was a Distinguished Club President, Distinguished Lt. Governor, Distinguished, and Outstanding Governor of the District. He has served at the International level in many capacities.

QUESTION: "Why does a *slight* tax increase cost \$200 and *major* tax cut save us only thirty cents"?

Monaco South Calendar

Apr 19	Sun	7:00 am	9 Health Fair, Schlessman YMCA
Apr 21	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Room 102
Apr 22	Wed	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood - Jack Kleinheksel, presenter
Apr 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker pending
Apr 24	Fri	9:00 am	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary - Fred Pasternack, presenter
Apr 24	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International School - Tom Hoch, presenter
Apr 25	Sat	All Day	District Board Meeting and Oratorical Contest - Castle Rock
Apr 29	Wed	1:15/2:00 pm	Super Citizen, Samuels Elementary - Gary Strowbridge, presenter
May 1&2			Furry Scurry, set up on Friday afternoon (3pm) & Saturday (5am)
May 2	Sat	7:00 am	Colorado History Day Judging/volunteers - Karl Geil
May 3	Sun	12:30-3:00 pm	Denver Rubber Duck Drop, Geo. Wallace Park
May 14	Thu	5:30 pm	Super Citizen, Hamilton Middle School - Paul Bernard, presenter
May 21	Thu	1:00/2:00 pm	Super Citizen, Lowry Elementary - Frank Middleton, presenter
May 27	Wed	11:00/11:30 am	Super Citizen, University Park Elementary - Sewell Black, presenter
Jun 28	Sun	All Day	MS150 Rest Stop
Jul 8-11			Optimist International Convention, Kissimmee Florida
Sep 11-13	Weekend		Honeymoon/Getaway Weekend-Colorado Arlberg Club-Winter Park
Sep 26	Sat	6:00 pm	Monaco South Year End Banquet— SAVE THE DATE!

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
Bob Avery	1989-90	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Walters	1991-92	Greg Young	2007-08

2008 - 2009 Officers

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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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