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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimists!

*All the News That's Fit to be Read*

GOOD MORNING **Greg Young** and **Michael Chavez**. They said good morning to all of us as we walked in.

### Invocation and Pledge

**Ralph Pedersen** prayed that we should control our anger and not let anger control us. He said it was for himself, but I felt that it was for all of us. Very good, Ralph! The Pledge of Allegiance concluded Ralph's contribution to another great Monaco South Optimist Meeting. Don't you all feel better when you go to a MSOC gathering? I know it is really a meeting, but not really. It is a "feel-good" part of the week. The meetings are usually very, very, good so I'm glad I came. Today was one of those!

### Guests

Mike Andrena was the guest of **Robert Wardlaw**. Hope you enjoyed the meeting. Yu'all come back!

### President Phil's History Lesson

Several items from our history lesson from President Phil are as follows:

- George Washing received his Law degree from Harvard on this date
- The Pony Express completed their inaugural trip from Hays to Walker, Kansas.

- Fidel Castro completed a coup to take over the cigar factory in Havana, Cuba.
- Bo Jackson and/or Bo Derek had a coming-out in 1991.

### Board Recognition

**Prez Phil Perington** had this year's board-leaders up front and thanked them all for their contribution to running our club.

### New Member Induction

While the Prez had the Board assembled he carried out the induction of new member **Harry Fegley**. Harry has waited a month for this honor, even showing up in last weeks snow storm for this precious occasion. He said, "I read the email notice once I got home. Good on my part!", with a smile.



Photo by Craig Eley

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

### Rocky Mountain Cocker Rescue

**Scott Walker** one of our representatives for the Furry Scurry this year is also VP/COO of Rocky Mountain Cocker Rescue (RMCR). RMCR was founded out of love and passion for Cocker Spaniels and believe that their work makes a significant and lasting difference in the lives of unwanted, abandoned, abused, or neglected Cockers in the 7-state Rocky Mountain Region. Scott and his co-harts do a wonderful job taking these fur-kids from terrible inhumane conditions and place them in loving homes. Learn more by talking with Scott or their website: <http://www.rockymountaincockerrescue.org/>

### Super Citizen Excursion

**Don Thompson**, who does a terrific job running the Super Citizens Program, told us about the Super Citizen Excursion on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Six Super Citizens from each of our nine schools will attend the new exhibit "Expedition Health" at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. This event will provide interactive exhibits and lab experiments, live demonstrations and programs, and impressive theater experiences. Students will learn to make their own bodies function and why even small changes can lead to improved health and vitality. MSOC has recognized over 500 students this year through our Super Citizen Program. Each school selects students (previous Super Citizens) for this trip. The bus picks up the Super Citizens, adult school representative, a bunch of MSOCers and lunch made by our own **John Marinos**. Another great day!!!

### Opera Colorado

**Bill Litchfield** requested help for Opera Colorado's upcoming performance of *Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutte*. They need two men for this production. There will be 4 rehearsals, 4 performances (no singing, no experience necessary) starting April 7<sup>th</sup> thru May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Call Bill at 303-782-0465

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop

Take a *quack* at winning fantastic prizes (2 round trip tickets on Southwest AL, Specialized Mountain Bicycle, Whole Grain gift Certs, Winter Park Ski passes & more), while helping support our Southeast Denver Public Schools with the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rubber Duck Drop charmed **Greg Young**. OCMS is a Bronze sponsor for this event. Greg is selling tickets on April 10, 17, & 24, which will take place on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in George Wallace Park (DTC) at 12:30pm. Last year over \$18,000 was raised.



### DTC's Annual Wine Tasting

The DTC Optimist Club had their Annual Wine Tasting this past week and it was a real success, per **Tom Overton**. Way more attended than ever and that is a good thing. Some of MSOC'ers are also members of DTC. Thanks to all who participated! Tom is also helping with another fundraiser for DTC and that is selling *Lawn Weed & Feed* fertilizer. The list is going around for a couple of weeks or just see Tom. If you can, please help out!

### Western Hoedown & Barbecue

Per **Frank Middleton**, *HOEDOWN* is when the farmer put down his hoe (from his field/garden) and went dancing. (Aint the way I heard it, Frank!!). Anyway, don't forget about the Western Hoedown & Barbecue, on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Outpost. Cheap thrills can be gotten for only \$21. Outpost is 10101 Colorado Ave, west of Havana.



### Memorable MSOC Picture

**Craig Eley** has the MSOC Group Picture for sale. This picture features many recognizable Monaco South Optimists and comes in a very handsome frame. See Craig to place your order.

### Ronald McDonald House

**Joe Marci, Russ Paul** and **Bill Jaynes** worked at Ronald McDonald House last week and received this thank you note: *Thank you for your help in getting our dishwashers installed yesterday! It turned out to be a short project, but we really appreciate your help in getting it accomplished. We have all new dishwashers that work as they should*

*Kendra Ingles, Director of Operations, Ronald McDonald House*

### MSOC Officers Needed

Officers are needed for the 2009-10 Season, screamed **Oscar Sorensen**. You better be at the meetings for the next few weeks or you will be elected. Elections are forthcoming. Call Oscar (303-751-4268) if you are interested in serving our club!

### 9Health Fair

If you work/attend our shift at the 9Health Fair on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (at Schlessman YMCA), you can work some of the time and get very inexpensive medical screening the rest of the time. **Howard Fry** is taking names for cashiers, hoping to get at least 14 MSOCers. Everything is free except these four tests: Blood Chemistry Screening, \$30; PSA (men), \$24; Blood Cell Count Screening, \$15; & Colon Cancer Screening, \$20.



## Furry Scurry Coming Up

**Don St. John** has announced the upcoming Furry Scurry at Washington Park on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our club always helps out on the Friday before in the afternoon with unloading the equipment needed, and then congregates at 5 am on Saturday morning to help set up the canopies, tables, etc. We should be done by 8:00 and then the horde of 3,000 dogs and walkers descend for the walk. Join up if you like animals!

## Bronco Update

**Freddy Pasternack** (and surprisingly everyone else I talked to today at MSOC this morning) think **Denver Broncos** got the better deal in the Cutler trade. My brother John, lives in Chicago (one of "Da Bears" loyalist) bet me \$100 that Kyle Orton will have BETTER STATISTICS next year than Jay Cutler. In 2004, Orton was touted as the front runner for the Heisman Trophy, having led Purdue to a 5-0 start with 18 touchdowns and NO interceptions until he received multiple injuries in consecutive games against Michigan and Northwestern, forced him out of his starting position for a month.

## Speakers Needed

If you know of speakers call or email **Paul Bernard** with ideas at 720.339.8025 or [pxbernard@gmail.com](mailto:pxbernard@gmail.com).

## This Mornings Speaker

What a Great Speaker We Had This Morning!  
Thanks Paul Bernard!

Captain Jennifer Steck from Denver Police Department, who heads up Denver Urban Security Initiative told us how the state is being protected from terrorist because the Denver region is one of 50 United States cities that is targeted by terrorist. They are under the Homeland Security umbrella and 28 members (surrounding cities, counties, fire districts, police department heads, RTD heads, etc make up the 28) meet monthly to work on a plan if we have any problems. Jennifer was very impressive in her presentation on how EVERYONE is/should be involved in staying secure. They have 5 command vehicles costing \$400M each. **John Young** volunteered to drive one of those.



Photo Don St. John

DO YOU HAVE A 72 HOUR KIT? DO YOU KNOW THE 8 SIGNS OF TERRORISM? Jennifer brought lots of booklets, kits and ideas on how to stay safe. If you want more information, go to [www.ncrcolorado.org](http://www.ncrcolorado.org).

## Is this a great Optimist Club or what?

### Monaco South Calendar

Apr 6	Mon	6:30 pm	Zone 9 Oratorical Contest - Windsor Gardens
Apr 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Tim Powers, Colorado Bankers Assn.
Apr 15	Wed	1:15 & 1:45 pm	Super Citizen, McMeen Elementary - Bob Avery, presenter
Apr 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Apr 18	Sat	6:00 pm	Western Hoedown & Barbecue - Frank Middleton
Apr 17&18	Each day		<b>Tamarac Optimist Club</b> Garage Sale, 4060 S. Tamarac Drive.
Apr 19	Sun	7:00 am	9 Health Fair, Schlessman YMCA
Apr 21	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Room 102
Apr 22	Wed	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood - Jack Kleinheksel, presenter
Apr 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker pending
Apr 24	Fri	9:00 am	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary - Fred Pasternack, presenter
Apr 24	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International School - Tom Hoch, presenter
Apr 25	Sat	All Day	District Board Meeting and Oratorical Contest - Castle Rock
Apr 29	Wed	1:15 & 2:00 pm	Super Citizen, Samuels Elementary - Gary Strowbridge, presenter
May 1&2			Furry Scurry, set up on Friday afternoon (3pm) & Saturday (5am)
May 2	Sat	7:00 am	Colorado History Day Judging/volunteers - Karl Geil
Jun 28	Sun	All Day	MS150 Rest Stop
Jul 8-11			Optimist International Convention, Kissimmee Florida
Sep 11-13	Weekend		Honeymoon/Getaway Weekend-Colorado Arlberg Club-Winter Park

## Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

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