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Optimists Bring Out the
Best in Children



The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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70 To Attend Holiday Party This Friday

This Friday, January 18, at 7 p.m. the Monaco South Holiday Party will kick off at the clubhouse of Canyon Club Condominiums, 6495 Happy Canyon Road (the location of previous holiday parties).

So far, seventy folks have signed up. If you haven't, and don't want to miss out, you can still reserve a spot by sending an e-mail to **Craig Eley** at craig@eley.net.

The Club will provide the main dish, attendees should bring their favorite appetizer, salad or dessert. That's right - - no assigned dishes. If we end up with 30 salads, we'll just go green!

If time or other restraints (or just a bad memory) cause you to be unable to bring

some food, forgeddaboutit! Come to the party anyway - - the glass is always half full, and there'll be one for you!

The entertainment will be comedian/ magician **Brad Montgomery**. He's the only comedian who is required to have malpractice insurance, because people have been known to hurt themselves laughing! If you can't wait, go to Brad's website at www.bradmontgomery.com.



Go to the bottom of the first page, to the tiny type, and click on "Jokes & Gags." Then click on "Magic Tricks." Watch the on-screen card trick -- you'll be amazed! And check out Brad's stories of performing for the FBI and CIA. Who knew those guys could be fun?

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 January 11, 2008

Invocation & Pledge

Greg Young, Monaco South's President, offered an invocation which reminded us that despite what we create and build, the youth of today will eventually take it over (that's the truth - - youth have taken over your editor's cars, basement, living room and garage!). Then Greg led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

We had a plethora (look it up) of guests at the meeting. **Ralph Pedersen** brought **Bill Mutchler**, who was visiting from China. **Greg Young** roped **Jack Houlihan** into attending, and **Randy Marcove** was back and was seen completing an application form!

Also, **Amy Grace Iley** made her annual appearance at Monaco South, giving us all an opportunity to buy into Girl Scout cookie futures!

Presidential Wisdom

MSOC President **Greg Young** shared this bit of sagacity: "Laughing at your own mistakes can lengthen your life, laughing at others' mistakes can shorten it."

The message is clear -- make more mistakes. Hey, Greg, we can *do* that!

Roundup Fellowship

A donation was presented from the Club to our own **Jim Vander Kamp** to benefit Roundup Fellowship, a non-profit that Jim runs which houses and educates developmentally disabled youth. They are in the middle of a capital campaign to buy and remodel a school building for the kids.

King of Cyan

Bill Wells reminded us that he is collecting used printer ink cartridges and old or extra Optimist International magazines for the Club. Put them on the visitor's sign-up table at a

meeting, and Bill will see to it that they find a good home.

Liberty Day

The irrepressible (believe us, we've tried) **Andy McKean** told us that a big Liberty Day event has been planned for March 13, 2008 at the State Capitol. He is asking all 100 legislators to bring 4 to 6 youngsters to the Capitol on that day. Copies of the U.S. Constitution will be handed out and the Liberty Day folks will be quizzing everyone about the Constitution. Your editor has been studying up in anticipation, but, let's face it, the Constitution is a little dry. Is there, like, a movie version we could rent?

Go to www.libertyday.org for more information.

Go Fly a Kite!

In honor of Ben Franklin's 302nd birthday (he doesn't look that old on the 100 dollar bill, but then again, your editor hasn't seen one in a long time) there will be a shindig this Thursday, January 17 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at North High School (2960 N. Speer Blvd.). This event, "An Evening with Ben Franklin," is being sponsored by a number of organizations, including Optimists, and is a benefit for Liberty Day. It's purpose is to increase awareness of the Colorado caucuses, which are on February 5.



More information can be obtained at www.blacktie-colorado.com

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address to **Bob Finkelmeier** at rfinkelmeier@comcast.net. And no, your e-mail address doesn't get shared outside MSOC. You might also need to "unblock" Bob's e-mail address in your Spam software. The easiest way to do this is to add Bob to you e-mail address book.

E-mail Bob and get signed up now. We'll send the GUMS newsletter immediately to you every week

Super Citizen Line-Up

These MSOCers have committed to doing the following Super Citizen presentations:

John Moser - Bradley Elementary, Friday, Jan. 25 at 3 p.m.

John Stoffel - Holm Elementary, Friday, Jan. 24 at 9 a.m.

Bob Avery - McMeen Elementary, Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Ed Collins - Most Precious Blood, Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 2:30 p.m.

We still need presenters for February through the end of the school year at these schools plus Samuels Elementary and Hamilton Middle school. See **Joe Marci** to help out.

Food, Glorious Food!

Super Seller **Cy Regan** reported that Club members bought a total of \$1075 of grocery cards at this meeting. Don't forget, you can use them for gasoline at Safeway now.

Speaker

Dan Hugo introduced **Cindy Acree**, a candidate for the Colorado House of Representatives who had a fascinating and inspiring story to tell of her recovery from severe epilepsy and a stroke. She explained a little about a therapy called deep brain stimulation (sounds like something that could benefit a lot of MSOCers) and warned us not to ignore the signs of a stroke, one of which is blurry vision.

Drawing

Freddy Pasternack thought he had a winning ticket, but it turns out he read the number incorrectly. Maybe he ought to give some thought to that blurry vision thing.



Monaco South Calendar

Jan 15 Tue 6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Eley office, 3515 S. Tamarac Dr., 2nd Floor.
Jan. 17 Thu 7:30 pm	An Evening with Ben Franklin, North high School, 2960 N. Speer.
Jan 18 Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day.
Jan 18 Fri 7:00 pm	MSOC Holiday Party, Canyon Club Clubhouse, 6495 Happy Canyon Road.
Jan 25 Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Ryan Moore: <i>Trees & Water Conservation</i> .
Jan 26 Sat 9:00 am	Brain Bowl Reader's Training, George Washington HS, Denver.
Feb 1 Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Doug Morton: <i>Academia and the Cost of College Textbooks</i> .
Feb 2 Sat 7:00 am	Central Region Brain Bowl, George Washington HS, Denver (readers show up at 7:30 a.m., everyone else at 7 a.m.).
Feb 8 Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Paul Simon: <i>You Can Do Go</i> .
Feb 18 Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day.

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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.

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