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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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### Good Morning Optimist

Welcoming us today with smiles and warm handshakes, were **Aaron Beery** and **Greg Young**.

### Invocation and Pledge

Lt. Governor for Zone 9, **Mark Metevia** opened our meeting with a prayer. *We give thanks ... With forgiveness and guidance we can serve.* Then led us all in *The Pledged of Allegiance* to our flag.

### Welcome Guests

President **Paul Simon** directed us to recognize our guests, aside from the many Super Citizen related principles and staff. For our guests, **Jon Wachter** introduced his friend **Bob Winterfield**. Bob came with a filled out application in hand. **Donlie Smith** introduced **Bob Schlageter**, president elect of the Heather Gardens Optimists. **Harry Fegley** introduced his brother **Tom Fegley** from Germantown, MD. He is a consulting civil engineer. **Kent Gloor** introduced his neighbor, Dr. Lew, who Kent has wanted to visit the club for a long time. Lew is recently retired and has served as an election judge. Our club has a wealth of opportunities for folk with time to contribute to the benefit of youth. Lew, take note.

### Welcome Back

To those we have not seen for awhile: **Allan McCall**, **Harry Fegley**, **Jim Tapp**, **Frank Rowe**, **Bill Anderson**, and **Peter Dimond** were with us. Alan comes an hour early to enjoy the fellowship, but leaves early to make a living. That is great for him and for us. And **Steve Kady** introduced one of our new FOO members, **Jacques (Jack) Bensard** a retired Denver police officer. Editor: There were many other visitors not noted here. This editor's bandwidth broke on this meeting. What great participation!

### Guest Club Builders

**Phil Perington** introduced **Darren Martin** and **Melanie Howard**, along with District New Club Building Chair **George Ofiesh** presented a compelling plan to organize and charter a new **Hot Rod Hero's Club**. It will focus on teaching kids financial, driver and civic responsibility. They will be presenting a 50 minute Session at our Annual 65<sup>th</sup> Convention in Breckenridge. The new Hot Rod Hero's Club will be composed of 15 new and 10+ experienced Optimist members. In accordance with our most recent FRACSOC and T1DOC Clubs the foundation of this new Club will be based upon personal interest and the well being of our kids. Darren and Melanie can be contacted at [www.cfrusa.com/](http://www.cfrusa.com/). If you are interested in making a one year or more commitment to this new club please contact George Ofiesh at [gnaofiesh@aol.com](mailto:gnaofiesh@aol.com) or Phil at [perington@msn.com](mailto:perington@msn.com).

### Principals Breakfast

To start off our principal recognition, **Prez Paul Simon** introduced Thomas Jefferson High School's new principal **Suzanne Morris-Sherer**. She is a proud long term Denver teacher. TJHS attracted her from the Aurora system, where she was a principal for six years. She invites our continued and increased partnership with TJ. Learn more about her at: [www.tjjournal.com/](http://www.tjjournal.com/).



TJ Principal Suzanne Morris-Sherer and Paul Simon.

Photo John Oss  
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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\*\*\*\*

## Principals Breakfast Continued

Don Thomson introduces our Super Citizen



Photo John Oss

School principals: Steve Wera, Bradley International; Nickolas Dawkins, Hamilton Middle; Gregg Gonzales, Highline Academy; Jim Metcalf, Holm; Becky Bicha, Lowry; Adam Voleck, McMeen; Colleen McManoman, Most Precious Blood; Erin

Mack-Trapanese, Samules; and Kurt Siebold, Slavens; Dana Williams, University Park. MSOC has supported many of these schools for our 32 year history.



Don Thomson greets and welcomes the Super Citizen School principals as they join us for this special presentation.

Photo Don StJohn

Additionally here to recognize our Super Citizen School's is Anne Rowe, Denver Board Member, and spouse of our member **Frank Rowe**.

Don shares that we serving these ten Denver schools and presented over 826 Super Citizen certificates and t-shirts during the 2012-13 school year. Our program is designed to recognize students before their peers. Students do not have to be the "best" or academically gifted, but display special traits towards fellow students and respect their teacher and education. These could include basic core values such as: honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy, judgment, raising grades, showing improvement in attendance and behavior or just being a special friend to someone who needs a friend. We as Optimists, consider it an honor and privilege to be a part of your education program in your schools.

Don speaks to club members by saying, "Thanks to our Optimists who make this Super Citizen program so successful: **Joe Marci**, who schedules our presenters; **Dr. Bob Finkelmeier**, who prints all the certificates; and photographers **Marc Goodbody**, **Greg Young**, **John Oss**, **Wyatt McCallie**, **Les Larson**; and especially to our dedicated school representatives at the 10 schools: **Randy Marcove** (Bradley), **Tom Mau-**

**ro & Karl Geil** (Hamilton), **Jim Easton** (Highline), **Donlie Smith** (Holm), **Paul Stratton** (Lowry), **Pat Sullivan** (MPB), **Kent Gloor** (Samuels), **Tom Hoch** (Slavens), and **Bob Avery** (Univ. Park). Of course I will continue to supports McMeen.

I will miss my frequent contact with each of the schools in the coming years since I have decided to pass the coordinating activities over to **Robert Wardlaw** for the coming year. I am term limited! Thanks to all who make this truly a "flag ship" program for our Optimist Club of Monaco South."

Don received a standing ovation for his service. Listen to the comments of our Optimist school representatives and the principles by [CLICKING HERE](#).

School principals and leaders expressed their thanks for this Optimist program executed jointly with them. Optimist International extolls the virtue of this program in a new video clip called "Bringing Out the Best in Kids," which premiered at this years convention in Cincinnati. See it by [CLICKING HERE](#) or on the [OI Webpage](#).

## Shout Out to Hamilton

**Prez Paul Simon** thanked Hamilton Middle school for their support in providing space for the new *Know Brainer* program. It was a great success! We want to go with it again this year. All schools, please get your schedules for upcoming super citizen events to **Robert Wardlaw**, the successor to Don Thomson. Robert will need our Optimist school representatives to insure we have school schedules in hand.

## Announcements

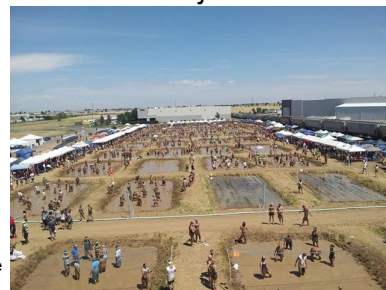
**Mudd Volleyball Parking:** **Cy Regan** reported the March of Dimes celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past week-end, raising nearly \$200,000, one of the best fund raisers ever, for the event.

Fifteen Optimists did an outstanding job in directing traffic and parking cars for almost 5000 participants on probably the driest and lumpiest field we worked on over the last 13 years. When the job was finished, we eat breakfast at the local Village Inn. All had a great time.



Cait McHugh, a March of Dime's coordinator for this even sent an email saying: "Thank you for all of the Optimist's help last weekend. It was a great event! We raised just under

\$200,000 for the March of Dimes. Here is a link to a video that the photographer made about the event. I will also attach several pictures. Go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?>



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**Announcements continued**

**Steve Kady** spent some hours the day prior recruiting the Aurora fire department and a local construction company to water the down the parking area to hold down the dust. The “dust eating” participants were **Joe Marci, Russ Paul, Greg Hurd, Gary Strowbridge, Donlie Smith, Greg Young, Barry Barker, Bryce Slaby, Jim Easton, Pat Sullivan, Allen Yockey, Steve Kady, Fred Pasternack, Wyatt McCallie,** and **Cy Regan**. Editor: You have to see it to believe it. Go to: <http://muddvolleyball.com> for more pictures.

**Junior Golfers Score Well at PGA National: Joe Marci** says the tournament is completed. The 20 Colorado-Wyoming junior golfers played in Palm Beach Gardens Florida from July 25 - August 5. Their scores were great but no golfer made the top 10.

In the boys 10-11 age group Elijah Harp had a low round of 85 and finished 21<sup>st</sup>. In the boys 12-13 division Sam Tqylor led with a low of 73 and finished 25<sup>th</sup>. The other 3 boys were Nishant Datta (78), Drew Mettler (82) and Ty Findlow (97). In the boys 14-15 division Alan Berry had a 79 low score and Tyler Zhang had 2 rounds of 78 but both boys finished way back as the winner shot 3 rounds of 70. Donny Kinnaman led our 5 boys in the 16-18 age division with a (74) and finished in 20th place. The other 4 boys in this group were Chris Konte (76), Jake Kelley (77), Behrod Keshtavar (77) and Randy Urso (78).

Alexis Chan finished 31<sup>st</sup> place in the 13-14 girls division and had a low round of 88. In the girls 15-18 age group Jillian Vance finished in 17th place with a low round of (73). The other 6 girls were Sarah Hankins (73), Megan McCambridge (82), Mary Weinstein (81), Jaylee Tait (85), Morgan Sahm (83) and Jenni Chun (88). The winning girl in the 15-18 division had a 2 over par score for 4 rounds of golf.

We are proud of our junior golfers performance at the Optimist International Golf Championship as they represented our district very well.

**Robert Sullivan Scholarships Program: Joe Marci** reported he and the new TJ principal are resolved the program will continue. We need to sell Entertainment Coupon Savings books to support the program. A book is \$30, and several have purchased books. A higher level of support is to sell books. Joe has had luck on his block. Join Joe in the fun.

**MS Fund Raising: Bob Avery** reported that our riders and contributors accounted for \$5,000. Thank you all! If you have not paid up your pledge, please do so. The deadline is here, according to Bob.

**Year End Banquet: Greg Young** reminds us to run down the signup sheet. Plan to go September, 28<sup>th</sup>, Blossoms at Heather Gardens, starting at 5:30 p.m. This banquet is to thank folks for the good efforts of the past year. It is also to give a good send off for the new leaders we have elected to the board.

**Peaches: Bob Finkelmeier** called for last chance purchases. They should be here by next Friday.

**Closing Bell**

How much is in the pot — \$170. Drawing the 10 of spades from just 8 cards could take pot. The fabulous six: **Don StJohn, OC Larson, Bob Coulson, Ron Gustas, Cy Regan,** and **Terry Shroyer** all had winning tickets. Not a one carried away the pot. That's only one chance in four to fail. So, **Gary Miller** proudly wore his name badge, took the pot, and gave the entire \$170 to our treasurer for the clubs use. **Kids Rock! Don St John** missed the pot, but took his satisfaction in photographing the smiling Gary. How fitting for Optimists!



Gary Miller, right, wins the \$170 pot for wearing his name badge, and then presents it to the clubs' coffers. Prez Paul, left, gives a thumbs-up on hearing that optimistic gesture.  
Photo Don StJohn

**You Know It's Hot When ...**



Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
8/16/13	Robert Wardlaw & Les Larson
8/23/13	Bob Coulson & Ralph Pedersen
8/30/13	Don Thomson & Jack Kleinheksel
9/6/13	Carl Brown & Gary Miller

**Monaco South Calendar**

- Aug 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Aug 21 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Aug 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Gretchen Clancey, Alzheimer's Association - Colorado Chapter
- Aug 2-25 Thu-Sun Colorado-Wyoming District Convention, Breckenridge
- Sep 28 Sat 5:30 pm Installation and Awards Banquet, Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens

**Past Presidents of the  
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Safe	1995-96
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ed Collins	2010-11
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Randy Marcove	2011-12

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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.