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Good Morning Optimists!

As we walked into this meeting today we were greeted by **Woody** (one good arm) **Thibodeau** and yours truly, **OC Larson** (your GUMS editor).

Greetings

President Ron made a special announcement that we will not have a meeting next week. Instead we will have our annual Wives to Breakfast at the Park Hill Golf Club House. According to **Greg Young** today will be the last day to put you reservation in for this breakfast. So sign up today!

Guests

No guests today. But **Harry Fegley**, back from his traveling, was recognized by **Prez Ron** as one of the high rollers for tree sales.

Announcements

Services for Kay Brown: Services for **Jimmy Brown's** wife Kay Brown will be held at 5:00 pm Saturday, February 6th at Smoky Hill United Methodist Church in Englewood at 19491 East Smoky Hill Road.

Mentor Program: **Frank Middleton** reported on the mentor program, we will be continuing with it and wants members to sign up. A sign up sheet was passed around. If interested talk with Frank.

Tri-Star Basketball: **Gary Laman** is running our club's competition which will be at the Cope Branch of the Boys/Girls Club, 8th and Inca, February 8th at

4:00 pm. Members are needed to help with this competition. Please sign up or call **Gary Laman** for more information.

Our winners feed into the Regional Competition which will be held at the Wilfley Branch of the Boys/Girls Club on Saturday, March 6th at 8:30am. The Regional Winners feed into the District Finals at the Pepsi Center on Saturday, March 20th. We will invite the 144 winners from the 4 Regional's to the contest which will be on the main floor before the Milwaukee Bucks game that night. All kids who are invited are given a free ticket to the game. The winners of the Finals will be announced to the crowd before the game and will participate in the Nuggets Fan Tunnel.

MSOC fund the giveaway of free tickets for the winners by selling tickets to Optimists and families. We have set aside a group of tickets for the event; these are \$27 tickets which we are sell for \$20. This year ALL TICKETS must be purchased on-line through the Nuggets ticket sales. See **Gary Layman** for details.

Announcements cont. next page

WIVES TO BREAKFAST
Friday, February 12, 2010
 Park Hill Golf Club House
 Colorado Boulevard and E. 35th Avenue
No Meeting at the Legion Hall

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 Cont.

Brain Bowl Update: Like we have never heard this before, **Karl Geil** reported The Brain Bowl is coming, the Brain Bowl is coming, the Brain Bowl is coming. And he continued, "One down, two to go!" Ninety teams (about 450 kids) and 135 volunteers helped to make last week's North Region Optimist Brain Bowl at Monarch High School go well. Thanks to the 14 MSOC members who participated, specifically: **Bill Walters, Randy Marcove, Russ Paul, Tom Overton, Paul Bernard, George Buzick, Scott Walker, Bill Wells, Craig Eley, Rich Mahoney, Howard Fry, Frank Ross, Paul Simon and Karl Geil.**

The Central Region competition at Overland High School, with 75 teams (about 375 kids) is up next on February 6th. The North Region results are below:

North Region Optimist Brain Bowl 2010 Finals Results
January 23, 2010 at Monarch High School, Louisville

Note: all are Middle Schools

6th Grade		Finals Score
1st	Louisville 6A	12
2nd	Centennial 6B	9
3rd	Peak to Peak 6B	
4th	Southern Hills 6B	

7th Grade		Finals Score
1st	Southern Hills 7A	11
2nd	West Jefferson 7C	9
3rd	Peak to Peak 7A	
4th	Centennial 7A	

8th Grade		Finals Score
1st	Centennial 8A	13
2nd	Peak to Peak 8A	12
3rd	Centennial 8B	
4th	Eldorado 8B	

Note: Last Year's Results:

6th Grade	
1st	Southern Hills 6A
2nd	West Jefferson 6A
3rd	Louisville 6A
4th	Peak to Peak 6A

7th Grade	
1st	Centennial 7A
2nd	Eldorado 7A
3rd	Peak to Peak 7A
4th	Centennial 7B

8th Grade	
1st	West Jefferson 8A
2nd	Southern Hills 8A
3rd	Southern Hills 8B
4th	Platt 8B

On the Move: **Bill Turman** is doing better and will be coming home this week from the care center according to **Don Thomson**. Give Bill a call to keep him on the mend.

CPR Training: **Don Thomson** announced that his wife, Joyce will be conducting a CPR class. Contact Joyce Thomson at 303-757-4273, if interested.

CPR Class Saturday, March 6th
8:30am to 12pm at
Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda.
Heart saver class includes:
CPR for Adult, Child, and Infant
Use of AED (automatic external defibrillator)
CPR Instructors
Cost if \$30 includes Book

Super Citizen Presenters for February

Day	School	Presenter
17 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Les Larson
17 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Miller
19 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Craig Eley
19 @ 9:10 am	Holm	George Vassilaros
22 @ 8:00 am	Highland	Ron Roth
25 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Todd Olson
26 @ 1:30 & 2:15 pm*	Samuels*	George Vassilaros
26 @ 2:45 & 3:15 pm	Univ. Park	Steve Kady
26 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Randy Marcove

* Note date change

Denver Golf Expo: The *Colorado -Wyoming Optimist Junior Golf program* will have a booth at the 2010 Golf EXPO located at Denver Merchandise Mart I-25 & 58th Avenue. The EXPO runs from Friday, February 12 to Sunday, February 14th. Park on the north side as the EXPO PLAZA entry is there. Volunteers should pick up their name badges at the EXPO counter when entering.

The following schedule to the right has been set for the 20 volunteers. Call **Joe Marci** if anyone cannot work their scheduled times at 303-771-3748.

Liberty Day: **Pill Perington** announced that Liberty Day Awards will be March 16th.

Friday, Feb 12		
10:00 – 1:00	Ron Cisco Don Thomson Joyce Thomson	
1:00 – 3:30	Sewell Black Jim Davis	
3:30 – 6:00	Ralph Pedersen Kale Smith	
Saturday, Feb 13		
9:00 – 11:00	Joe Marci George Vassilaros Gary Miller	
11:00 – 1:00	Darl Symalla Sandy Harden	
1:00 – 3:00	John Greene Verlee Greene	
3:00 – 5:00	Nan Belme OC Larson	
Sunday, Feb 14		
10:00 – 1:00	Jack Kitchell Bill Walters	
1:00 – 4:00	Gary Strowbridge Bob Meyer	

Colorado-Wyoming District Meeting: Don't forget Sat., Feb. 13th our Colorado-Wyoming District Meeting in Colorado Springs. A reminder from **Greg Young**. The club will reimburse our members for lunch. Meeting will be held from 9 until 5 at Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 Datura Street. Members who want lunch should pay the \$15, and give receipts to Greg Young. Register with Warren Fair, 3401 W. 98th Dr. Unit A, Westminster, CO 80031 or call him at 303-465-5829 ASAP.

Remember: President **Ron Hagele**, that there will not be a meeting next week!

Speaker Phil Waters

Paul Bernard introduced our speaker Phil Waters. Phil is an ex Navy Pilot. Who flew 169 missions in Vietnam. Based on the US Constellation Air Craft Carrier, Phil narrated a detailed slide show of the bomber planes and the air craft carrier. Amazing to see the close tolerances when refueling small fighter and bombers in mid air from an air craft tanker. Phil showed Arial maps of Vietnam describing the bombing missions many directed towards taking out bridges.



Reminder

President Ron reminded, repeated and reiterated that we will not have a typical meeting next week!

Big Winner

Our drawing this morning favored a jackpot winner, **Frank Middleton** for the outrageous amount of \$190. Other small time winners were **Phil Perington, Harry Fegley, Karl Geil, Bob Avery, Dave Erickson, and Allen Yockey**. Frank reminded this editor that he also won \$360 in one our bigger jackpot drawings a couple of years ago. (What a guy!)

Super Market Sales


Cy Regan announced that King Soopers sale this week were King Soopers \$1,300, while Safeway was zero. Remember, gift cards are usable at King Soopers and Safeway. Cards are available in multiples of \$25.00, with no maximum. The club buys them for 95% of face value, thereby earning 5% of the face value as a fundraiser for Monaco South. Buy yours today!

Optimist Creed

Bob Avery led the club in the Optimist Creed...
Promise Yourself, To be so strong....

Last Minute Announcement

Allen Yockey past along an email from Diann LaGrange, Secretary, Denver ST. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, let us know that John "Jack" Horan passed away on Friday. Funeral Mass, Wednesday, 10 AM, Christ the King Church, E. 8th Ave at Elm St. The family will receive friends at Horan & McConaty Family Chapel, 5303 E. County Line Rd, Tuesday from 3-6 PM, followed at 6 PM by a Vigil Service, sharing of memories, and reception. The Horan family asked we distribute the information below. They ask that those attending the mass please wear their green coats as there will be a special designated section for Parade Committee members.



I Have A Question

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks, so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use. Toothpicks?

As income tax time approaches, did you ever notice, When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together, it spells "THEIRS"?

Monaco South Calendar

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| Feb 12 | Fri | 7:00 am | Wives & Partners to Breakfast, Park Hill Golf Club, RSVP by Feb 5 th |
| Feb 13 | Sat | 7:30 am | Colorado-Wyoming District 2 nd Quarter Meeting
Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 S. Datura Street |
| Feb 17 | Wed | 6:30 pm | Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102 |
| Feb 19 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day |
| Feb 20 | Sat | 7:00 am | South Region Brain Bowl Tournament, Harrison High School, 2755 Janitel Road Colorado Springs, CO |
| Feb 26 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Christy Wessler, Comedienne, Singer, Songwriter |

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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
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Bob Avery	1989-90	Paul Bernard	2006-07
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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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