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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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Good Morning Comrade/Optimist Welcome

The **Larson boys**, O.C. and **Les** were our greeters today, and they did a great job with smiles and hard grips of the hand. It was worth the price of admission!

Invocation and Pledge

Harry Fegley, Director and retired salesman, addressed the Holy Spirit to help resist our fears. We also promise ourselves “to be too strong for fear.” Harry then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Long may she wave! Followed by **Ron Gutru** who played a stirring rendition of “I’m a Yankee Doodle Dandy” on the piano.

Guests

There were many guests today, this being Essay Contest Winners Day. Teachers and the Principal of Thomas Jefferson High School, **Sandra Just**,

were present, as well as the contest winners.

Haley Green was the first place winner, and read her essay to us about community service. Haley also has won the Colorado/Wyoming District contest. Her father, Marty, also attended this morning. Other winners attending were **Kelly Honaman** and her mother Leslie, **Dinh Doan** and his brother Venn, **April Regas** and her mother Sheila. Principal Sandra Just gave a short talk relating what is going on at TJ these days.



Pictured are Paula Kauffman and Matt Trocheck, two of the judges who also were present.
Photo Don StJohn

Teacher Amber Wilson was recognized for securing the contestants and their essays. **Bob Finkelmeier** prepared the certificates. **Joe Marci** recognized two of the judges, Paula Kauffman and Matt Trocheck. **Wyatt McCallie** also put in a lot of time on this project.

David came as a guest of **Fred Pasternack**, but Fred was a no show. Other guests were Larry Hanson, Merlin Logan by member **Ron Carlson**, Barry Barker by Les Larson, Charlie son of **President Randy** told another good joke.



Photos Don StJohn

The principal and several teachers at Bradley International were in attendance seeking volunteers for labeling in the library, and Field Day (Bradley Olympics) on May 23rd. **President Randy's** 3rd grade teacher was also present.



Joe Marci, in back, with Contest Winners, Kelly Honaman, Dinh Doan, April Regas, and Haley Green.
Photo Don StJohn

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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

April Birthdays: We sang (?) Happy Birthday to **Dick Nicoloff** 4/2, **Phil Perington** 4/4, **Jack Phillips** 4/18, **Don St. John** 4/29, and **Paul Stratton** 4/18. Our rendition reminded this editor of Art Nasel and his Nine Nasty Nose Pickers playing. Blow it out boys!

Welcome Back: Our Prez welcomed **Al Gapuzan**, and it was good to see **Paul Bernard** again after hip surgery. Welcome Back!

New Directories: Prez **Randy** announced the distribution of new club directories prepared by **Craig Eley**, chief editor and photographer, and **Tom Mauro**, want to make a million marketer. **Doug Morton**, the copy guru, was recognized as providing the printing. If your directory is like this one and has a red cover, yours is out of date.

The new directory now has a blue cover. With its new edition attached the email distribution you'll find a link to an pdf version for your use. Thank you gentleman!

Donation to Denver Dumb Friend League: At the April 18th Monaco South Board Meeting, the board voted to provide a \$400 donation to DDFL, subject to approval of the membership since it exceeds the Board's off-budget approval authority. Anyone not approving this donation should contact **Prez Randy** prior to the next board meeting at which time this donation will be finalized.

Announcements

Duck Drop: **Greg Young** asked all to, "Press Your Luck, and Sponsor a Duck" for the 8th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop, Sunday, May 6, 2012, 12 Noon - 2 p.m. at George Wallace Park, DTC Blvd. at Union. See Greg for tickets.



Help the Kids with Type 1 Diabetes: **Ron Gustas** and **Dick Cohen** both support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) in their research efforts seeking a cure and improved treatment methods for kids and adults with Type 1 Diabetes. JDRF is asking for our OCMS manpower help next Friday afternoon, April 27th starting at about 2:00 p.m. and lasting for a couple hours. JDRF hopes to help raise \$650,000 of research funds from their 2012 Dream Gala event the next night.

Ron and Dick are needing to move auction and other event items from JDRF's office in the Tech Center to the Hyatt Regency Convention Center downtown. If you can help out for a few hours please call Dick Cohen at 303-320-1767, or (cell) 513-600-9961 or Ron Gustas at 303-770-9640 or (cell) 720-934-3566 for more information and details.

After Prom at George Washington HS: **Frank**



Rowe asked for volunteers to help on the morning after GWHS prom, Sunday, April 29th to help with clean-up. The starting time will be 10:00 am. Until done. See Frank for details.

Fertilizer and Wine Tasting: What a combination! **Tom Overton**, member of DTC Optimist Club as well as Monaco South, reminded us of the sale of fertilizer delivered to the Legion parking lot, and a Wine Tasting at the Citron Bistro from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, the cost is \$30 per person. This is a fundraiser.

Shirts for Sale: **John Young's** inventory of shirts were on sale today at very good prices. Take advantage. See **Greg Young** for leftovers.

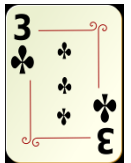
St. Vincent de Paul Online Silent Auction: **Matt Trocheck**, one of the essay judges, told about this benefit to families in need of rental assistance in the Denver area. Online Silent Auction runs from April 20th to April 30th, 2012. Online bidding closes April 30, 2012, at 12:00 Midnight Mountain Daylight time. To bid or donate visit www.blacktie-colorado.com, then go to **Auctions tab** then select **SVdP auction**. [Or just click here](#). Auction items include: pro-sports tickets, hotel get-aways, fine dining, golf, Vail condo, etc.

Would You Like Your Announcements to Appear Accurately in GUMS?

Do you have an article or a project that you would like to share? Do you have news on an upcoming OCMS activity that you want published? Then write it up and provide it to one of the monthly GUMS editor, or just email it to: Bob Finkelmeier at: robert.finkelmeier@monacosouth.org. Or, give your notes directly to the current editor after you announce it. This makes it much easier for our editors to get the information correct. Thank you!

Closing Bell

The pot today was \$50; the card to draw was the 3 of clubs. Cup winners were **Ron Cisco**, **Terry Shroyer**, guest **Merlin Logan**, **Al Gapuzan**, **Ron Carlson** and **John Stoffel**. Those who drew for the pot were **Jack Kleinheksel**, and **Frank Rowe**. The pot remains intact; next week it once aging it grows.



Interesting Trivia

- ◇ Each year 2,000,000 smokers either quit smoking or die of tobacco-related diseases.
- ◇ Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.
- ◇ Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.
- ◇ The song, *Auld Lang Syne*, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking Country in the world to bring in the new year.
- ◇ Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.
- ◇ Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450°F.

April is OI Internet Safety Month

Cyber Safety Statistics: Are aware, if you don't know about the need to protect kids online, keep reading...

- ◆ 95% of parents don't recognize the lingo kids use to let people know that their parents are watching
- ◆ 89% of sexual solicitations are made in either chat rooms or Instant Messages
- ◆ 20% of children age 10-17 have been solicited sexually online; that's 1 out of every 5 kids
- ◆ 75% of youth who received an online sexual solicitation did not tell a parent
- ◆ One third of kids have been contacted by a stranger and half of these were considered inappropriate
- ◆ 81% of parents of online youth say that kids aren't careful enough when giving out information about themselves online
- ◆ 76% of parents don't have rules about what their kids can do on the computer
- ◆ 65% of parents believe that kids do things online that they wouldn't want their parents to know about
- ◆ 4,000,000 children are posting content to the Web everyday
- ◆ 15,000,000 youth use Instant Messaging
- ◆ 9 out of 10 parents will never know that any inappropriate con-

tact has occurred

- ◆ 14% have actually met face to face with a person they have met on the Internet
- ◆ 1 out of 17 kids have been harassed, threatened, or bullied
- ◆ Nearly three-quarters (73%) of online teens believe that someone their age is most likely to be approached by someone unknown to them online as opposed to offline
- ◆ Most kids will not report inappropriate Internet contact to their parents because they are afraid of losing Internet privileges meet the site's 14-year-old minimum age requirement.

You don't have to be a computer expert to keep your child or grandchild safe online.

See the following pages:

- *iKeepSafe Cyberbullying Resources* @ <http://www.ikeepsafe.org/>
- *Parents Guide* @ <http://www.ikeepsafe.org/parents/>
- Or download the *Parents' Guide to Facebook* @ <http://www.connectsafely.org/pdfs/fbparents.pdf>.

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Race to Win Fabulous Prizes

2 Round-Trip Tickets on Southwest Airlines, Winter Park Resort Stay, Whole Foods Gift Certificates, Denver Golf Course Passes, Denver Museum Passes, Restaurant Gift Certificates, and much, much, more.

Super Citizen Presenters for April		
26 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	John Stoffel
27 @ 9:45 & 10:15 am	Samuels	Randy Marcove
27 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Art Erickson
Super Citizen Presenters for May		
2 @ 8:00 am	Highline	
10 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	
11 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	Univ. Park	
17 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
4/20/12	OC Larson & Les Larson
4/27/12	Keith Gallaway & Rich Wray
5/4/12	Howard Fry & Bob Hugo
5/11/12	Mark Metevia & Nick Newey
5/18/12	Phil Perington & ?
5/25/12	Frank Middleton & Dick Zolman

Monaco South Calendar

- Apr 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Jerry Stander, Super Kids Classic Soap Box Derby
- May 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Wayne Watson, Hail to the Chiefs: Tidbits about our lesser known President's
- May 4 Fri 9:30 am Childhood Cancer Campaign Duck Drop, Trails Rec Center, Lazy River Pool, 16799 East Lake Avenue
- May 5-6 3rd Quarter Board Meeting and Conference, Denver Hyatt DTC
- May 6 Sun 12 noon 8th Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop, George Wallace Park, DTC Blvd. at Union

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

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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.