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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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Good Morning Optimist

On this last day of May 2013, we were greeted this morning by **Frank Middleton** and **Harry Fegley**, a true optimistic Good Morning!

First Bell

President **Paul Simon** rings the bell promptly this morning and greets the lively assembly. After a good morning hello, he gives the microphone to **Nick Newey** who reads the invocation asking for assistance in forgetting the mistakes of the past and pressing on to greater achievements in days ahead. He then leads the club in the pledge of allegiance.

Guests

With us this morning are some special guest like, **Paul Bernard**, who has been working on an assignment that has kept him away on Friday mornings—welcome back Paul!

Fred Pasternack introduces his guest and tells members that former visitor **Robert Gardner** has filled out an application and has a check for membership.

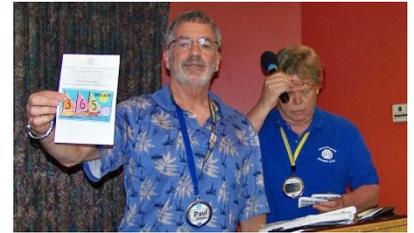
Also with us is **Nick Dawkins**, new principal at Hamilton Middle School, who joins us this morning, as guest of Karl Geil. Principal Dawkins thanks the club for all the support during the school year that we have provided.

Bob Krech from Gateway Optimist Club joins us this morning, thanking South Monaco for the past support and to remind members that Gateway is holding a Golf Tournament on June 7th, with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start at Park Hill Golf Club. The cost is \$100 per person. Please contact Bob @ 303-690-1799 or BobKrech@aol.com if interested.

Additionally, welcome back to **Brian Williams**, **Doug Morton**, and **Rich Wagner**!

Distinguished Club

District Governor **Phil Perington** presents Prez **Paul Simon** with a distinguished club patch and recognition from Optimist International.



Governor Phil also asks **Dick Cohen** and **Ron Gustas** to be recognized for their work in starting the new club for Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes, it currently has 42 members, who are connected in some way to this disease and committed to finding a cure. Thanks to Dick and Ron for their efforts, well done.



Photos Don StJohn

Phil also said that he visited the Buena Vista Optimist Club yesterday and reports what a strong, healthy club can be found there, and doing great things.

New Member

New member **Jauque Bensard** addresses the club and pledges to members that Optimism and friendship are his to share and spread. He looks forward to standing with members and making the connection with others in the call of service. Well stated Jauque!



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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****

Prez Announcement



Prez **Paul Simon** reported that he had with **Bob Hugo** on Memorial Day at Quincy Place. As many know, Bob has been a member since 1982, and has served as both OCMS president and CO-WY governor. From the picture Bob seems to be doing well. Thank you Paul!

Member Announcements

Super Citizen at Lowry: **Paul Stratton** talks about the final Super Citizen assembly at Lowry Elementary this past Wednesday including first time presenter **Frank Rowe**. Paul also tells members, students at



Lowry have earned recognition for the *Jimmie Brown Perfect Attendance Award*. What started out as 12 students a few short years ago has grown to 27 students this year.

Perfect Attendance at Bradley: **Randy Marcove** recaps the Bradley International School, *Jimmie Brown Perfect Attendance Award* which recognized 8 students, including **Nathaniel McMahan**, son of our own **Mike McMahan**, congratulations to both of you.

Hamilton Middle School Update: **Karl Geil** tells members about the recent awards recognition for students at Hamilton Middle School. Students were recognized for reading Millions of words, the reading these young people do is amazing. Also, a recent semi finalist, from Denver who is competing at this year's Scripps National Spelling Bee is a former Super Citizen.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation: **Paul Bernard** speaks quickly about the upcoming HOBY youth conference approaching next weekend, June 6-9. Optimists have the chance to sit with and interview potential scholarship winners on Saturday, June 8. The sign up sheet is being passed around and Paul will make another announcement at next week's meeting.

Upcoming Speakers: At our meeting on June 14th, **Walker Stapleton**, Colorado State Treasure will be with us. And on June 28th **Bill Hanzlik**, former Denver Nugget and current Nugget Color Commentator will talk. Hanzlik has remained active in the Denver Community and will speak about his Gold Crown Foundation. Rumors of Kelly Tripucka also attending have not been confirmed.

Automezzi Italian Car Show: Dick Cohen tells member about an upcoming car show on Sunday with some incredible Italian cars on display. Proceeds benefit the Colorado Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. An opportunity for members to help out is mentioned.

Incredible Italians or Incredible Teachers: Speaking of incredible Italians, **Tom Mauro** takes the microphone to announce the formation of a committee

to recognize an Educator of the Year effective immediately. The mission of the committee is to recognize annually an outstanding teacher, administrator, staff member, or team of educators from our service area including our Citizenship Schools, Oratory, and Essay Contest schools, and high schools including Thomas Jefferson, East, and George Washington. **Tom Mauro** has volunteered to chair the committee and **Randy Marcove** is its first committee member. Tom is asking for further membership who is interested in serving. The committee will solicit and is soliciting nominations as soon as possible. Please contact Tom if you are interested in serving or have possible nominations for this year. Criteria and nomination forms are available upon request.

Community Picnic: **Greg Young** invites volunteers and guests for the June 22nd neighborhood picnic at Bible Park. The club will need volunteers for free food handout and various games, let the fun begin. Also, on June 14th at Eisenhower Recreation Center a free showing of "Age of Champions" will take place, hosted by City Councilwoman **Peggy Lehmann** and Denver Human Services. The day will also feature an Interactive Resource Fair and Continental Breakfast, Caregiver Workshop, film screening, and a workshop on How to Protect Your Assets. Further information and details for both events can be found in *Peggy's Pages* attached to the email distribution of **GUMS**.

OJ Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** has quick word about Jr. Golf events coming in June and recapped the Park Hill Tourney held May 29th. On a rainy day, 51 Golfers teed off at 7:30 a.m. to support Jr. Golf, by 9:30 all of them were soaked by heavy rain. Blue sky reappeared around 10 and 40 hearty golfers finished their round. Winning teams started with 4 golfers; Mike Mounts, Gordy Ries, Gary Reymann, and **Joe Marci** and finished with **Cap Hermann** replacing Gordy and Gary. Winning score was 60 featuring a 32 on the front nine and a blistering 28 on the back nine. Second place went to the team of **Allen Pierce, Sewell Black, Sterling Crow**, and Jim Davis carding a 62. Other Optimist members participating include **Ron Cisco, Barry Barker, Gary Miller, Tom Mauro, Ed Collins, Don Thomson, Harry Fegley, Tom Overton, Kent Gloor, Eldon Strong** and his lovely wife Roxie. Also participating were two teams from Littleton Breakfast Optimist, and one from Greeley Optimist Club. Thanks to all who supported the Colorado-Wyoming Optimist Jr. Golf Tournament.

Bradley International's Field Day: **Randy Marcove** reported via email that a battery of OCMS volunteers were in attendance, including: **Pat Bush, Wyatt McCallie, Greg Young, Donlie Smith, Mike McMahan, Steve Wera** (Captive Principal), **Joe Marci**, the newly engaged and President-elect **Jon Wachter, Randy Marcove**.



Our Speaker, Jim White

Director of Community Affairs at Volunteers of America

Our guest speaker this morning is introduced by **Paul Stratton**. Jim White is with Volunteers of America (VOA), an organization started back in 1896. The Volunteers of America Colorado Branch was started in 1898 in Leadville to aid families of miners experiencing tough times. A couple of years later the office was relocated to Larimer Street in downtown Denver and currently exists as the oldest tenant along that street. The Colorado chapter seeks to identify and serve the basic needs of the most vulnerable individuals and families in the communities it serves.

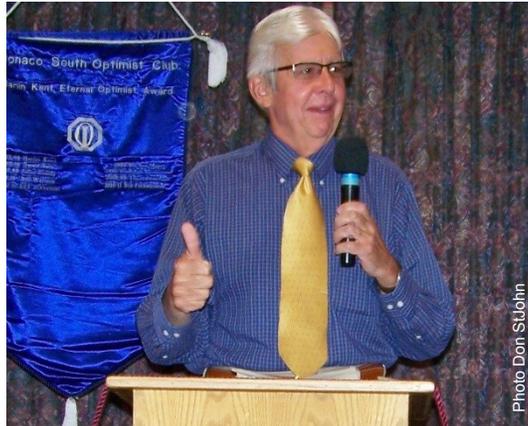


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Jim started with VOA back in 1980 with one of the main programs being the Meal on Wheels. Back then it served 200 meals per day primarily to the elderly. Today they serve over 2500 meals per day with the average age of the recipient being 86 years of age. Each meal consists of an entrée and accompaniments such as vegetables, fruits, breads, milk, etc., that are needed to provide at least one-third of recommended daily nutrients for older adults. VOA is constantly recruiting new sponsors for the program and sees most of their funding coming from corporate sponsorship. There is no charge for the meals but individuals who receive meals are asked to contribute what they can toward the cost of the meal. No one is denied service because of an inability to make a contribution. VOA relies on volunteers to deliver the meals to the homes of program participants.

VOA also runs the largest shelter for women and children suffering the effects of domestic violence, around 90 women & children. The program also services chronically homeless, youth who may be experiencing abuse or runaway situations, and veterans who may be suffering post

traumatic conditions that result in them being homeless or on the verge of being homeless. They offer 2 programs for female veterans one in which VOA operates 3 homes for 7 to 8 women and their children. Also a program called "Back Home" which helps an estimated 400 veterans annually who are homeless or on the verge of being homeless, to try to help them regain the conditions to avoid being homeless.

VOA also helps with Head Start programs for low income families, where kids 3-4 years old are helped with schools that allow them to be ready for kindergarten. It also operates a Men's Shelter on 29th & Lawrence. In addition, it offers services for Western Slope which helps treat conditions of alcoholism, domestic abuse situations in Durango, Montrose, and Fort Collins. VOA also owns over 1000 units of affordable housing for the elderly in downtown Denver. Residents are asked to pay 1/3 of their monthly income for housing giving them considerable assistance. In this respect Volunteers of America helps people through all aspects of life, from infants to the aged. They offer volunteer opportunities for high school students and even has programs for entire families to help. It does fundraising through the normal channels from private donors to corporate partners and receives monies through grants and foundations.

The national organization operates in 44 states with each branch acting on a specific mission. Last year 250,000 Coloradans were touched by VOA. It also works with 70 different food banks to serve the community. This is the type of community based organization that many in our state rely on to survive and it deserves our applause and praise.

Closing Bell

Do we have a drawing? The lucky card is 7 of Spades! Those luck enough for the chance include **Ron Cisco, Allen Yockey, Frank Middleton, and Phil Perington** with **Oscar Sorenson** picking the last chance.

Jon Wachter, recently engaged on his vacation to Mexico stands in for **Craig Eley** and pulls **Marc Goodbody** from the plastic tub, but no luck. And the POT GROWS!
Congratulations Jon!

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
6/7/13	JR Gieck & Ed Collins
6/14/13	Al Gapuzan & John Oss
6/21/13	Ralph Pederson & Bryce Slaby
6/28/13	Russ Paul & Ron Carlson
7/5/2013	Pat Bush & Les Larson

Monaco South Calendar

- June 7 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Rob Winget, Bright Spots in the Silver Tsunami
- June 14 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Walker Stapleton, Colorado State Treasure
- June 19 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- June 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

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

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