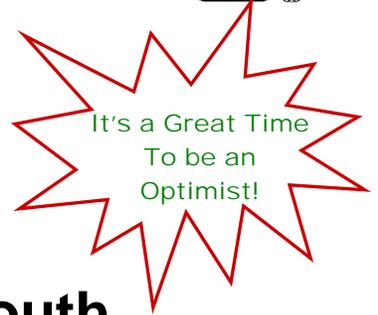




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Optimists Bring Out the
Best in Children

The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Editor for this Issue—John Young

Speaker for today: **LAURENCE BOTNICK**
CANIDATE FOR DENVER SCHOOL BOARD



Larry grew up in southeast Denver and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. He is a licensed clinical social worker and has worked 20 years with high-risk youth and families.

Larry has two children in DPS. His son is at Samuels Elementary and the proud owner of four Super Citizen shirts!

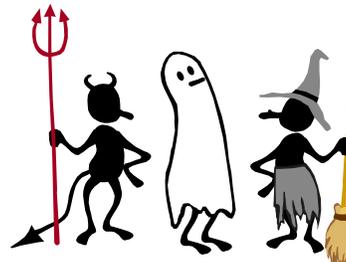
Larry is known as the "Green candidate" for his efforts to promote recycling programs in schools. Larry wants to take away the focus on CSAP tests as they result in teachers "teaching to the test" and not on a quality educational experience for students. Larry thinks that the current board is not hearing teachers and he wants to give them a more sympathetic ear.

Larry would also like to make the school board more open the public. He asked for a copy of the budget and couldn't get one for two months. Larry would like to get more money earmarked for textbooks, maps, and Spanish text books where needed.

Larry has had real success with his revenge plan to handle conflict by returning good conduct when you are treated badly. He cited a number of cases where it has been highly successful for youth.

GOBLINS CALLING

Wednesday night, October 31st at the Schlessman YMCA at the corner of Yale and Colorado. Dinner at 6:00pm and Kent needs all the help he can get to call 800 - 1,000 kids to get them safe and off the streets early. Prizes will be given to all who are off the streets in time.



Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado

Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

GOOD MORNING, OPTIMIST

"Skinny" DON ILEY led us in the invocation this morning and PAUL SIMON brought his wife Debbie to hear her friend Larry Botnick speak. Quote of the week from GREG YOUNG; "A word to the wise isn't necessary. It's the dumb ones that need the advice."

GREG inducted BOB HUGO'S son DAN HUGO into the club as our newest member. Welcome home DAN! RUSSEL PAUL showed up with a real "shiner" and cuts on his face as a result of a bike accident.

Belated happy birthday congratulations to our elderly statesman MARLIN KENT who turned 95 on October 22nd. Jana Hugo is still not doing well. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Last Saturday GREG HURD's son Andrew received his Eagle Scout Award. Greg's father earned the Star Scout award; GREG earned the Life Scout Award and the third generation Hurd finally went "all the way." Special congratulations to Andrew!

Where is JIM LEUSCHNER? We miss you. Come back soon.

CURT JEFFERIES brought in a \$250 check from the Rockies as payment for handing out goodies at their game.

FRED PASTERNAK predicted a "sweep" against Boston. Now he is worried about being swept!

Advertising pays! GARY STROWBRIDGE got a brand new 1994 Buick Regal with only 60,000 miles on it!

OSCAR SORENSEN received a special thank you from Hamilton Middle School for all the school supplies Monaco South supplied to them. Each year Oscar heads up a program to get school supplies to needy students.

The club received a nice thank you note from Rena Riffel for the recent celebration of the wetlands project that her husband HARLAN sponsored. She thanked us for the enduring friendship and camaraderie that meant so much to HARLAN.

CY REGAN sold \$900 certificates today and he had a terrible accident. He dumped out all the name badges on the floor while putting them away. Be careful getting your badge out next week. It might be in the wrong slot.

The Super Citizen program has been very active this last week. Participating were TOM McKEE, DON THOMSON, GARY STROWBRIDGE, DONLIE SMITH, BOB AVERY, PAT SULLIVAN, DON St JOHN and MARC GOODBODY.

Our President asked KENT GLOOR to give a brief biographical sketch of himself. Kent is a charter member of Monaco South. He is very fortunate to be married to Abigail (aka, Marilyn Monroe)! Abigail is the new president of the Tamarac Optimist Club that Kent helped to build 14 years ago. Kent was president of MSOC in 1992-93 and went on to be Lt. Governor of Colorado Wyoming in 94-95. He has three beautiful daughters and his hobby is collecting and restoring cars, preferably fast Ford cars. He now has 10 and is looking for 2 more to get to an even dozen. If you have extra garage space available, let him know.

THANKS FOR THE DICTIONARIES!

Samuel's Elementary students sent us 40 thank you letters for the dictionaries and thesauruses we gave them. Some cute examples (verbatim):

I cant wate to read the books they look so asame. The thesaurus I don't know what it does but thank you. I will get a lot of yous out of them! also want to thank you so much for giving out the super sitesin awards. I think it is a great idea to give those away to kids its so nicee and sweet of you to give them away. I have bin super sitasin and I laws the one that wan the trip to the mayers offise. I am very exsited to have them. If any body stils my books I will be mad because I think these are very speshil. It was very nise of you to do that. I llike to clape for you gice to. I fell like I am your friend. It will help me spell beter. I will not loose it eney ware. You are the bast. I wish I cude be the clyb. In the dictionary I just found out word I didn't even no. Thank you for everything you gave us. You are the best. And, I realy appreciate it so mutch I hope you have a good life.

This is really great to remember where we all started. Thank you back to the kids!

ROBERT WARDLAW A REAL NEAT GUY TO KNOW

Your editor visits with Robert Wardlaw: Robert joined Monaco South in May 2007 and I predict he will be one of our best optimists ever! He and his wife Leigh Ann have 2 children, David (4) and Kate (10 months). I had the pleasure of meeting David in the University Hills shopping center last week and he is absolutely beautiful—gorgeous blond hair with big beautiful eyes, and a smile a mile wide. We ought to start working on him right now as a future member of Monaco South! Robert's parents are an interesting couple. Both were Marines (his dad a drill sergeant!), and they were the first couple to be married at the Guantanamo Marine base.

Robert works as a sales representative (14 years) for Katzke Paper Company, selling packaging materials. Leigh Ann works 3 days a week as a corrugate designer of display materials. Robert's first contact with Monaco South was at a MS 150 rest stop where he met Freddie. It was Robert's first ride and good old Freddie took him under his wing and taught him all the tricks of the race. Robert likes our attitude toward helping and mentoring youth and he is particularly interested in the turnaround program. David's hobbies are reading, snowboarding, and skiing. He is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in business. He is a very welcome member to our club and will be particularly welcome come Christmas tree time. He's only 46 and in great physical condition! Best of all, he will be our GUMS editor starting next week so send your news items to him effective November 2nd.

Monaco South Calendar

Oct 31	Wed	6:00 pm	Goblins Calling—Schlessman YMCA
Nov 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—David Arthur, <i>The Brain</i>
Nov 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Joe Marci, Tree Lot
Nov 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Camaraderie Day
Nov 17	Sat	7:00 am	Help Park Cars at TJ Craft Fair
Nov 17	Sat	8:00 am	Thanksgiving Baskets—Legion Hall
Nov 20	Tue	5:00 pm	Boys & Girls Clubs Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Chad Slaby, Rugby
Nov 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Pappy Ryan, <i>Critters on Film</i>

**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
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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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