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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist

Sunrise was 5:43 am today — likely many of our members were up to watch the sun come up, and found their way here by 7:00 a.m. for breakfast. Our greeters this morning were the very friendly **Frank Ross** and the somewhat friendly **Bob Avery**. Both were wide awake and happy to be there — thanks gentlemen!

### MSOC Breakfast



Courtesy of **John Marinos**, the aroma of eggs and hash browns also greeted our members. Fresh watermelon to boot — thanks John!

### Invocation & Pledge

Our invocation came from **Mark Metevia**, who delivered a message on kindness and gratitude. A wonderful reminder for all. He followed up by leading the pledge to our flag.

### Why I am So Tired



Barry Manilow's concert at Red Rocks last night was cancelled—after a three hour delay—due to lightening. Being an optimist, of course, Paul Simon waited through the whole delay and now is awaiting word of a new date for the show. “*We Can't Smile Without You*,” Paul! “*I Write the Songs*.” Editor: To make up for this Paul, check out these YouTube links, [CLICK HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

### Guests

**Karl Geil** introduced Bill Wells' guest John Melton for a second visit.

Stacey Renfrow was here as a guest of **J.R. Gieck**.

**John Young** introduced **Rod Winget**, who arrived with membership application in hand! Welcome Ron!

Good to see **Mike Snipes** has returned! *For he's a Jolly Good Fellow*, indeed! With that in mind, he received a rousing rendition of the song. Good to see ya Mike!

Mike Snipes  
Photo Craig Eley



### Announcements

**MEETING!** Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting: As you have been reading in GUMS on July 26th there will be special meeting with an internal club program. This will be a special program with mystery guests, so please plan on attending.

CO-WY District Convention: August 21-23 will be the district convention in Breckenridge. If you are interested in attending the club will reimburse your Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> lunch. Show up and represent MSOC and support CO-WY Governor Phil Perington.

Kitchell has Surgery: **Don Thomson** announced that **Jack Kitchell** will be having spinal surgery on Monday at Skyridge. He has “spinal stenosis” and the surgery will be a “decompression” of four vertebrae. Keep Jack in your thoughts, and he would enjoy your calls, cards, and a visit once he is back home to recuperate—he hopes to be home after two days in the hospital.



Jack Kitchell  
Photo Craig Eley

Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast: Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast - We'll start at 6:00 a.m. cooking 2,000 pancakes for their largest fundraiser, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kid's Cure for Cancer, to benefit Brent's Place kids and their families in honor of Brent. See Paul Bernard to signups.

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\*\*\*\*

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## Announcements Continued

**Roundup Fellowship:** Jim Vander Kamp's, Roundup Fellowship cookbooks are available for sale—they make great gifts for those handy in the kitchen, or learning how to cook. Also, there is a car show tomorrow, July 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. in the old Kmart parking lot, sponsored by Roundup Fellowship.

**New Member Rodner Winget:** If you are a member over the age of 60 he is interested in talking to you about athletics, e.g., running, baseball, swimming, so reach out to Rod—our newest member! As you may recall, Rod spoke to us back in June. His talk was called, the *Bright Spots in the Silver Tsunami*. He also has a documentary film out called, *Quit? No Way! No How!*



**Return from 95<sup>th</sup> OI Convention:** Vice President,

**Jon Wachter** back from Cincinnati OI conference. He was inspired by the other clubs, learned about new projects, and received a \$500 check for to support the new *No-Brainer* event. The check will be split with the Tamarac Club. Pictured at left is Jon and our CO-WY Governor **Phil Perington**.



Photo Nancy DeNiro

**One More Time, Let's Get it Right:** Prez **Paul Simon** announced that the FRACSOC (Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club) will meet Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at Perkins Restaurant, Colorado and Buchtel. Come to support this new club and to share your optimism!

**CO-WY Optimist Junior Golf:** **Joe Marci** received a homemade postcard from a Junior golfer, **Sam Taylor**. Sam's card featured a picture of himself alongside Phil Perington. The note reads:

"Mr. Cisco, Mr. Marci and Mr. Meyer and all Optimists,  
I would like to express my thanks for you holding the Optimist International Golf Tournament. I appreciate all of the work you do for the kids to give them \$ grants. Without it, I probably wouldn't be coming. Thanks again, Sam Taylor, 1st Place 12-13 boys CO-WY district."

Sam shot a 70 to win his age group, and the club gave him \$1,000!

**Peach Orders Will Start Soon:** **Bob Finkelmeier** reports that peach orders will be starting soon. He has checked with his Palisade grower and the word is, "Palisade peaches took a hit this spring, but there still will be plenty of fruit. He will be sharing order information with members of both Monaco South and Tamarac within the next few days. BTW, the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Palisade Peach Festival is Au-



## HELP US TO HELP YOU

Please help us the newsletter editors get it accurately. If you will just write a small summary of your announcement, we can make sure that the articles published in the newsletter are accurate. Showing up at your project at Bible Park with all your help going to Cook Park is not a fun experience. Even if you just answer the 5 W's, it will help. Let us know who, what, when, where, and why, and we'll help you insure your project is a success.

Thank you in advance, your editor, Pat Bush, Paul Stratton, John Oss, George Buzick, Robert Wardlaw, and Robert Finkelmeier.

*If you are the first member to tell Prez Paul Simon that you saw this in this weeks GUMS, he will give you \$20, if you are the second, he will give you \$10.*

gust 15-18, 2013. Celebration of Palisade's world-famous peaches at the Palisade Peach Festival, one of the original agricultural festivals in Colorado. It's Peach Mania: plenty of great food, entertainment, contests, activities for kids, and opportunities to explore Palisade via self-guided tours, guided tours and outdoor recreation. Satisfy your hunger for local and authentic with delicious peach products.

### Drawing

The weekly drawing: two of Spades was the card being sought. Jack Kleinheksel drew for the money, but no luck, twice! And those who took a cup, included: **Harry Johnson, Les "is more" Larson, Doug Morton, John Walsh, Carl Brown, Tom Glazier, and Ralph Peterson** won the name tag drawing but no luck. The pot continues to grow!

### Closing Bell

To end the meeting, **Jon Wachter** started us off with "Promise yourself...."

## Pasternack's One Car—Car Show



According to informed sources Fred Pasternack held a one-car car show with his vintage Porsche after a recent Monaco South meeting. Or, was he waiting for a tow truck?

Photo Steve Kady

## Electronic Recycling Collection

Southmoor Park East Homeowners Association are sponsoring an Electronic Recycling Collection on August 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. supported by Rocky Mountain E-Waste, at the NW corner of the Microcenter parking lot 8000 E. Quincy Ave. **FREE recycling of electronics with exception of TV's, old electronics, e.g., computers, key boards, routers, cell phones, small kitchen appliances, etc. TV's will be taken for a small fee depending on size.**



## Our Own, Casey Funk Colorado's Water Situation

**Paul Bernard** introduced our speaker, MSOC member **Casey Funk**, here to talk about water. He's a local boy, TJHS graduate, baseball and football player. His football career included being coached by **Ron Cisco**, an experience that steered him towards golf.

Casey has been with Denver Water since 1972, in many capacities, including now as an attorney. Here are some water stats that he shared:

- 1 cubic foot is how Denver Water measure volume, which is equal to 7.5 gallons. One acre foot is equal to 325,851 gallons, enough for about 2 ½ households for one year, and there are 252,000 acre feet of water in Dillon Reservoir.
- The average person in Denver Water's service area uses 85 gallons of water each day.
- The Front Range uses about 19 percent of the state's water.
- 80% of Colorado's water resides on the western slope, yet 80% of usage is on the front range.
- Arizona and California uses a great deal of Colorado water also.

First in time First in right, is the simple rule of water rights. First users of water get first priority to use again. Miners, agriculture, municipalities were the first rights owners. The appropriation doctrine originated in Colorado in 1872. Cities needed to buy rights or build



Casey Funk, with his water bucket as a prop, talks about the Colorado water situation.

Photo Don StJohn

storage that they could then release in the dry times.

Denver Union Water company was privately owned and started by David Moffat and Walter Cheesman. They built the first reservoir named after Cheesman above Deckers, an engineering marvel still today.

Denver Water was established in 1918 by city charter that took over the private enterprise. Denver Water is an independent agency of the city that does not report to the mayor or city council. The mayor appoints five board members who must be residents and they earn \$25/month to set policy. There are nineteen reservoirs that provide water to the citizens. Denver water covers the whole metro area except Aurora and small parts of Englewood and Arvada. Chartered to provide water, but business plan is to get people to not use water! Climate change, drought, wildfires, consumer risk tolerance, economic uncertainties, growth, Colorado River Compact call are the issues facing Denver's water supply.

Denver Water has agreed with the Western Slope to establish firm boundaries so they will not try to get more rights going west. Historic battles between Denver and Western Slope have been contentious since the 1940's.

Lots of information can be found on Denver Water webpage at <http://www.denverwater.org/>.



GUMS chief photographer, Don St John's grandniece on his decorated ATV for the July 4th parade at our cabin. Where is Yankee Doodle? Photo Don St John

### Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
7/19/13	Leo Hagele & Barry Barker
7/26/13	Mark Metevia & Fred Pasternack
8/2/13	Jim Vander Kamp & Phil Perington
8/9/13	Aaron Beery & ?
8/16/13	Robert Wardlow & Les Larson

### Monaco South Calendar

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|---------|------|---------|--|
| July 17 | Wed  | 6:30 pm | Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102  |
| July 18 | Thur | 6:30 pm | FRACSOC - Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club Meeting<br>Perkins Restaurant, 1995 S. Colorado Blvd, 7:00 pm, come early to visit |
| July 19 | Fri  | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day   |
| July 26 | Fri  | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - "Special Mystery Guest"   |
| July 28 | Sun  | 8:00 am | Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast, Washington Park - See Paul Bernard  |

**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.