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It's Been a Great Year, Paul!



The September 28, 2007 meeting of The Optimist Club of Monaco South was the last with **Paul Bernard** as President. During the meeting, he handed out a bunch of pins to those who had chaired projects during the year. The meeting culminated with Incoming President **Greg Young** (I.) presenting Paul with an Optimist International Lifetime Membership certificate.

Meeting Place

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

Proceedings of the Meeting of September 28, 2007

Invocation & Pledge

Craig Eley offered an invocation which thanked the past Board and officers for its service and asked for blessings on the new Board that takes over October 1. Then he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Tom Mauro introduced his guest, **Roger Garriock**, who runs Destination Imagination Corporate Consultancy, which brings creative problem solving exercises to businesses. Roger is from Vancouver, Washington.

Lauren McGilvrey, a former Optimist Club president from Texas who now resides in Highlands Ranch, stopped by to see how we do things.

Jack Rife introduced **Phil White**, president of the Greeley Optimist Club. Phil was last year's winner of the Milt Morris Award, which recognizes an Optimist's service to the District. Phil has been heading up the District's Tri-Star Basketball program for years.

Roger Carsten, a member of the American Legion post where we meet each Friday, visited our meeting. He is interested in our Oratorical Contest.

Last Day in History

It was Camaraderie Day and the last meeting over which President **Paul Bernard** would preside. Hence, he delivered his last "This Day in History" exposition, telling us that on September 28, 1850 flogging was outlawed by the U.S. Navy. He didn't mention whether keel hauling was still OK.

Directory Update

If your information in the Club Directory is not correct, let **Tom Mauro** know at tmmauro@aol.com. Also, if you wish to buy an advertisement for your business for the 6

month life of the Directory, the cost is still \$25. See Tom for details.

Holiday Party

Frank Middleton is looking for suggestions for a different, fun, and cheap venue for the Club holiday party. Contact him at 303-759-9232 if you have ideas.

Food, Glorious Food!

Cy Regan reported that our King Soopers and Safeway food card sales were dropping (sold only \$825 today), and he chastised us for not eating enough. So avoid that lean and hungry look, start buying the cards from Cy every Friday. Winter's coming - time to starting putting on that layer of insulation!

Dues Due

It's that time of year again - - annual dues for 2007-08 are due. Dues are up \$1.00 from last year, to \$107, due to an increase from national. Those who pay a full year up front get a \$5.00 discount, to \$102.00.

Members are being asked not to wait for a dues statement but to mail their dues payment of \$102 (\$75 for Life members) by October 15 to the Club's new Treasurer, **Ron Gustas**, 7813 S. Locust Ct., Centennial, CO 80112. This will save the Club a lot in mailing costs as well as time and effort.

A few members are still in arrears in their dues from this year. Please help the Club and get those dues in to Ron now!

Drawing

There was \$30 in the pot and only one card (the 5 of diamonds) left to draw. **Nick Newey's** number was drawn first, and although the crowd urged him to take the "sure thing" cup with \$5 in it, Nick resisted this advice and drew the only remaining card to scoop up 30 bucks. Next week we'll be playing with a full deck again, with one card being discarded during each passing week of the new administration.

Super Citizen Schedule

Bradley Elementary

Coordinator: Tom McKee
303-755-2440

Oct. 19 – Friday
3:00 p.m.

Frank Middleton

Nov. 30 – Friday
3:00 p.m.

Open

Dec. 21 – Friday
3:00 p.m.

Open

Hamilton Middle School

Coordinator: Tom Mauro
720-859-9300

Oct. 18 – Thursday
5:30 p.m.

Karl Geil

Dec. 13 – Thursday
5:30 p.m.

Open

Holm Elementary

Coordinator: Donlie Smith
303-759-0380

Oct. 23 – Tuesday
9:00 a.m.

Gary Strowbridge

Nov. 30 – Friday
9:00 a.m.

Gary Miller

McMeen Elementary

Coordinator: Don Thomson
303-757-4273

Oct. 17 – Wednesday
1:30 & 2:15 p.m.

John Moser

Nov. 14 – Wednesday
1:30 & 2:15 p.m.

Eldon Strong

Dec. 19 – Wednesday
1:30 & 2:15 p.m.

Open

Most Precious Blood

Coordinator: Pat Sullivan
303-757-4519

Oct. 24 – Wednesday
2:30 p.m.

Gary Miller

Nov. 28 – Wednesday
2:30 p.m.

Jack Rife

Dec. 19 – Wednesday
2:30 p.m.

Don Iley

Samuels Elementary

Coordinator: Bob Hugo
303-758-9409

Oct. 23 – Tuesday
1:15 & 2:00 p.m.

Bob Avery

Southmoor Elementary

Coordinator: John Stoffel
303-757-6302

Oct. 18 – Thursday
2:00 p.m.

Greg Young

Monaco South Calendar

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|---------------|-------------|---|
| Sep 27 | Thu 6:30 pm | Board Meeting - Eley office, 3515 S. Tamarac Dr., # 200. |
| Sep 28 | Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day. |
| Oct 5 | Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Scott Henke, Computers & the Internet. |
| Oct 12 | Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Karen Kataline, Gutspah. |
| Oct 19 | Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day. |
| Oct 19 | Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Larry Botnick, DPS school board candidate. |
| Nov 2 | Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall. |
| Nov 9 | Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall. |
| Nov 16 | Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day. |
| Nov 23 | Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Chad Slaby, Rugby. |

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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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