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TODAY'S SPEAKERS



NICK MELLIADIS and RAY MOHR

Our speakers today were Ray Mohr and Nick Melliadis. Ray is employed at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment where he works in the Air Pollution Control Division. He has worked there since 1978 and helps develop air quality plans and programs. Nick is retired from the Health Department. He worked on providing information and support to small businesses needing air pollution permits. Now he paints, plays music and along with Ray is an active storyteller. Ray and Nick developed and presented a number of in-house training programs and have also presented workshops on a variety of topics.

Introduced by John Moser, their presentation was two-fold as they stressed the importance of storytelling and then used that vehicle to talk a little about air pollution and the environment. They melded these back in the 1980's when carbon monoxide levels in Denver was bad as a way of teaching kids about air pollution. They did not want to scare the kids, so storytelling, weaving the dangers of polluted air into an interesting story was a way to get their message across. As shown above, they also incorporated music into their presentations (Nick played a clever tune for us) , (continued on page 3)

**Meeting Place - - American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.**

NEWS THROUGH June 8

Invocation & Pledge

Ron Carlson offered the invocation and it was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

King Soopers

Cy Regan again sold \$1200.00 worth of certificates today! Don't forget that Cy will have 100 and 25 dollar King Soopers gift cards and gift cards for Safeways. Keep buying these cards as it is a great fund-raiser and Cy is over-joyed to make all this money for the club!

Guests

Craig Eley introduced his son **Paul**, a recent college graduate (that means a big pay-raise for Craig!). **Sherm Phillips** was also with us again this week.

Hugh O'brien Youth Conference

Paul Bernard thanked all those who helped out with the conference last week-end (**Ron Cisco, Joe Marci, Karl Geil** and **Greg Young** – hope I didn't miss anyone). He also presented HOBY pins and water bottles.

Later, **Sherm Phillips** presented **Paul** with a necktie and a plaque in appreciation of all the work Paul has done in Colorado supporting HOBY.

Pennies from Heaven – (Optimists)

Paul reports that we now have over 11,000 pennies towards our goal of collecting 13,000. Let's keep those little copper coins coming!

Congratulations

Our congratulations to **Bryce Slaby's** son who is competing in the Rugby National Championships in San Diego this week-end. Bryce had his "Chicago Loves Rugby" shirt on this morning.

MS-150

Don St.John said that we only have seven people signed up to work the Rest Stop and we need a lot more! He also mentioned that our location this year in Louisville is easy to get to and there is nothing there but grass and concrete. So, unlike some spots we worked in previous years that were dusty, dirty and a long way from Denver this year's effort will be very pleasant and enjoyable. Remember it starts at 7:00 a.m. and not only do we have a good time, but the riders always appreciate the "Optimister" in addition to the food and drink.

OJ Junior Golf

Ron Cisco reminded us of the two upcoming junior golf tournaments. The first will be at Flat Irons in Boulder on the 15th and the second at Fitzsimmons on the 18th. Lots of volunteers needed. The Flat Irons event will be a shot-gun start at 11:00 a.m and helpers should be there by 10:00 a.m. The Fitzsimmons golf will be an 11:00 a.m. start with tee times. Again, workers should arrive by 10:00 a.m.

Many more volunteers are needed and there are a variety of jobs to do.!!

Crush Tickets

While it is too soon for Bronco predictions, **Fred Pasternack** does have free tickets for the last two Crush games...see Fred.

Rockies Tickets

A great way to support Optimist Junior golf is to attend Rockies baseball games using tickets sold by **Joe Marci**. Joe has tickets for only \$20.00 and the seats are superb. Joe says the only problem is you may want to take your ball glove to catch all the foul balls that will come your way!

Remember, "A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking" and "A day without sunshine is like night" !!

which provided entertainment to enhance the learning environment. Ray uses storytelling to inform kids about the environment while Nick uses it to tell kids about nature. This is the best way to get the message out about environmental problems and to inspire the kids. Ray made the point that we all can talk but storytelling is an art and takes training and practice.

The "Spellbinders" is a Program that utilizes trained volunteers telling stories in the oral tradition in classrooms, libraries or other supervised settings where stories can be presented in an informal, intimate way. In order to become a Spellbinder a volunteer must complete the Spellbinders Training workshop, follow their Standards and Guidelines and commit to tell stories on a consistent basis.

The Spellbinders Program benefits children by engaging their imagination through storytelling and it improves their listening skills and attention span. Storytelling also helps children connect to themselves, to each other and to the world of ideas. Volunteers learn a new art and have the satisfaction of contributing to children's education and character development and gives them the opportunity of community service.

If interested in the Spellbinders Program call 970-922-1444 or email: info@spellbinders.org

MONACO SOUTH CALENDAR

Fri, Jun 15 7:00 a.m. Meeting, Legion Hall, Camaraderie Day

Fri, Jun 15 10:00 a.m. Junior Golf, Flat Irons, Boulder

Mon, Jun 18 10:00 a.m. Junior Golf, Fitzsimmons

Fri, Jun 22 7:00 a.m. Meeting, Legion Hall, Ron Mitchell, Philatelic Society

Fri, Jun 29 7:00 a.m. Meeting, Legion Hall, Tricia Downing, paraplegic athlete

Wed, Jul 4 ALL DAY INDEPENDENCE DAY – HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Fri, Jul 6 7:00 a.m. Meeting, Legion Hall

Sun, Jul 8 7:00 a.m. MS-150 Rest Stop, Louisville

Fri, Jul 13 7:00 a.m. Meeting, Legion Hall, David Althouse, Colorado News 2

Fri, Jul 20 7:00 a.m. Meeting, Legion Hall, Camaraderie Day

Fri-Sun Jul 20-22 2nd Honeymoon Week-end, Thunder Mtn. Lodge, Breckenridge

Fri, Jul 27 7:00 a.m. Meeting, Legion Hall

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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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