



February 22, 2008

Vol. 32, Issue 21



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

Optimists Bring Out the
Best in Children



The Optimist Club of Monaco South

Founded in 1976

Denver, Colorado

www.monacosouth.org

Editor for this Issue—John Young

Comaraderie Day

Tom Hoch, Ed Collins and Rich Wagner were our greeters this morning. I walked in with Tom at 6:20am and there were already a dozen members present. Get here early if you like! Its fun to have a little more time for camaraderie.

Guests

Karl Geil had a guest in tow. Paul Stratton is seriously considering joining our club and he has an application. He is involved with the Lowry Elementary School and would like them to be included in our citizenship program. Hopefully Don Thomson can find room for one more school in our program. Randy Marcove also had a guest, David Lazaroff who is involved with elderly health care. We really need someone like that in our club!

Robert Wardlaw opened the meeting with an invocation honoring George Washington's birthday, and President Greg read some of Washington's Rules of etiquette and treated us to a somewhat confused joke about the Pythagorean theorem and a hippopotamus? Phil Perington was glad to find cars in the parking lot this morning, as were several other optimists that forgot about the wives to breakfast last week. Tom Mauro recommended a great book "Plato and Platypus." He says this one is a real

winner. This month Bob Avery, Ron Carlson, Craig Eley, OC Larson, Gary Miller, Russ Paul, Cy Regan, Frank Ross, Oscar Sorensen, Eldon Strong, Don Thomson, and Scott Walker all had birthdays and we gave them a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday, Monaco South style.

Announcements

Cy Regan had Super Market Sales totaling \$1,725 this morning. Good job well done Cy! King Soopers \$1,225 and Safeway \$500.

Gary Laman needs help this Thursday, February 28th, 4pm for Tri-Star Basketball at the Boys & Girls Club at 8th and Inca. It's fun to challenge the kids to a one-on-one competition, but be careful, they are very likely to win! Show up if you want to have a lot of fun.

Karl Geil needs volunteer judges for the Colorado History Day program March 15th. There is a training program on March 8th and 11th. See Karl for details.

New Officers for 08-09, Oscar Sorensen, chairman of the election committee, is looking for officers for next year's administration. He needs a president, 2 vice-presidents, and 4 board members. Please step up and volunteer Our club has been blessed with great leadership over the years and we certainly want to continue the tradition.

Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado

Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

Liberty Day. Last Thursday **Phil Perington** organized the 15 kids from Holm Elementary for **Andy McKean's** Liberty Day event at the Rotary Club meeting, Denver Athletic Club. The kids quizzed 150 Rotarians and dazzled them with their knowledge of the Constitution. Then the kids did their "Liberty Rap" for the group, which brought down the house. The Rotarians were so impressed they donated \$1500.00 to the Liberty Day project. Congratulations to **Andy** for creating this wonderful educational opportunity for kids!

St. Patrick's Day Parade, Saturday, March 15th is the date and **Don StJohn** recommends you get out your tuxedo and get ready for the big parade. **Gary Strowbridge** is the chairman and volunteers should meet at 7:00am at the Breakfast Inn on Evans to fortify themselves for the big event. \

International Presidents Dinner, Saturday, March 29th we will honor OI International President THEODORE GOLDING at the Doubletree Hotel, 3203 Quebec Street for cocktails starting at 6:00pm. Cost is \$32 per person. RSVP by March 14th. Tickets are available from **Greg Young, Karl Geil**, or Dottie Jefferies.

Super Citizen Presenters. **Joe Marci** is looking for presenters at out Super Citizen assemblies. With profound apologies, I lost the sign up sheet and Joe is redoing it so watch for next week's newsletter for who's up where. PS Joe has tickets available for Rockies Opening Day Game at \$40 each.

Children's Miracle Network. Four members responded to the call for help at Children's Hospital last week and worked the telephones for the Children's Miracle Network Radiothon. They helped raise a record 1.5 million dollars! Those who helped were **Neil Atkinson, Paul Bernard, Jack Kitchell**, and **Tom Overton**. **Ron Cisco** did the training for the radiothon and he thanked the club for its participation.

Socks! Hop To It! During the month of April, Holly Hills Elementary will be collecting socks for the homeless. Let's support the students in their drive to collect 5280 socks—one mile of SOCKS!! Any size, any color, but NEW socks are needed for this drive. During the month of April, Monaco South will be providing a bin at meetings for you to bring your socks and we hope to collect at least 130 pair...one for each member.



If you don't want to bother buying socks, just give your donation to **President Greg**, and if he collects enough we could buy 500 at wholesale (need \$300 minimum). Put your feet in gear for the SOCK DRIVE.

Awards

President Greg gave out several district awards and a special Optimist of the Quarter plaque to **Russ Paul**. See pictures on page 3. Russ is there for almost every Monaco South activity and has contributed greatly to the success of our club. The District awards went to **Ron Cisco** for his work on new club building and Junior Golf, **Joe Marci** for Junior Golf, **Paul Bernard** for The Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership. At the club level **Nick Newey** received recognition as Honor Club Secretary for 06-07 and the club has many patches to add to our already overburdened awards banner. Last year the club donated \$25.82 per member to the Optimist International Foundation!! We also received a literacy award for *Dictionaries to Kids* and the *I Like Me Program*.

MSOC Honor Club. **Paul Bernard**, past-president MSOC, was honored at the District Meeting for achieving Honor Club in 2006-2007.

Presidents Corner

Just Ask!! Ask What? March is the month for just asking your neighbor, doctor, dentist, lawyer, baker, candlestick maker, to come to visit MONACO SOUTH as a prospective member—don't forget to mention the free breakfast. When people ask you, "What is Optimist Club?" be prepared to tell them we are **Friends of Youth**. We do over 30 projects that benefit the youth and community in Metro Denver. From promoting good citizenship with our Super Citizen awards in 9 Denver schools, to sponsoring Tri-Star Basket ball at the Boys and Girls Club, we are actively involved in helping youth become good, strong and productive citizens and leaders. **THAT'S WHAT!!**



George Washington's Wisdom

To contract new debts is not the way to pay old ones.

I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.

Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation, for it's better to be alone than in bad company.

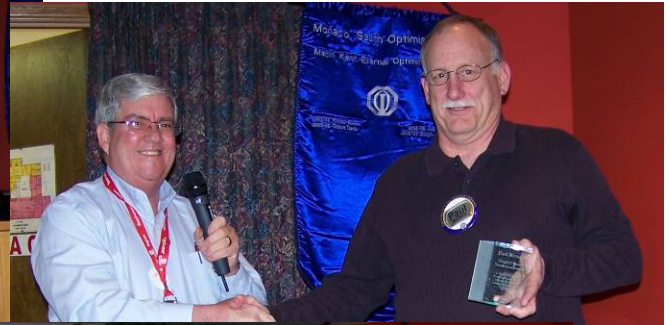
Political parties may now and then answer popular ends, but they are likely, in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust domination.

Awards

Photos by Don StJohn



Left, President Greg, presenting Optimist of the Quarter to **Russ Paul**, and below to Past-President **Paul Bernard** for The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership.



At left President Greg presenting to **Ron Cisco** for his work on new club building and Junior Golf. At right Greg presenting to **Joe Marci** for Junior Golf.

Monaco South Calendar

Feb 28	Thu	4:00 pm	Monaco South Tri-Star Basketball - Cope Boys & Girls Club, 8th and Inca
Feb 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Susan Gustin: <i>Colorado History Day</i>
Mar 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Greg Hurd: <i>Trains</i>
Mar 12	Wed	6:30 pm	Monaco South Oratorical Contest - Schlessman YMCA
Mar 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Scott Bates: House Candidate District 9
Mar 18	Tue	6:30 pm	MSOC Board Meeting - Eley's Office
Mar 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Craig Eley: <i>Patrick Henry</i>
Mar 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Apr 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
Apr 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Bob Fein: <i>Sports Marketing</i>
Apr 11	Fri		Zone 9 Oratorical Contest - Windsor Gardens
Apr 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie 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
Bob Avery	1989-90	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bill Litchfield.	1990-91	Paul Bernard	2006-07

2007 - 2008 Officers

President	Greg Young	303-759-3921
Vice President	Phil Perington	303-832-4578
Vice President	Al Gapuzan	303-770-0499
Secretary	Rich Wagner	303-362-5328
Treasurer	Ron Gustas	303-770-9640

Board of Directors

Russ Paul	303-750-0554
Frank Ross	303-713-1008
Scott Walker	303-517-1862
Bill Wells	303-757-8013
Dick Cohen	303-320-1767
Mike Snipes	303-699-9161
Jim Brown	303-671-6309
Howard Fry	303-300-4466

Newsletter Committee

Craig Eley	303-758-9499	craig@eley.net	Jim Piccinelli	303-721-1470	jp Piccinelli@earthlink.net
Robert Finkelmeier	303-756-5829	rfinkelmeier@comcast.net	Bill Walters	303-697-7252	wwalters43@msn.com
Marc Goodbody	303-202-1610	mlgoodbody@gmail.com	Robert Wardlaw	303-759-0360	rwardlaw@comcast.net
Marlin Kent	303-779-0778		John Young	303-692-8202	johnandclaire@comcast.net
Jim Leuschner	720-851-7102	flyleusch@aol.com	Dick Zolman	303-796-8746	rzolman691@aol.com
Ralph Pedersen	303-759-3384	pedersen.ralph@q.com			

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.

PERIODICAL POSTAGE PAID
AT DENVER, COLORADO AND
ADDITIONAL MAILING OFFICES

Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (USPS 401730)
is published weekly for \$2.00 per year by the
Optimist Club of Monaco South at
4173 S. Rosemary Way, Denver, CO 80237
Postmaster: Send address changes to:
Marc Goodbody
P.O. Box 159
WHEATRIDGE, CO 80034-0159