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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Paul Stratton



Good Morning Optimist

As the 6th of March dawned, **Curt Boell** and new member **Noah Hasselgren** greeted our club members with warmth and a handshake.

Invocation & Pledge

Today's invocation was delivered by **Jim Vander Kamp**, with a reminder to be thankful and to appreciate all of our blessing. He then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Guests

We had a guests! **Harrison Phillips**, introduced by **Michael Chavez**. Harrison is an architect and a first time visitor. Welcome, we hope to see you back!

From the Prez

Prez **John Oss** shared with the editor a picture he took as he was leaving for the CO/WY game, aka, the CO/WY District meeting. He says you have to get up early to capture something like this.



Photo John Oss

Prez John also reported that others in attendance at the District Game from Monaco South were **Greg Young, Paul Simon, Joe Marci, Ron Cisco, Ron Gustas, Don StJohn, Michael Chavez, John Young, Paul Bernard, Curt Merrill, Tom Overton, Frank Middleton, Kent Gloor, Phil Perington**, and possibly a few others who he missed. He shared the next 3rd District Game will be Saturday, May 9th, and will be held at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Denver.

At right Prez John demonstrates some of his tailoring skills at the District meeting. In the afternoon attendees made blankets for children receiving cancer treatments in a Colorado Springs hospital. Over a 100 CO/WY Optimists participated in this gathering.



Photo Joe Priester

Announcements

Brain Bowl Championship: **Karl Geil and Paul Simon** let us know that the Brain Bowl Championship event is rescheduled for March 21st at Hamilton Middle School. They are looking for more volunteers for timing and scorekeeping in the competition rooms. The fun begins at 6:45 a.m. and you will be out of there after the (free) lunch, so sign up if you can.

Childhood Cancer Campaign: **Paul Simon** also let us know that the District's Childhood Cancer Campaign fundraiser, with a touch of Vegas casino night, will be held at the American Legion Hall on Friday night May 8th. This is the new annual fundraiser for CCC, put together by district chairs **Patty Hasty** and **Judy Poulson** with a committee that consists of the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club. This is the club that you sponsored! The event from 5:30-9:30 p.m. features entertainment (Marilyn Monroe, Frank Sinatra, the Everly Brothers), gaming, and even an illegal wedding chapel. Tickets are \$30 and include play money, snacks, prizes, and much more. They are available from Lt. Gov. Paul Simon. Additionally, consider sponsoring a table, the entertainment, or snacks (all \$100 each), contributing an item to the silent auction or donating \$25 value items such as gift certificates or gift cards to be used as prizes. See Paul Simon for more information.

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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

Super Citizen Program: Robert Wardlaw let us know that there were seven super citizen assemblies in February and five are coming up in March. If you are interested in helping please sign up.

Super Citizen at McMeen: Pat Bush presented Super Citizen awards at McMeen yesterday. Don Thompson was there with him, and Pat thanked Joe Marci, who was a last minute additional helper.

Know Brainer: Pat Bush is also looking for Know Brainer help. Readers are needed for the May 2nd event. This is a 5th grade version of Brain Bowl, and previous reader experience or training is required. There will be at least 20 teams competing at Hamilton MS at this event. For more insight, see Pat.

Western Hoedown: Bryce Slaby, sporting a straw hat, talked up the upcoming Hoedown. It is on Saturday evening April 11th, and your \$46 ticket (\$23 per person) includes dinner. No additional fee to dance! Beer will be \$3, wine \$4.

Photo Don StJohn

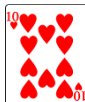


St. Patrick's Day Parade: Gary Strowbridge is heading the Pooper-Scoopers crew for the St. Patrick's Day parade next Saturday. Good looking men with tuxedos and shovel are needed, but Gary will settle for just the tuxedo and shovel so do not despair. Please bring your tux to next week's meeting.

Silver Beaver Award: Bob Avery reminded us about the Denver Boy Scout Council annual dinner on Wednesday, March 18th. At that dinner Donlie Smith will be awarded the Silver Beaver, the highest volunteer honor. A chicken dinner will be included for your \$45 ticket. The event will be at the Renaissance Hotel in Stapleton. More can be learned [HERE](#).

Drawing Winners

We had a drawing with \$30 going to the lucky ticket holder who could find the 10 of Hearts.



The following gentlemen did not bother even to try: Phil Perington, Nick Newey, Harry Arkin, Jack Kleinheksel, Don Iley, and Allen Malask took the easy money.

Tom Mauro and Karl Geil took a shot at the big bucks but came up empty.

Editor: We now break away from your regular scheduled newsletter to speak directly to Steve Kady. If you are not Steve Kady please skip ahead to the next paragraph. Steve, you left the meeting about 90-seconds before your name was called for the Nametag Drawing! No, really I am serious! Yes, ask around—it's true, I swear.

We now return to the newsletter.

Fred Pasternack was wearing his nametag AND in attendance when his name was called, but no luck looking for the right card.

Closing Bell

Our speaker coordinator Paul Bernard started us out to face the day with our creed.

Have a great weekend and do not forget to spring forward!



Since the Golf Season is Upon Us Here is What It All Means

- ◇ Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.
- ◇ Golf! You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins, on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.
- ◇ If you find you do not mind playing Golf in the rain, the snow, even during a hurricane, here is a valuable tip ... your life is in trouble.
- ◇ Golfers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot.
- ◇ A "gimme" can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ... neither of whom can putt very well.
- ◇ An interesting thing about Golf is that no matter how badly you play, it is always possible to get worse.
- ◇ Golf is a hard game to figure. One day you will go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all your game really stinks!
- ◇ If your best shots are the practice swing and the "gimme putt," you might wish to reconsider this game.
- ◇ Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.
- ◇ Golf is like marriage, if you take yourself too seriously it will not work, and both are expensive.
- ◇ The best wood in most amateurs' bags is the pencil.



When you have
lots to do...

Get your golf game
out of the way first!

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Halisi Vinson
Candidate for City Council representing Southeast Denver (District 4)

John Stoeffel introduced our speaker, Halisi Vinson a candidate for Denver City Council representing South East Denver, District 4.

Halisi manages a youth program teaching entrepreneurship and leadership, and is also a marketing and strategic planning consultant. She and her husband Ric, a former firefighter and city employee, moved in to the Hampden Heights area in the 90s. They raised their son in the community, where he attended both Hamilton Middle School and Thomas Jefferson High School.

She is running to protect our lifestyle and keep us healthy and safe. She feels that South East Denver deserves someone to advocate for our values and to help those who need help, since what happens to any of us happens to all of us. Her campaign is based upon the idea that though issues may change seasonally, values do not. These values are:



Halisi Vinson
Photo Don StJohn

- ♦ Collaboration – Communities that thrive have leaders who proactively seek out other interested groups to work together on common causes.
- ♦ Consensus - Communities that thrive have pragmatic leaders who understand that the best outcomes are usually the result of compromise of process not values.
- ♦ Communication – Communities that thrive have leaders who listen, who are accessible, and who truly represent the district.

She fielded questions on zoning and variances, Mayor Hancock, the police and the sheriff's department. Please check out her website www.halisivinson.com or email her at halisi@halisivinson.com. Halisi also hosts a morning coffee discussion every Wednesday morning at Sparks Coffee House, 6660 E. Hampden Avenue, from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and you are invited.



Weekly Greeters	
3/13/15	Russ Paul & Frank Middleton
3/20/15	Tom Glazier & Allen Malask
3/27/15	Ron Cisco & Pat Bush
4/3/15	Phil Perington & John Young
4/10/15	Carl Brown & Frank Ross
Need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or jon_wachter@msn.com	

Super Citizen Presenters March		
Mar 13 @ 9:00	Holm	Phil Perington
Mar 19 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Karl Geil
Mar 25 @ 2:30	MPB	Pat Bush
Mar 26 @ 1:30	McMeen	?
Mar 27 @ 3:00	Bradley	Mark Metevia
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 gardnerrb@gmail.com		

Mar 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Abigail Nicholas, Story Time with the Coach
Mar 14	Sat	7:00 am	St Patrick's Day Parade
Mar 19	Thu	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Mar 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Mar 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Celeste Archer, National History Day in Colorado
Apr 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
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**Past Presidents of the
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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	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.