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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimists

After a hearty round of greetings by our greeters **Harry Johnson and Doug Arnold**, President **Ed Collins** ding donged the meeting to order. **President Collins** asked **Paul Stratton** to give the invocation. Paul, exhibiting a confident look and wearing a cheerful countenance, reminds us to give all those creatures a smile.

GUESTS

Fred Pasternack brought in two guests, Eric and Bob from Boulder who were wanting to buy chain saws from Fred. **Oscar Sorenson** brought in Chuck Amber who has been a past member of our club. Let's get him back!! **Ed Collins** brought Tony Reiner who came from some distance to be at our meeting. Welcome to our honored guests, please come again. Guests this morning included **Past Governor George Mills**, O.I. District Foundation Chairman. Also, glad to see **Peter Dimond, Jim Easton, Dan Hugo, Casey Funk and Mike Strong**.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

District Convention concluded this last weekend at the Ft Collins Hilton with the Oratorical Contest Finals for both Boys and Girls ages 8-19. Our club project leader, **Keith Gallaway**, did a fine job earlier this year, but our winners did not progress to the finals. Next year for sure! The district winners each get a \$2500 scholarship. **Fred and Karen Pasternack** have donated \$2,500 to each for the next five years in support of the boy's program. Thank you Fred and Karen for your generosity. We are still looking for someone to step up to support the girls! If you are interested, con-

tact our Treasurer **Greg Young**, or District Governor **Ron Benson**, or go to the OIF website:

<http://www.oifoundation.org/oifprograms/scholarship.htm>

During the convention luncheon, Ed presented a check for our club donation of \$700 to Dottie Jefferies of the Tamarac Club, who is the District Chair for the flagship OI **Childhood Cancer Campaign**. Individuals can also donate...see the OIF website at <http://www.oifoundation.org/oifprograms/programs.htm>

Prez Ed reported that we are looking to build our membership with **FOOS** (Friend of Optimist). These are persons who support our club but can not attend our meetings. Optimist International will rebate to the club \$40 of the \$100 dues for new FOOS. A good way to bulk up our membership. We still need to shoot to add 27 members since October 1. See **Pres. Ed or Treas. Greg** for more details or application forms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members Help with Juvenile Diabetes (JDRF) Fundraiser

On May 6th **Craig Eley, Eldon Strong, Jack Rife and Ron Gustas** helped transport auction prizes and other materials to INVESCO FIELD in support of the annual JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) "Dreams Come True 2011 Dream Gala". This event generated nearly \$600,000 in support of research seeking a cure and improved treatment

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, continued...

JDRF...

methods for Type I Diabetes patients. Most of these funds stay in Colorado and help the Barbara Davis Childhood Diabetes Center fund research. More information is available about Juvenile Diabetes Research and is found at the JDRF website, <http://www.jdrfrockymountain.org>.

This disease has affected the families of a number of Monaco South members. Find out more and donate if you can.

ATTENTION GOLFERS!!

Golfers needed on May 25th

The Junior Golf program has a scramble format tournament at Flatirons at 7:30 am on May 25th. So far we have 9 foursomes and the reservation is for 12 foursomes. We need help in filling the tournament which serves as a fundraiser for the Optimist Junior Golf program. The cost to play is \$110 with \$50 a pure donation to the Junior Golf program. Included for the tournament are 18 holes of golf, golf cart, prizes and a great lunch on the patio following the tournament. Any Optimist and friends can play. Contact Joe Marci at 303-771-3748 or at marcifrog@aol.com if you are interested.

DO WE LOVE SOCCER

Optimist Day with the Rapids

Tickets are available for the Rapids game with the LA Galaxy on June 18th at 7PM at Dick's Sporting Goods Park. Ticket costs are : \$32 for Lower Level Premium-East sideline seats, \$27 for Lower Level South Stands and \$22 for Lower Level North Corner seats. Parking is free. Contact Joe Marci at 303-771-3748 or marcifrog@aol.com if you'd like to order tickets. Do it today!!

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME SUMMER?!

This year's Annual Picnic is being held on June 11th at Magna Carta Park, located at Colorado Blvd and Hampden Ave (NE Corner). It is a joint effort of Optimists and the University Hills Neighborhood Assn. Set-up begins at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed to help with our tent canopies, tables, chairs and hand out materials. We also need to set up a picnic table area for our complimentary chicken and

potato salad lunch. Members are requested to bring other side dishes, including deserts. President-elect, Randy Marcove and committee member Jon Wachter will once again be in charge of the free hot dog stand. Go Randy and Jon! The event will feature a main stage with live bands and other entertainment. A KID'S CASTLE and DUNK TANK are also being set up. Contests include kids T-ball, competition soccer kicking, bocci ball, extreme croquet and a closest to the pin pitching iron contest. Tamarac and U-Hills Optimist Clubs are helping with the picnic as well. Steve Kady is working on a CHILDREN'S PARADE! Stay tuned for more developments. The Picnic is an evolving project focused on promoting the Neighborhood, Optimists, and the Service to Youth we all provide to the community. Any development help or ideas is welcome. PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR JUNE 11TH FROM 9 TO 5.



This could be you!

FURRY SCURRY—ARF!

Jon Marinos and his Celestial Catering crew manned a very successful Breakfast Burrito and Egg McMuttin food both Saturday morning at the 16th Annual Furry Scurry held in Washington Park. The dog walk is for the benefit of The Denver Dumb Friends League and raises over a million dollars every year. John was sold out by 9:30 and once again the MSOC morning grub was a big hit. Although there were other food vendors, it was obvious the BB's and McMutt's were the crowd favorites. Way to go John. The Club thanks you and everyone who helped.



This 'n That

Paul Stratton reported that the Jim Brown perfect attendance Awards at Bradley and Lowry Elementary will be held the end of the school year. He is looking for ideas for prizes.

Dick Cohen says tickets for the Cherry Creek Theatre this weekend and next are still available to see *Side by Side by Sondheim*. Purchase tickets by calling 1-800-6578 or on line at www.cherrycreektheater.org.

Today's Drawings

\$20 pot and an eight of diamonds was the challenge Harry Johnson, Dick Zolman, Bob Avery, Ron Carlson, Doug Morton, Ron Gustas, Tom Mauro and Karl Geil all were winners. Harry Fegley had a free drawing having worn his name badge when it was called, but came up empty. Many are called, but few are chosen.

OUR SPEAKER TODAY...



Paul Bernard introduced Don Eley founder of **Brent's Place**, a facility near Anschutz Medical Campus at the new Children's Hospital in Aurora. Brent's Place is designed to offer families "Safe-Clean" individualized



housing in an environment virtually free from dander, dust, mold and other infectious agents. Brent's Place, a program and facility created by the Brent Eley Foundation, bridges the gap between the hospital and going home, providing Hospital Housing for young cancer patients and their parents. Brent's Place is the only hospital approved facility to provide a "safe-clean" facility for immune compromised patients. Don Eley's son was a cancer victim and has been Don's driving force to develop this facility. The first apartment unit was built in 1998 at the first facility downtown, which has five units and which serves pa-

tients from Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center and Rocky Mountain Cancer Centers.



The new facility at Anschutz has 16 units serving the Children's Hospital and The University of Colorado Hospital. Our club has provided help in setting up furniture when they moved into the new facility.

city.

President **Ed Collins** presented a donation of \$700 to Brent's Place, as part of our Childhood Cancer Campaign. The money contributed from Happy Bucks and \$1.00 per Christmas tree sold at the lot goes to support the activities that will ease the pain and hopefully one day eradicate children's cancer.

JOB OPENING

Don St. John will be giving up his position of Sergeant Arms to some lucky member. Could this be you? Walk softly and carry a big stick!

KING SOOPERS and SAFEWAY GIFT CARDS

Don't forget to buy your RELOADABLE King Soopers cards and regular Safeway cards. Cards are good at many stores affiliated with Krogers throughout Colorado and other states. BUY GAS at a discount! For large orders, please give Cy or Greg a week's prior notice, and bring a check.

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
5/20/11	Paul Gleditsch & Harry Johnson
5/27/11	Phil Perington & Robert Wardlaw
6/3/11	Pat Sullivan & Craig Eley
6/10/11	Jim Rumer & John Oss
6/17/11	Nick Newey & Leo Hagele
6/24/11	Fred Pasternack & Ron Cisco

May Super Citizen & Korsoski Presentation's		
19 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Paul Stratton
23 @ 5:30 pm	Slavens	Tom Hoch
25 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Jim Easton
26 @ 11:00 am	MPB	Pat Sullivan
26 @ 2:30 pm	Univ. Park	Eldon Strong
27 @ 8:30 am	Samuels	Kent Gloor
27 @ 9:00 am	Holm	Donlie Smith
27 @ 9:15 & 10:15 am	Bradley	Randy Marcove
27 @ 1:00 - 3:00 pm	McMeen	Don Thomson

Monaco South Calendar

- May 18 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- May 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- May 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Frank Middleton, How to make tax deductible donations to Optimist Club of Monaco South
- June 3 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Nathan Wannlund, Young Americans Center for Financial Education
- June 3-5 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference, Colorado School of Mines-Paul Bernard
- June 10 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

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

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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.