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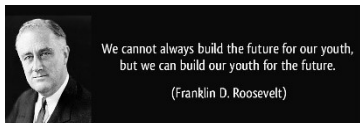
Good Morning Optimist

Recognizing our Super Citizen Schools

On this beautiful August day, members were greeted by Tom “The Book Guy” Glazier and Steve “The TV Guy” Kady. It was also a pleasure to see the bright smiling faces of the professional educators who are our support team within the ten schools for our Super Citizen program.

Invocation & Pledge

Joe Marci gave an invocation, aimed at recognizing that the youth of our community are also the future of our community, and the World. As quoted from Franklin D. Roosevelt, “We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.”



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He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

First Bell

At the first bell, president Michael Chaves welcomed to gather group and provided a special welcome to our guests, many of whom were from our Super Citizen Schools.

From the Prez

Prez Michael noted that we have an additional \$500 in our coffers, thanks to those who worked the Colorado Rockies game last Sunday. We have another opportunity, this time for \$750 on Sunday August 21st. He said, “he hopes it’s a winning game, since we need a few more volunteers for this date.” Parking is \$1.00 and you get a free ticket to the game. Plus you will be to handing out the Nolan Arenado Gold Glove Miner Bobblehead. Work starts at 11:30 a.m., with the game starting at 1:15 p.m. Check with Michael @ 303-960-5304 to get on his volunteering list.



Michael again mentioned that the CO-WY District Convention is August 26-28 in Fort Collins. Deadline for registration is August 22nd. Club members are reminded that the club will pay \$15 towards your registration and \$25 towards a Saturday or Sunday meal. To get reimbursed, submit a copy of your registration form to treasurer Greg Young, no later than August 26th. Go to <https://www.optimistcowy.org/events-conferences/conferences/> to register now and pay by credit card. If you need a room, call Curt Merrill to see if

any are left at the discounted rate of \$119.

On Saturday, September 17th, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel at 4040 Quebec Street, the **Mile Hi Optimists** will be hosting its 100 Year Celebration. Michael invited us all to help them celebrate! He said, “so far we have 4 people signed up and we need 8 for a table. So get a check in to treasurer Greg Young right away, \$65 per person, made out to Optimist Club of Monaco South, and he will get our club table reserved! If we get 12 more all the better! Spouses and kids welcome! The OCMS being the largest club in the western states, let’s make a great showing, and support our fellow Optimists.” Editor: Read more about the Mile Hi Optimists on the CO-WY District web page, [CLICK HERE](http://milehioptimistdenver.org/) or see their webpage @ <http://milehioptimistdenver.org/>.

Guests

Kent Duffy was a guest of Bob Avery for the third time. The third time is a charm, Kent will be a member soon!

Prez Michael also welcomed our Super Citizen School leaders, but more of that below.

Announcements

Mudd Volleyball Tournament: Pat Bush thanked those who helped park cars last Saturday at the Mudd Volley Ball fund raiser for March of Dimes. Pat said that there were no fatalities, either to vehicles or people. Those who gave up their Saturday morning to drive half way to Kansas were: Joe Marci, Noel Hasselgren, Greg Young, John Greene, Kent Gloor, Gary Miller, Paul Simon, George Buzick, Barry Barker, John Oss, Curt Boell, Everett Gardner and of course Pat Bush.

Pat Bush also shared that John Greene even went so far as to park a snake in another area so that it did not get squashed. Pictured is John’s snake parking technique.



Photo Noel Hasselgren

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******

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Announcements Continued

Sullivan Scholarship Fundraiser: Joe Marci still has



Entertainment books for \$35. Funds raised go to the Sullivan Scholarship Fund. Last year the Sullivan scholarships of \$1,000 each went to college bound students from Thomas Jefferson High School.

Optimist International Junior Golf Championships:

Cap Hermann gave a brief report on his trip to West Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Each year, more than 650 golfers from more than 25 countries participate in this event. Cap was one of the chaperones for the CO-WY District golfers who participated in the tournament and said he was blown away by how well these "kids" play golf and how professional they were. He also said that Bob Meyer, **Joe Marci**, and **Ron Cisco** had done a magnificent job of coordinating all the District activities, including two different district tournaments, plus getting everyone involved to Florida.

Palisade Peaches:

Bob Finkelmeier said that some peaches had arrived and have been picked up, but that he was about 100 boxes short. Another delivery from Palisade will be here this Sunday and ready for pickup on Monday. Unlike peaches bought at the grocery store or sold by other groups to be picked up on a designated date these peaches are picked a little riper and handled by hand the old fashion, or an "artisanal" way. A donation of \$7 per box comes back to either Monaco South or Tamarac Optimist Club, depending on sales. Should anyone like to order a box for another delivery, contact Bob.

Morning Breakfast:

Greg Young sporting his genuine Super Bowl 50 t-shirt, he indeed was there, reminded us that we have a breakfast minimum of 25 people that the club must pay for, if we do not we still need to pay; so plan on eating your breakfast here for only \$8:00.

GUMS & Super Citizen Photographers:

Greg Young also made a second plea for a photographer who can take pictures at Friday morning meetings for The GUMS Newsletter. Digital camera will be furnished by the club. Additionally, we need a couple of photographers for Super Citizen presentations during the school year. Talk with **Robert Wardlaw** in regard to school and presentation dates.

OCMS Board Meeting Dates

Due to vacations etc. the July and August Board meetings were combined and held on August 4th. There will not be a board meeting on August 18th. Next meeting will be Thursday, September 15th. When the new year Board comes in meetings will occur on the 4th Tuesday of each month; e.g. the first meeting of the 2016-2017 fiscal year will be Tuesday, October 25th.

Drawing

We have a drawing! The card is the nine of spades, one of only eight cards left. The pot is \$70!

Pat Bush was heard to say, by an anonymous source, "I need to buy a ticket, so I can keep my string of winning alive." Pat bought a ticket. Pat's number was the first one drawn. Pat picked the seven of spades. Pat won the \$70. Are there any conspiracy theorists in the crowd? The "lucky people" who followed Pat had to settle for a cup o' money, including our guest **Cesar Rivera**, **Mike White**, **Allen Malask**, **Robert Duvall** and **Paul Simon**.



Next week the pot will continue to grow, as long as Pat does not remember to pick up his winnings.

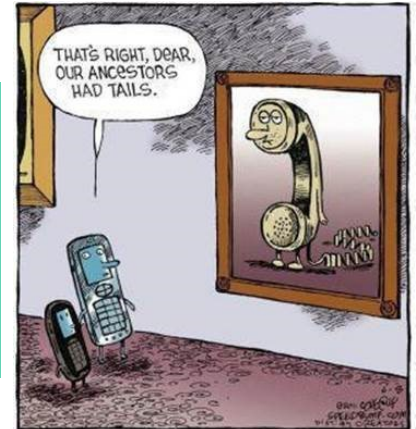
40th Year of Monaco South

The Celebration & Installation will take place on **Saturday, September 24th at Muggiano's Little Italy, 7401 South Clinton, Englewood, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
Cost is \$30 per person



A Bit of Humor

RESPECT YOUR PARENTS
THEY PASSED SCHOOL WITHOUT GOOGLE.



New OCMS Webpage is Coming



Monaco South President Elect **Craig Eley** shared that a new Monaco South Webpage is coming and he is in need of a few people to help post content on the new website. He especially needs someone to maintain the web calendar on a weekly basis. If interest in volunteering contact Craig Eley at craigceley@gmail.com.

SUPER CITIZEN PROGRAM

Presented by Don Thomson & Pat Bush, sitting in for Robert Wardlaw

Representatives from a number of the schools participating in our Super Citizen Program joined us for breakfast this morning. This program, for one of the flagship programs of the Monaco South Optimist Club, has its beginning 34 years ago. The program was initiated in 1982 in three southeast metro elementary schools, including Samuels, Holm and Southmoor. It has since grown to 10 schools. Each school has a coordinator within the Optimist Club, who coordinates the Super Citizen events at the school. The schools participating are:

- ♦ Bradley International—**Randy Marcove**
- ♦ Hamilton Middle—**Tom Mauro & Karl Geil**
- ♦ Highline Academy—**Jim Easton**
- ♦ Holm Elementary—**Donlie Smith**
- ♦ Lowry Elementary—**Paul Stratton**
- ♦ McMeen Elementary—**Don Thomson & Pat Bush**
- ♦ Most Precious Blood—**Gary Miller**
- ♦ Samuels Elementary—**Kent Gloor**
- ♦ Slavens Elementary—**Tom Hoch**
- ♦ University Park Elementary—**Bob Avery**

After many years of coordinating this program, **Don Thomson** turned the reins over to **Robert Wardlaw** who is assisted by Dr. **Rob Gardner** for lining up SC presenters and Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** who prepares all of the SC certificates, letters to the family and miscellaneous duties to ensuring that the program runs smoothly.

Photographers for these events currently includes, **Wyatt McCallie, John Oss, Greg Young, and Marc Goodbody.**

Additional photographers are needed. If interested let **Robert Wardlaw** know, if interested in being a presenter let **Rob Gardner** know.

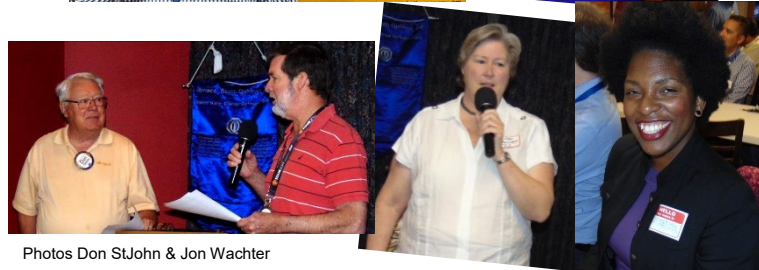
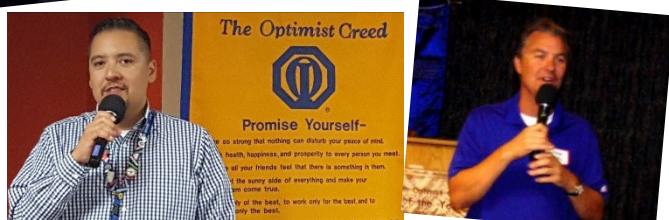


According to Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier**, over 850 Super Citizen Certificates and t-shirts were presented during the past school year. Over the lifetime of the programs more than 16 thousand certificates and t-shirts have been presented.

Every student honored receives a "Super Citizen" t-shirt, a framed certificate signed by the Governor of Colorado and the Police Chief of City and County of Denver, and the MSOC president, in addition to a congratulatory letter from the MSOC president.

Each of the school representatives/guests were asked to give of brief overview of how they got involved in education and the stories were many and varied. Because of some scheduling conflicts, some school sponsors were unable to make the breakfast, but we appreciate those who came, taking time from their busy schedules. Guests included were:

- ♦ Cesar Rivera—Samuels Elementary
- ♦ Marti Rosenberg—McMeen Elementary
- ♦ Steve Wera—Bradley International & MSOC member
- ♦ Colleen McManoman—Most Precious Blood
- ♦ Michelle Renfroe—Holm Elementary
- ♦ Christian Sawyer—Hamilton Middle
- ♦ Gwen Victor—Hamilton Middle
- ♦ Whitney Bradley – Hamilton Middle



Photos Don StJohn & Jon Wachter



Weekly Greeters

8/12/16	Steve Kady & Tom Glazier
8/19/16	Gary Strowbridge & Paul Gibson
8/26/16	Frank Middleton & Cap Hermann

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40th Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Aug 12 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Super Citizen School Principal's to Breakfast
 Aug 19 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
 Aug 26 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
 Aug 26-28 CO-WY 4th Quarter Conference & Convention, Fort Collins Marriott



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

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Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
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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.