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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist

Ralph Pedersen and Les Larson were meeting folks with a ready smile and warm handshakes. Frank Middleton was right in there too. He was handing out playing cards to everyone to sit at tables marked by the card number. An attempt to get us out of our normal table space. Comradships formed at those tables and new conversations took place.

Invocation and Pledge

Carl Brown opened our meeting with a prayer emphasizing working for the best. Asking for divine guidance, and going for the best for others works. It is a win-win for others and for ourselves. He then led us all in *The Pledge of Allegiance* to our flag.

Welcome Back & Guests

Frank Middleton introduced Dave Owens. Dave found us on the internet. Thank you Paul Bernard for our great site. He visited the R's but continued on to visit us. Dave was just married two weeks ago. Frank stepped in to hold back TMI. Editor, that is text lingo for "too much information."

New member Dave Peck stood up. He's been here four times, filled out an application, paid his dues and is raring to go. Somebody throw a harness on our enthusiastic new member. Dave is a chemical/plastics plant manager and an environmental manager. He enjoys sports, fitness, and his membership in the Denver Curling Club. He was born in May, so he escaped a birthday serenade today. Pat Sullivan is Dave's sponsor. *This editor bets the Super Citizen bunch can use him. He saw how enthused the area principals are with the program. With forty plus programs in our budget he will have a broad set of opportunities.*

August Happy Birthday

The August BD guys were called out: Barry Bark-er, Bud Sewall, Tom Charters, JR Gieck, Marc Goodbody, Bob Hugo, Les Larson, Mike Miller, Fred Paster-nack, Al Perington, Dean Sotiri-ou, Ryan Thompson, and Greg Young. All in attendance stood to hear the club's typical serenade with a fine rendition of "Happy Birthday to you." They all know the words, so don't worry about it. Being fresh back from July travels, and not knowing what month he was born, Tom Hoch stood with the August birth-day celebrants. July 22nd is close enough. Next oppor-tunity, wish them a happy birthday. In fact, this is an opportunity for the editor: *Happy birthday to all!*



Dime-A-Day Program

"Does anybody have a calculator?," calls out our Prez Paul Simon. "Let's see, a dime a day adds up ... over a year to ...?" Anyway, Perry Allen has a calculator. It shows that if you give enough dimes for a year in a month, it will be a larger total at the end of the year. Freddie Paster-nack also has a calculator. His explains that we may figure we are big stuff with 62 members contributing to the Dime-A-Day program, but we can still go farther. Our club has 155 members. Our club is the largest dollar contributor to the OI Foundation, so the next challenge is, is, ???, well lets go figure, and set some other stand-ards for OI. Freddie and Perry set a standard in dol-lars. Our club can set a standard in participation, with everyone providing a check for \$36.50.



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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****

Happy Bucks



Since it was camaraderie day, **Prez Paul** pulled out the Happy Buck spittoon to generate some "bucks" for the Childhood Cancer Campaign.

Those that stepped up were:

- ◇ **Phil Perington** who was happy a hundred participants are scheduled to attend the convention in Breckenridge next weekend. Come up for lunch, come up to hear the band, come up to enjoy the weekend! The *Glass Half Full Band* will be playing Saturday night. **Jon Wachter** and **Randy Marcove** are members of the band. Rock and Roll till the mid night hour!
- ◇ **Karl Geil** was happy that his son is a first year assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Oklahoma. He is meaningfully employed! That's a long ways to go for a McMeen Elementary School student. He participated in painting the murals currently on the auditorium walls at McMeen.
- ◇ **Fred Pasternack** was happy to get a free dinner at Piccolo's. **Randy Marcove** was sitting at the bar and picked up the tab. Freddie just had to kiss him.
- ◇ **Paul Simon** was happy because Freddie bought him dinner, in keeping with Randy's generosity.
- ◇ **Dick Nickoloff** was happy his son and family was comfortable moving in with him. Nevertheless, now he is happy they are moving into their new home.
- ◇ **Tom Glazier** is just happy to be here at the Monaco South Optimists Club.
- ◇ **Tom Hoch** was happy having just shown Joe Marci and Ron Cisco how to play golf.
- ◇ **Don StJohn** is just happy to be here.
- ◇ **Wyatt McCallie** is happy his oldest daughter brought home her new fiancé of just one month.
- ◇ **Greg Young** was happy he was born on the same day as **Fred Pasternack**. *Really! Maybe they are twin brothers!*
- ◇ **Aaron Beery** was happy to get this school year going.
- ◇ **Pat Bush** was happy because next week he is going camping with grandsons and son.
- ◇ **Kent Gloor** was happy because his daughter is finally getting married after living with a rocket scientist for five years. *The rockets will now flare!*
- ◇ **George Buzick** was happy because he was sitting next to a man who has no money, he's a broker, **Paul Stratton**. Paul is happy so George is also happy, he is "...just as enthusiastic about the success...."
- ◇ **John Oss** was happy because of a visit to the Mile High Optimist Club the day before. They are a delightful group who can really sing out. He encouraged others to visit another club and to support optimism.
- ◇ **Paul Simon** said come visit the FRACSOC (Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club) and that all of these *Happy Bucks* go to the Optimists International Childhood Cancer Campaign. Learn more by [CLICKING HERE](#). FRACSOC Meets the first Thursday of every month. The next meeting is Sept. 5th at Hacienda Colorado, 4100 E Mexico Ave. — [CLICK HERE for details](#).
- ◇ **Ron Cisco** was happy because he is lined up to take a nine-year-old former neighbor to his first Bronco's football



Dick Nickoloff drops his buck in the Happy Buck spittoon.

Photo John Oss

game next week. The boy was adopted from Hungary.



Two wall murals painted by Karl Geil's son and his fellow students at McMeen Elementary School.

Photos John Oss

Announcements

Don StJohn Video: **Paul Simon** promised to show part of a video taken on Don StJohn day. **Tom Hoch** took the video. Tom plans to slim down the file size, and get the video posted to our web site. **Paul Bernard** is easy to work with so monacosouth.org should soon have the video available for viewing.

Type 1 Diabetes: **Ron Gustas** and **Dick Cohen** called attention to the September 8th walk starting at Coors Feild. They are both members of the new T1DOC (Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club). You can make a donation to either team or to a specific "Walker" on a team at the below links.

- ♥ To Support Ellie's Diabetes Busters go to <http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/EllieDiabetesBusters> To see a short YouTube video about Ellie's life with T1D which is typical of other kids please click: <http://youtu.be/jAau1yL2ysc>
- ♥ To Support The T1DOC Team go to <http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/t1doc>

All donations to either team go to help JDRF fund research to seek a cure and improved treatment options for those afflicted by T1D. A significant portion of research funds goes to the Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes here in Colorado.

Super Citizen Presenters: **Rob Gardner** is scheduling speakers for Super Citizen presentations. **Joe Marci** is providing mentoring as Rob comes on board. Rob is an audiologist and owner of The Hearing Clinic. **Fred Pasternack** sponsored Rob. His May application form showed his highest interest with youth activities and community service. He is a former BSA Scoutmaster, Eagle Scout, and claims to have a strong back to do just about whatever is needed.



Photo John Oss

He is tolerant too. This editor pulled the screen down in front of his face, removed an offending obstruction to taking his photograph, and gave the stage back to him. He didn't miss a beat!

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Announcements continued



Entertainment Coupon Savings Books: Joe Marci is selling books and recruiting sales representatives. Proceeds support the Robert Sullivan Scholarships. Sign up or see Joe.

Dime a Day: Fred Pasternack asked all those who have not yet given to the Dime-A-Day drive to raise their hands. With 62 of out of 155 participating, we can always do better. Complete Dime-A-Day form attached to the GUMS distribution email and give to Fred with your check.

Terry Boxer is at Peace: Fred Pasternack said Terry's memorial service was last week. Fred gave the eulogy. Terry and Fred were boyhood friends. Terry was Fred's Pawnshop bookkeeper for many years and he brought him into MSOC a few years back. Terry attended a few times, but did not continue. Contributions to Roundup Fellowship, <http://www.rup.org/community-support/>.

School Supplies: Oscar Sorensen asks that school representatives—that's you, Super Citizen reps—check on school needs and contacts. **Greg Young** stands ready to provide \$150 for each school that expresses a need.

Annual End of Year Banquet: Greg Young says the banquet will be September 28th at 5:30 p.m., Blossoms Restaurant at Heather Gardens. Sign-up and pay-up. It's \$25 per person. Thank and encourage our club leaders, past and future, for their service. Blossom's is located at 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO. Editor: Blossoms has served us before, but now the venue has been recently remodeled.

Did we comrade? You bet!



File photo, Don StJohn

Do we have a pot?

We started with a fresh pot. **Gary Miller** cleaned out the \$170 pot last week. He then found **Greg Young** and directed him to use the money towards the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver Thanksgiving Dinner. If this year is anything like the last couple years, there is plenty of work for this Boys and Girls Clubs project. Three or four dozen guys sling the hash the turkey with all the trimmings. New members take note: participation is a great experience. Talk to **Donlie Smith** for details.



The Winner, Mike Miller, with Prez Paul Simon. Photo Don StJohn

The principle suspects for collecting today were **John Oss, Terry Shroyer, Ron Carlson, Kent Gloor, Randy Marcove, Jack Rife, Tom Hock, George Buzick, and John Walsh**. Most took cups, figuring their odds. **Jon Wachter** drew **Mike Prete's** name tag. Mike drew but the pot escaped.

Next week with less cards than you have fingers, the pot will grow to \$30 big ones!

Closing Bell

Harry Johnson led us in reciting the creed.

A Bit of Humor: The Toilet Seat

My wife, Julie, had been after me for several weeks to paint the seat on our toilet. Finally, I got around to doing it while Julie was out. After finishing, I left to take care of another matter before she returned.

She came in and undressed to take a shower. Before getting in the shower, she sat on the toilet. As she tried to stand up, she realized that the not-quite-dry epoxy paint had glued her to the toilet seat.

About that time, I got home and realized her predicament. We both pushed and pulled without any success whatsoever. Finally, in desperation, I undid the

toilet seat bolts. Julie wrapped a sheet around herself and I drove her to the hospital emergency room.

The ER Doctor got her into a position where he could study how to free her—Try to get a mental picture of this.

Julie tried to lighten the embarrassment of it all by saying, "Well, Doctor, I'll bet you've never seen anything like this before." The Doctor replied, "Actually, I've seen lots of them ... I just never saw one mounted and framed."



Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
8/23/13	Bob Coulson & Ralph Pedersen
8/30/13	Don Thomson & Jack Kleinheksel
9/6/13	Carl Brown & Gary Miller
9/13/13	Paul Stratton & ?

**Friday Morning Greeters Needed
Sign up with OC Larson**

Monaco South Calendar

- Aug 21 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Aug 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Gretchen Clancey, Alzheimer's Association - Colorado Chapter
- Aug 22-25 Thu-Sun Colorado-Wyoming District Convention, Breckenridge
- Aug 26 Mon 6:40 pm Optimist Day at Coors Field — See Joe Marci
- Sep 28 Sat 5:30 pm Installation and Awards Banquet, Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
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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.