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Good Morning Optimists!

This morning we had a trio of greeters: **Frank Middleton, Randy Marcove, and new member, George Vassilaros.** Thank you, gentlemen!

Invocation & Pledge

Today's invocation was intoned by **Steve Kady.** Steve reminded us that we should always strive only for the best and be the best Optimist we can be. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

President Phil Presides

Pres Phil Perington opened the meeting with the induction of our latest member, **Jerry Gilbert** (see more later). Phil also mentioned that our guest last week, Brian Williams, has stated his intention to join the club. Good news! We continue to be the strongest club in OI. Phil then regaled us with more U.S. history facts:

- 1912, the first plane to be launched by catapult (hey, here's an idea: why not do this at sea and become a naval power?)
- 1922, Ralph Samuelson invented water skiing. After trying barrel staves and snow skis, Ralph fashioned the first dedicated water skis from lumber he purchased and shaped. Ralph made his bindings from leather strips and used a long window sash as a ski rope. No word on how he found a boat fast enough. But he did learn one

thing: "Keep your tips up!"

- 1964, Al Parker set a glider distance record: 644 miles
- 1990, Nolan Ryan wins 30 games
- Notable Birthdays are J.K. Rowling, Evonne Goolagong, Jackie O., Arnold S., Casey Stengel, and, of course, Buddy Guy.

Guests

No new guests today. Let's all try to encourage one guest to attend between now and the end of September.

Induction

Once again, **Randy Marcove**, received a pin for getting a new member. **Jerry Gilbert** was inducted today as our 133rd member! Jerry is an



attorney and was formerly with the U. Hills Optimist Club, but decided he liked meeting on Friday better.

Welcome Jerry and get to know him, and share

his bright sunny disposition! Also receiving a new member pin today was **Fred Pasternack**, sponsor of **George Vassilaros.**

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST:



Paul Bernard sent his thanks to all who participated in the Brent's Place pancake breakfast: **Phil Perington, Craig Eley, Cy Regan, Scott Walker (and friends), George Vassilaros, Bryce Slaby, Marc Goodbody, Ed Collins, George Buzick, Al Gapuzan, Steve Kady, Kent Gloor.** Special mention to **Cy**, who was the early bird on the scene, and **Marc**, who took the leftovers to the food kitchen. Rumor has it that 5000 pancakes were cooked and after eliminating rejects, over 2000 were served. Thanks also to the **Tamarac Club** for their participation!

SECOND HONEYMOON/GETAWAY WEEKEND

Have you signed up yet? Available rooms at the exclusive Arlberg Club in Winter Park are going fast. If you want to go, contact **Howard Fry, Randy Marcove or Al Gapuzan** right away! The weekend of September 11th promises to be spectacular, and the cost is only \$138 per person two nights and meals!!!



DISTRICT CONVENTION

Have you registered for the District Convention, coming up on August 28-30 in Colorado Springs? Get your form in asap. On Friday is an outstanding event: ride the **Pikes Peak Cog Railway** with your spouse, kids and grandkids (half price!)...at a great price, it's a special Dinner ride just for the Optimists, and seats are limited. So get your reservation in **NOW!!**

Get a copy at : <http://www.optimistcowy.org/conventionreservation.pdf>

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It's that time of year again! Each year **Oscar Sorenson** organizes our School Supplies drive for



the 10 Denver Schools that we support. Oscar is asking each Monaco South school representative to contact their schools and find out any particular needs they may have. We want to have our boxes of supplies delivered by the first day of school...which in most cases is August 19th.

SIGN UP SOON
SIGN UP SHEET FOR THE
YEAR END BANQUET
IS GOING AROUND
SAVE THE DATE: SEPT. 26TH
BLOSSOMS RESTAURANT, 6:00 PM

JUNIOR GOLF

Joe Marci reported on Junior Golfers at the 15th Annual Optimist International tourney. 18 junior golfers are representing the Colorado/Wyoming District, playing in Florida at the PGA National. The low score reported so far has been a 72 by Connor Klein in 14-15 Boys Division. Claudia Davis had a low round for the 14-15 girls, with a 75. Stay tuned for further reports next week. Thank you notes about:



Mr Marci,
Thank you very much for the opportunity to return to PGA National for a second year in a row. The people down there are world class and I can not wait to be a part of the great tournament you always put on. Thank you,
Clay

Dear Mr. Marci,
We received your check on behalf of the Optimist Club and want to extend our heartfelt thanks in appreciation of your gift. Clay is so excited to be provided with the opportunity to return to Florida. It was such a wonderful experience and we are most grateful for your assistance in helping us get back there this year. Thank you again for all you do on behalf of children and youth, Stacy Labrec

OUR SPEAKER

Today our speaker was **Mike Hanbery** of Hanbery and Hanbery, a marketing services firm.

Mike is a 20 year veteran of the marketing wars. He talked about the revolution in networks for marketing and social interaction, including Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, MeetUP, and others. Mike is the author of a soon to be published book, *Connect and Contribute: Creating a Social Business*.



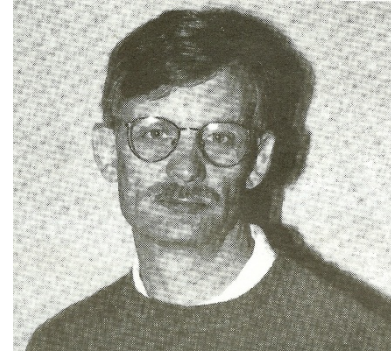
Mike enlightened us to the fact that of all the users out there using social networks, 90% of them are “lurkers” or browsers, 9% have some occasional involvement and are using the sites, and only 1% are active daily participants.

One of the key takeaways Mike talked about is how you need to ensure the security of your information on the web. Do not respond to emails from organizations or people you don't know, or click on links in emails even from organizations you supposedly do know who ask for information or logins. Always access the site from your known browser link or call the organization to see if the request is legitimate. Especially true of emails from “PayPal” or those telling you that you have money coming.

Mike ran out of time due to the flood of questions, so he will be back to educate us some more.

He is also working with Randy Marcove on the idea of starting a “virtual” JOOI club on the internet for our school kids in the 9 elementary schools we support in the Super Citizen Program. See Mike's handout attached to the GUMs email distribution.

WHO IS THIS GUY???



From the 1995 Club Directory of Monaco South

HINT:

- ⇒ Past President of Monaco South
- ⇒ Super involved in Super Citizen and Tri-Star Basketball
- ⇒ Owns a dog named Barkly and is a Doctor

PEACHES

Bob Finkelmeier said the western slope peaches will be available mid August. \$20 per lug. Monaco South and Tamarac OC's gets \$3 from the \$20 depending on the number sold from each club. Let Bob know if you are interested. 303-756-5829 or email rfinkelmeier@comcast.net.

THE FINAL BELL

No one won the drawing today. Next week: \$90! Your chances get better every week!!

Cy reported supermarket (King Soopers/Safeway) card sales at \$1025 today. We can do better....Bring your money and buy the cards!

The Optimist Creed was started by our wonderful Secretary, **Rich Wagner**.

Monaco South Calendar

Aug 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Robert Case, Story Teller and Writer
Aug 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Aug 18	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
Aug 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall— East High School Constitutional Scholars
Aug 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—TBD
Aug 28-30			Colorado/Wyoming District Convention , Colorado Springs
Sep 04	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Harry Fegley, The Other Side of Africa
Sep 09	Wed	7:00 pm	Budget Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
Sep 11-13	Weekend		Honeymoon/Getaway Weekend -Colorado Arlberg Club-Winter Park
Sep 15	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
Sep 26	Sat	6:00 pm	Monaco South Year End Banquet —BLOSSOMS Restaurant

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
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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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