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Good Morning Optimist

Today's Greeters

It was great to be greeted by **Bill** (retired, Public Service Co.) **Turman** and **Randy** (financial advisor, with a new job) **Marcove**. We appreciate these friendly greetings each Friday morning!

Invocation and Pledge

Former **Governor Jim Brown** led us to pray for unity and international accord. He then guided us in our pledge to the flag of the United States of America.

Opening Bell

President Phil Perington gave us the usual history lesson, mostly baseball events. We then gave "High-fives for the kids," high-fives all around.

Mr. President reported on the District Meeting where several awards were given, one of which was for THE NEWSLETTER: *Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South* (GUMS)!

He announced that **Andy McKean** was in Washington, D.C. for Liberty Day.

Cy Regan was missing; in the hospital briefly. Todd Olson substituted.

Board of Directors Meeting

Bill Wells reported that the highlight was approving the applications of five new members! Editor's note: I attended the meeting, and assure you that these volunteers are a hard working bunch. Treasurer **Ron Gustas** reported a \$589 excess of income over expenses for the past fiscal year. (Tips of \$1,000 + were received at the tree lot.) Also, dues collections are close to current. The budget for the new year was approved. **Bill Wells** (Membership) placed our membership at 131 at the end of the fiscal year; adding five new members and dropping two who resigned leaves us at 134 currently. **President Phil** declared a goal of two new JOII clubs in schools. At the effective plea of **Paul Bernard**, the board approved the donation of \$200 to a Cherry Creek Schools program for blind students.

Announcements

Goblins Calling

Kent Gloor reminded us goblins to be at the Schlessman YMCA, Colorado Boulevard and Yale, on Halloween evening, October 31st at 6:00pm. Many goblins are needed.

Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am

Announcements continued

Thanksgiving Dinner for Boys and Girls Clubs

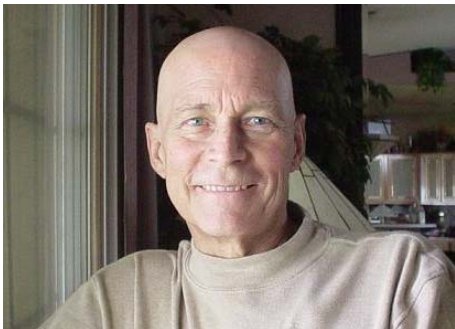
Write on your calendar November 25th, Tuesday late-afternoon and evening starting at 4:00pm. Various duties are open for you. **Donlie Smith** is heading up this annual project.

Entertainment Books

Frank Ross was hawking the books (\$25) in the absence of **Joe Marci**. Proceeds go to one of Joe's favorite charities. Maybe Optimist Junior Golf. There are \$20 in coupons for Safeway alone.

Bad News

Word has come from several sources that Jerry Whitlow passed away on Friday, October 24th. Jerry was a Charter Member, Charter Secretary/Treasurer, and second president of OCMS. Editor's note: I was secretary-treasurer to Jerry during 1977-78. My thanks to those who gave me this information.



Ron Cisco writes: JERRY WHITLOW was a devoted husband, beloved father, and dedicated friend. Jerry was born in Louisville, KY on March 25, 1945. He was raised in Northglenn, CO and graduated from Northglenn High School.

Jerry was an entrepreneur having worked in various lines of business most recently working in the gaming business in Las Vegas, NV.

Jerry and Kathy raised her two daughters in and around the Denver area and before leaving Colorado in 1993 lived in Arvada, CO. Jerry loved the two girls and thought of them as his own. He talked often of taking part in all of their activities. Jerry and Kathy loved traveling, especially to Hawaii. Jerry had a magnificent singing voice and Kathy would accompany him on the piano. They traveled all over Europe on a singing tour with the Arvada Chorale. This was one of Jerry's fondest memories.

Jerry was a dedicated Optimist. He was a charter member of Monaco South and served as its charter

Secretary/Treasure in 1976. The next year he was the President of Monaco South. He served the Colorado/Wyoming district on many committees and was the District Secretary/Treasure during my Administration in 1991/1992. He was elected to Governor Elect in 1993.

Jerry was a close friend to many at Monaco South but was especially close with me. As partners in 1991/1992 we spent a lot of time together in leading the Colorado/Wyoming District to one of the most successful years in history. Rest in peace Jerry.

There will not be any service. Jerry requested cremation and that his remains be scattered in Maui as this was a place that he had visited many times. Cards should be sent to his wife Kathy at: 8774 Crystal Port Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89147 or email her at: kwhitlow@cox.net. You can also visit Jerry's blog at: <http://jkwhitlow.blogspot.com/>.

Due to the economic situation some new financial terms have emerged...

CEO — Chief Embezzlement Officer.

CFO — Corporate Fraud Officer.

BULL MARKET — A random market movement causing an investor to mistake himself for a financial genius.

BEAR MARKET — A 6 to 18 month period when the kids get no allowance, the wife gets no jewelry, and the husband gets no sex.

VALUE INVESTING — The art of buying low and selling lower.

P/E RATIO — The percentage of investors wetting their pants as the market keeps crashing.

BROKER — What my broker has made me.

STANDARD & POOR — Your life in a nutshell.

STOCK ANALYST — Idiot who just downgraded your stock.

STOCK SPLIT — When your ex-wife and her lawyer split your assets equally between themselves.

FINANCIAL PLANNER — A person whose phone has been disconnected.

MARKET CORRECTION — The day after you buy stocks.

CASH FLOW — The movement your money makes as it disappears down the toilet.

YAHOO — What you yell after selling it to some poor sucker for \$240 per share.

WINDOWS — What you jump out of when you're the sucker who bought Yahoo @ \$240 per share.

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR — Past year investor who's now locked up in a nuthouse.

PROFIT — An archaic word no longer in use.

Speakers Denver Pet Partners

Diana McQuarrie, Director, Denver Pet Partners, and her partner Rigo, along with others mentioned later, told how their partner dogs provide animal assisted therapy. They appear at hospitals, schools, long term care facilities, nursing homes, hospices, mental health centers, Aurora Medical Oncology (cancer), Montview Correctional Facility, and other sites. They teach people how to work with animals, 175 teams in the Denver area.



Katie Weyland and Speckles told of visiting a six year old boy at a mental health center who had been abused.

Shannon and partner Biscuit visit Denver University's school for children with special needs.

Kathleen and partner Clancy, a 2 1/2 year old Golden Doodle (Golden Retriever/Poodle) visit people with autism and down syndrome.



At Montview Correctional Facility six teams visit six boys. Kathleen told about her and Clancy's calling on

a 16 year old boy who has taught Clancy tricks, giving him some self esteem and responsibility. When asked to write what Clancy has taught him, he wrote "friendship" and other character traits.

Jim Saunders and Sadie, a 5 year old bloodhound, expressed their joy in visiting patients at Swedish Hospital, Colorado Oncology, and Life Care Center.



We had five very well behaved dogs with us today; animals who are bringing joy and rehabilitation to many kinds of people. This was a great day.

Learn more about Denver Pet Partners a Program of **American Humane** animal-assisted therapy program at: <http://www.denverpetpartners.org>.

About Denver Pet Partners... made up of a team of compassionate and dedicated people who are committed to providing the utmost to improving human health and promoting the human-animal bond. We welcome your visit to our Media Center and hope you will choose to join us on this challenging but rewarding journey of partnering with animals to make a better world for us all.

Monaco South Calendar

Oct 28	Tue	9:00 am	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary School - Gary Strowbridge
Oct 31	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Shari Mitteco, <i>Body Coach & Personal Trainer</i>
Oct 31	Fri	6:00pm	Goblins Calling, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E Yale Avenue
Nov 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Kris Kroncke, <i>District 3 Commander, Denver Police Department</i>
Nov 12	Wed	1:15/1:45 pm	Super Citizen, McMeen Elementary
Nov 13	Thu	1:00/2:00 pm	Super Citizen, Lowry Elementary
Nov 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Ric Durity, <i>Mental Health Center of Denver</i>
Nov 14	Fri	11:00 am	Super Citizen, University Park Elementary
Nov 18	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., St., #102
Nov 19	Wed	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood
Nov 20	Thu	9:00 am	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary School
Nov 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Nov 21	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International
Nov 25	Tue	4:00 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner - Boys & Girls Club and Girls Inc.

**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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Bill Walters	1991-92	Greg Young	2007-08

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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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