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Good Morning Optimist

Good morning Optimists! The sun is shining and a beautiful summer morning welcomes us this morning on the day before the **4th of July**.



Our Greeters

Tom Glazier and **Keith Gallaway** are exceptional as greeters this morning. Though the crowd was light due to the approaching holiday, the atmosphere is light and cheery.

First Bell & Invocation

President **John Oss** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. sharp. **Eldon Strong** delivers the invocation this morning asking *God of Hope to help us banish worry from our thoughts. Bless us with peace and remind us that very few things are important enough to worry about. The peace that comes from stopping the worry about those things we cannot change and the ability to change those things we can that endures. Be too large for worry.*

Pledge of Allegiance

Eldon then leads us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. John then encourages members and guests to greet one another with a handshake and a smile.



This is a great way to start your
Independence Day Weekend!

Battle Hymn of the Republic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFtNVEbasOo>

A John Wayne 1970 special, with many famous actors and actresses celebrating America's history
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFv-fqQ9D_Y

Thanks to Peter Dimond & Jim Tapp for bring these to our attention.

Guests

President **John Oss** gives the microphone to **Randy Marcove** who introduces Shannon Scott as his guest. Shannon came to know Randy through having a daughter be recognized as a Super Citizen while attending Bradley International, where Randy is the school representative. Shannon works as a producer for KOA, including games for CU, the Broncos, and Rockies. Welcome Shannon and do not be afraid to sing next time you join us.

Tom Glazier introduces Keith Walter who is here for the second time. Keith tells us the food was so good the first time so he had to come back.

Welcome Guests!

From the Prez

Prez John shares that while helping out at the rest stop last week for the CO-WY MS 150 event, he met Glenn Bein who was riding with an American flag. He also carried an image of a folded flag as bestowed to next of kin. His Marine son and his son's dog gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the Middle East. On this Independence Day we give thanks for such sacrifices.



97th Optimist International Convention

July 9-11, 2015
New Orleans, LA
[For details CLICK HERE](#)

CO/WY Super Game Convention

August 27-30, 2015
Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs, CO
[For details CLICK HERE](#)

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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****

From the Prez Continued

Tom Graumann will speak to us next Friday about surviving the Holocaust. He was one of the 669 children on the "Winton Train," a train Nicholas Winton organized in 1939 to transport Czechoslovak children refugees to London. Nicholas Winton passed away this past Wednesday at 106 years of age. Tom has shared his experiences for decades to prevent such a horrible event from ever occurring again. He is the strongest Optimist I have ever met. Tom is a MSOC Friend of Optimists member.

Jim Kondrasuk from Wisconsin is the OI president-elect nominee. I was honored to vote for Jim on behalf of our club. Twenty-two percent, or 460 of the eligible clubs voted.



Keep These Member's in Your Thoughts & Prayers

Karen Pasternack sent out a message the website Caringbridge.org, which is able to update us on **Fred Pasternack's** condition. It is very easy to sign up, you can also send along a some support and encouragement. To register, go to www.caringbridge.org/visit/fredpasternack. You will need to setup an account.

In addition, **Dick Zolman** reports that **Ralph Pedersen**, a Monaco South Charter Member, had a fall recently at his home and was hospitalized and then moved to a care facility to recover. Ralph hopes to be home soon, please call Lois first if you want to visit him.

As reported last week, **Pat Sullivan** has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing chemo. Give Pat and Mary Jean encouragement, neither can drive. Give them a call at 303-757-4519 if you are able to help with transportation.

Our best goes out to all.

Announcements

Club Meeting Speakers: **Paul Bernard** who serves as our Speaker's Bureau President, reports that next week's speaker has had to cancel. If you know of anyone who presents an interesting and informative speech that could speak next week, please let him know.

MS-150 Bike Ride: In **Michael Chavez** absence, **Bob Avery** reports that the MS Bike event went very well and he truly does appreciate the friendly faces at the lunch stop on Sunday. This is a chance to see members from our club along with **Tamarac Optimist** club members and re-energize for the last part of the ride. Bob's first ride was in 1990 and he continues to raise money for this cause. He was wearing the medal he received last week after completing this year's ride and he presents another medal to **Bill Morgan** and to **Oscar Sorensen** to give to his wife, **Pat Sorensen**, who live every day with MS.



Photos Allen Yockey

Thank you Bob, for your efforts to raise money and awareness to fight for a cure for Multiple Sclerosis.

Bob Avery Reports Good News: *On Monday June 8th, we were present at a court hearing for having our son Stephen's sentence reduced. There had been a meeting of the minds earlier in May and all were in agreement that he deserved to have his sentence reduced; this hearing was to make the earlier meeting a reality with all parties signing off. The actual hearing was great with many kind words spoken, many joyful tears shed, and the fact that a wrong was being righted.*

So bottom line...with the sentence reduction from 40 years down to 20 years (YEAH) and with all time credits involved and with Stephen hopefully continuing to be a model inmate, he should see Parole within 3-5 years, meaning closer to 5 than to 3 due to Parole politics, etc.

Funny how life gives one perspective...if you had told us 10 years ago that our son was going to spend 20 years in prison we would have been aghast, now we're elated!

What can we say...this has truly been a journey that GOD has had a hand in all along and to so many of our friends that have kept us in prayer...Thank you...it couldn't have been done without you.

We are not out of the woods completely, however, we are very hopeful that this will give this young man another chance at life and we will be able to witness his return to a productive life.

You all are a blessing in our lives.

Love, Bob and Dorcas

Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club: **Ron Gustas** announced that later today, Friday, July 3rd, 28 kids helped by Optimists would be returning from the ADA Diabetes Camp Colorado near Woodland Park. These kids and their families received financial support from the Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club (T1DOC), eight other District Optimist Clubs, and a few individuals. Optimist Clubs and others help to underwrite the cost of kids attending the Diabetes Camp raised almost \$8,500 this year.

To raise funds to support JDRF research the T1DOC will be handing out survey cards to the first 10,000 fans through the gates at the Sunday, July 12th Rockies game against the Atlanta Braves. The T1DOC welcomes a few additional OCMS members to help staff the gates. Volunteers need to arrive by 11:15 a.m. and will receive one ticket to stay for the game, a Rockies t-Shirt, and preferred \$1 parking. To sign-up, please call Ron Gustas at 303-770-9640 or e-mail at rgustas@earthlink.net. Volunteers can also sign-up at www.SignUpGenius, so [CLICK HERE](#).

Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** reports on Jr. Golf, and shares that a young girl from Cortez, CO recently qualified for the national tournament, by competing in a tournament in Utah. The club sent her \$500 to help with her expenses and promptly received a "Thank You Note" from her mother. Thirty kids from this area are being supported by MSOC and the CO/WY District as they compete in the OI Junior Golf Championships in Florida later this month. See <http://www.optimist.org/golf-championships.cfm> for details.

Officers Induction Dinner: **Randy Marcove** standing in for **Jon Wachter** tells us about the upcoming Officers Induction Ceremony to take place September 19 at Piccolo's Restaurant from 6-10:30 p.m. The event will install new president Don Iley, vice presidents, and board members. The maximum number of attendees is 80 so please sign up early.

Brain Bowl Activities: **Karl Geil** takes the microphone and gives us the latest in an update regarding Brain Bowl.

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Announcements Continued

Karl has stated in the past that the one indispensable member for this event was **Frank Ross**, he was responsible for creating and maintaining the buzzer boards that teams use during the competition. Frank is moving to Pennsylvania later this summer and Karl is looking for a special someone who can maintain these boards and help with this aspect. If you are handy in this area, please contact Karl.

Cherry Creek Arts Festival: Paul Simon reminds members to stop by the Beer Tent at the Cherry Creek Arts Festival this weekend, he will be serving. In addition, the Optimist Cancer Club Rocky Mountain Chapter will be hosting a welcome event September 17th at the American Cancer Society building. Please plan to attend and see Paul for details.

Breakfast Costs: Greg Young reminded us that we had another delicious breakfast this morning, provided by our caterer, and that for members it is not free. And although it is a buffet, it is not an all you can eat buffet. Additionally, if you have a guest and the club is providing breakfast for that guest, please notify the person keeping track—usually that is **Don St. John**, this morning it is being handled by **Gary Miller**, for record keeping purposes. Thank you.

A Thank You: Prez John reads a *Thank You Note* from our recent recipient for the Excellence in Education Award

winner last month. **Andrea Holmes**, a second grade teacher at Bradley International Elementary School is an inspiring model who embodies the qualities we hope for in our educators. Andrea Thank You for the impact you have on your students and parents.

Drawing

Prez John calls out, “Do we have a drawing?” “Yes” is the response and then we hear “What’s in the pot?” With loud shout “A total of \$50 this morning.” The lucky card is (it was, but not any more) the King of Clubs, with past OI president **Ron Huxley’s** picture on the card.

Members who hold winning tickets this morning included **Keith Gallaway**, our guest **Shannon Scott**, **Bob Avery**, **OC Larson**, **John Oss**, and **Tom Hoch**.

Craig Eley then draws **Paul Bernard’s** name from the plastic jug and Paul picks the lucky card! Nice way to start your day Paul!

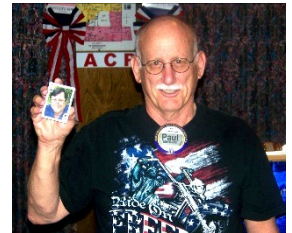


Photo Gary Miller

Closing Bell

Go out to this beautiful day and spread the word of Optimism.

Pictures from the MS 150



Photos Allen Yockey



Weekly Greeters

7/10/15	Bill Morgan & Jim VanderKamp
7/17/15	Steve Kady & Tom Kramis
7/24/15	George Buzick & Randy Marcove
7/31/15	Dave Peck & Frank Ross
Help, Help, Help — we need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or jon_wachter@msn.com	

July 10 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Tom Graumann, Surviving the Holocaust
July 16 Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
July 17 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
July 20 Mon		Optimist Club of Monaco South 40 th Birthday! Chartered in 1976
Aug 27-30		CO/WY 4th Qtr. Convention, Glenwood Springs, CO
Sep 19 Sat	6:00 pm	MSOC Installation & Celebration, Piccolo's, 3563 South Monaco Parkway

**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
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Randy Marcove	2011-12
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Mark Metevia	1994-95	Jon Wachter	2013-14

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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.