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Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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Good Morning Optimist

Tom Glazier and **Perry Allen** were our greeters this beautiful morning. Tom has shirts for those who have ordered them and is modeling the white polo version for those interested in adding some great South Monaco Optimist swag to their wardrobe.

Invocation & Pledge

A large and excited crowd is gathered this morning when Prez **Jon Wachter** rang the bell promptly at 7 a.m. Jon reads the invocation this morning and leads us in the *Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag*. We have a video to see this morning and Jon asks members to make themselves ready.

President's Reminder

Prez Jon again mentions that notes from those making announcements are always welcome to ensure that your well meaning editors get your details correctly reported. Editor's note, "Thank you!"

Guests

Our guests this morning was **Bob Fries** who is back for a second visit and has membership papers filled out. *Welcome Bob!*

OCMS Recognition



Past Prez **Randy Marcove** takes the microphone and introduces the upcoming video that was used for National Philanthropy Day featuring members of South Monaco Optimist Club. The video is being used by Optimist International to show other clubs around the country about what we are doing.

For those that were not in attendance and want to see it again, go to the

links below:

The National Philanthropy Day — Outstanding Service Organization video @ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPxKrvXyMk4>

The Optimist International Video, which premiered at the OI Convention in Cincinnati this year @ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2XJAUhffcDU#at%3D139>.

Announcements

MSOC Shirts: Tom Glazier tells members again that these fine looking shirts, available in blue or white are available for members to order in the size of their choice. See Tom to order.



Reloadable Grocery Cards: Greg Young announces the handsome young man in black is not **Cy Regan**. Cy is in Florida this week and Greg is standing in for him, taking orders for King Soopers and Safeway grocery cards. These cards can be used for food and gas and the Optimist club receives a percentage back from purchases.

Dues for 2013-14: While Greg had the floor he shared that he has sent out invoices and your annual dues are due, so please pay up.

Sullivan Scholarships: Joe Marci has one coupon book left from this most recent allotment and is looking to sell it. The sales from these coupon books help fund Sullivan Scholarships.

Christmas Tree Lot: Joe also reported that the time is approaching for our annual Christmas tree Lot logistics. Unfortunately the tree lot will not be at the old Kmart lot this year since the property is vacant. He is working with several realty companies to find a suitable spot, stay tuned—*With change comes opportunity!*

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation: Ron Gustas thanked everyone who helped with JDRF this year. The money raised and the support shown for those children is truly heart warming.

Directory Photo: Craig Eley says today is the last day to get your picture taken for the new directory. The new edition will go to the printers next week.

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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******

Announcements Continued

Holiday Party: Save the Date: Frank Middleton wants members to be aware that the Holiday Party will take place Saturday, December 7th, at the Aurora Hills Golf Club House. Make note and plan to be there. More details to follow.

Classic Car Optimist Club of Colorado: Phil Perington reports that the Classic Car Club has 50 members. In addition, South Monaco Optimist is the Number 1 club in the country for contributions to the Dime-A-Day program. This is in large part due to the efforts of **Fred Pasternack** – good job Fred. By the way, if you have not contributed, or would like to start again for this new Optimist year, the Dime-A-Day form is attached to the Constant Contact distribution email.

FRACSOC: That is the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club says Past Prez **Paul Simon**. He then proceeds to tell members the next meeting of the Front Range American Cancer Society club will be this coming Thursday at the American Society building—come out and help support this club.

Tamarac Annual Homespun Holiday Market: Prez **Jon Wachter** tells members that the Tamarac Optimist Club will be having their Holiday Market on Saturday, November 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Harvard Square Retirement Community, 10200 E. Harvard Ave. (Harvard and Parker Road).

Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner: John Oss reports that the new General Manager at the Hyatt Regency has stepped up and pledged to continue the support for the Bill Walters' Thanksgiving Dinner taking place next month. Remember the Thanksgiving dinner takes place on Tuesday, November 26th at both the Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc.

Closing Bell

Do we have a drawing? Yes and there is \$30 in the pot with a full deck to choose from. Lucky ticket holders this morning include **Steve Kady**, **Jack Kleinhessel**, and **OC Larson** but no winning card is drawn.

Pledge

After a very nice unison recitation of the Optimist Creed, we all went out to this beautiful day and spread the word of Optimism.

After Paul Simon shared that he had visited Harry Johnson last week in the hospital, it was learned today that our friend and loyal Optimist **Harry Johnson** passed away on Friday.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family!

More Photos from the Install Banquet



COWY Governor Bob Hartwig, left, performing the induction of OCMS President Jon Wachter.
Photos Craig Eley

President Paul Simon giving his praise to the club for the 2012-2013 year.



President Paul Simon joining the ranks of the OCMS "blue coats" past presidents.



Above and below, the swearing in of officers.



Speakers: Jack Rife & Neil Alderson
Monaco South Partners with Schlessman YMCA to Build a Playground

The speaker today was **Jack Rife** who presented a club campaign to raise funds to assist Schlessman YMCA to build a new kids playground. Schlessman Executive Director and member **Neil Alderson** described the \$7 million renovation project being undertaken by the Y and showed the location of the kids playground, which will be directly adjacent to the new entrance to the building. The cost to build the new playground is approximately \$200,000 and the MSOC Board has approved the formation of a committee to solicit member donations to raise at least \$50,000 of that amount. For this the donation, the playground will be named, "Optimist Club of Monaco South Playground" and will have prominent indoor and outdoor signage.

The Board of MSOC discussed using budgeted or reserve funds for this project but felt that cutting back on existing projects or using up our existing reserves would not be wise. Rather, a committee was formed of **Jack Rife** (Chair), **Neil Alderson**, **Greg Young**, **Pat**



Jack Rife, chair of the OCMS Schlessman YMCA to Build a Playground Project.
 Photos Don StJohn

Bush, Jack Kleinhessel, Tom Mauro and Tom Overton to solicit donations from members. The campaign was kicked off at this morning's meeting and club members who were present at the meeting were given a pledge form. The

committee reports that many club members have already handed in pledge forms and the club is well on its way toward meeting the goal.

Members who were not present at the meeting will be contacted individually by committee members and given a pledge form. Additionally the form is posted on the OCMS website @ www.monacosouth.org or can be immediately downloaded from the newsletter distribution email. The pledge can be given immediately this year or spread over 5-years. Pledge forms are to be returned to a committee member or to Greg Young by the end of the year, and the first year's pledge amount is due by then. All donations will be to the Schlessman YMCA—all checks should be made out to Schlessman YMCA—and are fully deductible since they are a 501(c)3 charity.



Signage Example: Optimist Club of Monaco South Playground

The YMCA will follow-up to collect funds pledged and to send out donation confirmation letters.

Besides the outdoor sign, members who pledge over \$1,000 (\$200 per year for 5-years) will have their name on the plaque that will be adjacent to the entrance to the playground on the inside of the YMCA.

Some members may want to participate in this campaign but may not be able to donate funds. The committee is able to assist them to sponsor an easy fundraising activity such as organizing restaurant visits where the campaign would receive a portion of the funds. Anyone interested in sponsoring such an event should contact Jack Rife or Neil Alderson.

Members who want more information about this project can contact any of the committee members or Neil Alderson at 720-810-7268 or Jack Rife at 303-349-1280.



Neil Alderson

Super Citizen Presenters for October

Date	Presenter	Name
Oct 17 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Paul Bernard
Oct 18 @ 3:00	Bradley	Phil Perington
Oct 22 @ 1:30	Samuels	Gary Strowbridge
Oct 23 @ 8:00	Highline	Pat Bush

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
10/18/13	Nick Newey & ?
10/25/13	Bob Coulson & Karl Geil
11/1/13	Tom Hock & Rob Gardner

Monaco South Calendar

Oct 16	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Oct 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Oct 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Nov 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Randy Gombein, SarahCare Adult Care Centers
Nov 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - George Braucher, Arapahoe County District Attorney

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bob Safe	1995-96
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Cy Regan	1999-00
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Stan Cohen	2000-01
John Young	1982-83	Don St. John	2001-02
Pat Bush	1983-84	Jack Rife	2002-03
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Greg Young	2007-08
Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Paul Simon	2012-13
Mark Metevia	1994-95		

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T H E O P T I M I S T C R E E D — 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.