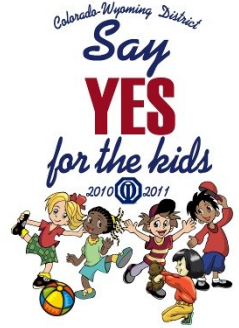




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Good Morning Optimists

Never Forget, Never Surrender

On this 10th anniversary of such a terribly tragedy, have you thought how your life has changed? Beneath a cloudless sky eerily reminiscent of the fateful day 10 years ago, officials, families of those killed, and other mourners gathered today in a national day of commemoration at the site of the World Trade Center to recall the terror attack in New York City.



In a show of unity that crossed party lines, President Obama and former President George W. Bush led dignitaries at the site. They and their wives toured the North Memorial Pool, the scene of the fallen north tower that collapsed on Sept. 11, 2001. Get a first hand look at the new World Trade Center Memorial dedicated on September 11, 2011, [CLICK HERE](#). Are you doing anything to pay tribute today?

Greeters

Fall is in the brisk morning air. For the first time this summer, temperatures were in the 40's this morning. As the leaves are about to turn, our Official Greeters were **Tom Hoch** and **Ron Carlson** sharing their Optimist Cheer.

Call to Order

President **Ed Collins** was ready to go early this morning, summoning order with the bell at 6:55 a.m. After a quick calibration of his watch, he gave the crowd another five minutes to eat and comrade. At 7 a.m. sharp, he brought us to order, and proceeded with a stirring invocation which reminded us about our fallen fellow Americans at the hands of the 9/11 terrorist attack.



Guests

Don Iley was accompanied by his young son David, clad in Cub Scout uniform. Don reminded us that we can purchase David's delicious popcorn to help raise funds for his troop - sounds good!

Third-time guest of **John Oss** was Richard Thomas, seen with an application in hand.

Also with an application was Mike McMahon, guest of **Randy S. Marcove**. Mike mentioned that Randy told him to hang onto his application until October 1st. What's happening then?

Noted: **Fred Pasternack** was in attendance, but had no guests for the day. Instead, he had something better....

Announcements

OCMS Membership Roster: President **Ed** commenced the announcements at 7:17 a.m. by handing the microphone over to **Tom Mauro**. Tom reported that it is that time of the year again to update our OCMS directory! For a \$1,000,000 sales opportunity, consider publishing your business card in the directory for only \$25 per six months! Also, there are several dark photos in the directory. If you would like a retake to lighten yours up, or think a new picture may improve your image, bring your biggest smile to next week's meeting; **Craig Eley** will bring his camera to capture your Kodak moment.

Installation Banquet: **Ron Cisco** announced that our Installation Banquet will be September 24 at Heather Garden's Blossoms Restaurant. Your choice of entrée is Steak or Chicken Oscar. He or **Greg Young** need and you still have time to mail your check to Ron!

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FOR THOSE WHO ORDERED PEACHES

Peaches should be here within the next 10 days. We will be receiving organic O'Henry's — the best of late, freestone peaches.

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

Operation School Supplies: Oscar Sorensen told us that Operations School Supplies is ready to go! Per Oscar, "This may be our last year because of our Presidential Leader—*everything is looking up!*" If you are a school representative, please contact Oscar ASAP to schedule your supplies pick up. Also, many, many thanks to all of our club's sponsors and contributors!

Colorado Rockies Baseball Club Give-Aways: Curt Jefferies reminded us that our Rockies Give-Away will be Sunday, September 18th. The promotion will be a Troy Tulowitzki T-Shirt to the first 10,000 fans through the gates of Coor's Field. We are doing this event with the Ladies of the Tamarac Club, and need to have at least 25 people (at least 16 years or older, and DO NOT need to be club members) to earn \$500. Curt will provide directions and additional information next Friday. And as an added bonus, you can stay and watch the game! Otherwise, you can leave around 1:30, an hour before the scheduled Denver Bronco game.

Energy Voice Institute: Tom Wos told us about an exciting volunteering opportunity. Earlier in the year, our guest speaker was Ed Bloom. Ed will be hosting a two-day **Career Days at the Adams County Fairgrounds**. Kids that attend will construct a model Wind Turbine kit, and will need volunteers to directly interact and help them build the kits. He will need five or six volunteers, scheduled on October 4-5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please contact Tom if you are interested in helping. We all need more Engineers!

Monaco South Golf Shirts: The very resourceful John Young announced that he had some beautiful blue OCMS Golf shirts to give away. Thanks to O.C. Larson's modeling performance, they went as fast as flapjacks at a Lumberjack Convention. Please see John if you would like one too.

Camaraderie Day Next Week: "Cards will be handed out at the door," so said Frank Middleton, reminding us that it is Camaraderie Day next Friday. Frank then shared that it was explained by a new member that he was sitting at the bar so he wouldn't be taking somebody's seat. "It better not be my seat either!," chimed in Tom Hoch. Gentlemen, it's that time of the month to mix it up, learn something new about a member, and enjoy a different view.

Bronco Update: Fred Pasternack was MIA for the last few meetings while on a trip to Alaska. It is hard to imagine, but Freddie missed the pre-season, and has no predictions for the Bronco's regular season. Regardless, kudos to Fred for helping out our club. Last week's GUMS. issue reported that we were only six new members or FOOs away from being an Honor Club for the 2010-2011 year. Fred signed up six of his family members to take us over the threshold. Thank you Fred for assuring us another club success.

OCMS Board Meeting: President Ed invited all new Board Members to attend his final Board Meeting this September 21st. It will be held at 3540 S. Poplar Street Suite 102, Denver, CO, at 6:30 p.m. sharp!



Closing Bell

Drawing: The day's lucky card was the three of spade for the grand pot of \$20. With only four cards left, somebody was bound to win! Sure money winners were: **Tom Wos, Fred Pasternack, OC Larson, Oscar Sorensen,** and **Jim Tapp.** The first to draw for the pot was **Paul Simon.** Guess what? He won the pot! Congratulations Paul!



Photo Don StJohn

In Closing

Leading the Optimist Creed: Tom Mauro, stepped to stat us off, *Promise yourself... on this day marking the 10th anniversary of the Terrorist attack on America, to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind....*

Incidentally

As of August 31st, our OCMC only needs SIX more members or FOOs (by September 30) to reach our Honor Club Status. We can do it!



Excerpt from Rocky Mountain PBS Website (<http://www.rmpbs.org/content/index.cfm/fuseaction/showContent/contentID/686/navID/604>):



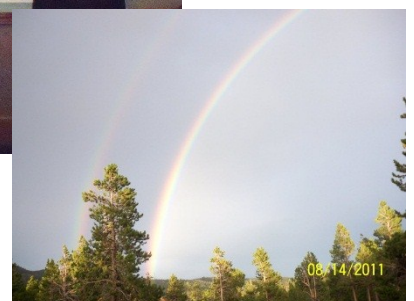
AUGUST PLEDGE VOLUNTEERS "ROCK"!

The August pledge on line for the volunteers to participate August 8-11.... Thanks to the Monaco South Optimist Club for their time on air on August 11.

Optimist Club of Monaco South – Optimist Volunteers on 8/11/11 are: **John Stoffel, Craig Eley, Randy Marcove, Mark Metevia, Russ Paul, Bryce Slaby, Harry Johnson, Tom Charters, Michael Chavez, and Gary Strowbridge.** *Of course they don't know how to spell many of our names on the website.*



Above, Greg Young and Phil Perington at the CO/WY conference. And a recent double rainbow that caught Don StJohn's camera.



Randy Anderson Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker today was Randy Anderson, introduced by **Cy Regan**. Randy is a Financial Professional with AXA Advisors, and shared with us some key strategies to help maximize Social Security benefits.



Photo Don StJohn

According to Randy, to understand Social Security, you need to understand its value. For instance, it provides income you can't outlive, it provides income that is inflation adjusted, and it provides survivorship benefits.

Regarding your spouse, he/she can get 50% of worker's benefits. A spouse will get the higher of their own benefit or the spousal benefit. Sorry, but former spouses may be entitled to spousal benefits, but they must have been married for at least 10 years. The good news, there is no loss to

your current spouse. The requirements: the surviving spouse must be at least 60 years old. The surviving spouse must be at least 50 years old if disabled. You must be married for at least 9 months prior to your spouse's death. There are exceptions for accidents.

Another item of concern, fixing Social Security. It has suggested to raise the retirement age, increase the cap on taxable earnings, and lowering benefit payments for future retirees.

When to start taking Social Security benefits—rethink conventional wisdom. At age 62, you will have a permanent reduction of nearly 25%, whereas at normal retirement age, you will receive 100% of your benefit. At age 70, it's nearly 130%.

To estimate your Social Security benefits, refer to your Annual Social Security Statement, or go to www.socialsecurity.gov or www.ssa.gov on the Internet and then click on *Estimate Your Retirement Benefits* for online calculators. These websites provide a wealth of information, and you even apply for benefits online.

If you think you would benefit from a consultation with Randy Anderson, his contact information is as follows:

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His PowerPoint presentation is available with GUMS Constant Contact email.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
9/16/11	Doug Arnold & Jim Easton
9/23/11	Joe Marci & Robert Wardlaw
9/30/11	Leo Hagele & Russ Paul
10/7/11	Doug Arnold & Woody Thibodeau
10/14/11	Bob Avery & Harry Johnson

MSOC Banquet

Saturday, September 24th at 6:00pm
Blossoms Restaurant at 2888 S.
Heather Gardens Way in Aurora

Promise yourself

To be **too large** for worry, **too noble** for anger,
too strong for fear, and
too happy
to permit the presence of trouble.

Optimist Creed

Promise yourself

To wear a **cheerful countenance**
at all times
and give every living creature you meet
a smile.

Optimist Creed

Monaco South Calendar

Sep 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Sep 21 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Sep 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Ann Rowe, DPS Board
Sep 24 Sat 6:00 pm **Monaco South Installation Banquet, Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way**
Sep 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Don Mares, CEO of Mental Health America of Colorado

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

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