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Good Morning Optimist

Thanks to our greeters, **Karl Geil** and **Mike White** for making everyone feel welcome on our weekly meeting, Friday, August 28, 2015.

On This Day in History

On August 28, 1963, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., the African American civil rights movement reaches its high-water mark when Martin Luther King, Jr., speaks to about 250,000 people attending the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The demonstrators—black and white, poor and rich—came together in the nation's capital to demand voting rights and equal opportunity for African Americans and to appeal for an end to racial segregation and discrimination.

King had used the “*I have a dream*” theme before, in a handful of stump speeches, but never with the force and effectiveness of that hot August day in Washington. He equated the civil rights movement with the highest and noblest ideals of the American tradition, allowing many to see for the first time the importance and urgency of racial equality. He ended his stirring, 16-minute speech with his vision of the fruit of racial harmony:

“When we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God’s children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, ‘Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!’”

Invocation & Pledge

Don St. John read our invocation, speaking on the benefits of giving of oneself, and then led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Quiz question: What word is defined as: “mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together?”

CAMARADERIE! And today is Camaraderie Day!



Not surprisingly, the word *camaraderie* comes from the mid-19th century and the French word “*camarade*” meaning comrade.

There was a great deal of “*camaradering*” today!

Speaking of quiz did you know that only **Dick Nickoloff** noticed that

the US flag in last weeks **GUMS**, labeled “US Flag before 1959” only had 36 stars, when it should have had 48 stars?

Don, the Friday Morning Cashier



It was announced today that **Don St. John** has turned the Friday morning cashier duties over to **Gary Miller**. Don, pictured on the left, is thanked and recognized by Prez **John Oss**. Don will continue as the chief **GUMS** photographer. See next page.

Guests

Tom Mauro introduced **Matt Santambrogio**, a long-time Thomas Jefferson High School teacher and former teacher of the year.

Chris Dunphy, last week’s guest of **John Swick** is now becoming a new member! Chris works for Farmers Insurance and reminded us the Wounded Warriors event and asked us to “come out and bring your family to the Wounded Warriors Fundraiser!, Saturday September 12 at 10 a.m. in DTC at 7395 E. Orchard Rd Greenwood Village. There will be Music and Food trucks PLUS a Firetruck and Bouncy House for kids and grandkids. Proceeds go to the Wounded Warrior Project of Colorado.

Announcements

MSOC Installation & Celebration: **Jon Wachter** reminded all to sign up for the **Don Iley**’s installation dinner - “*Celebrate Your Optimism*” in three weeks, on September 19th. Dinner will be at Piccolo’s at 3563 S. Monaco (Monaco and Hampden) starting at 6:00 p.m. and the cost is \$33 per ticket. Seating is limited so sign up ASAP!

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

The Friday Morning Cashier: Don St. John, after 21 years collecting breakfast and coffee money at our Friday meetings, is retiring from this role. Many thanks to Don for making change all those years! **Gary Miller** is attempting to fill his shoes today.

Dime-a-Day Program: Perry Allen, our OI Dime-a-Day representative, found a dime on the floor this morning. What an positive omen! Remember, a dime each day equals \$36.50/year. So bring your dimes (or preferably your checks) to Perry! The OI Foundation's webpage @ <http://oifoundation.org/programs/dime-a-day/> has a nice write up about this program.

Super Citizen School Principals to Breakfast: Robert Wardlaw reminded us that 10 Super Citizens school Principal's will be joining us for breakfast next week. Our 10 school reps:

- ◇ Randy Marcove, Bradley International
- ◇ Tom Mauro & Karl Geil, Hamilton Middle
- ◇ Jim Easton, Highline Academy
- ◇ Donlie Smith, Holm Elementary
- ◇ Paul Stratton, Lowry Elementary
- ◇ Don Thomson, McMeen Elementary
- ◇ Gary Miller, Most Precious Blood Catholic
- ◇ Kent Gloor, Samuels Elementary
- ◇ Tom Hoch, Slavens Elementary
- ◇ Bob Avery, University Park Elementary

Need to follow up and get attendance RSVPs.

Attendance Taker Recap: Bob Avery reported that it was disappointing that **Frank Middleton** was not in attendance for this camaraderie day, since all present were in their normal seating area and saved Bob some time, which was nice. We'll see you next week Frank!

Alzheimer's Memory Walk: Joe Marci announced that the Memory Walk is coming up Saturday the 19th of September and that we are now manning two water stations and need volunteers. See Joe or **Cap Hermann**.

JDRF One Walk to Cure Diabetes: Via an email **Ron Gustas** reminded us that volunteers are needed to help with the annual JDRF One Walk to Cure Diabetes. Assistance is needed on both Friday, September 11th, starting at 1:00 p.m. and on Saturday, September 12th, starting at 10:30 a.m. Truck loading on the Friday will take place at the JDRF office located at 2727 Bryant St., Denver (Just off Speer Blvd. not far from North High School). The Saturday walk site is at the Jefferson County Fair Grounds located at 15200 W. 6th Ave. See Ron or **Dick Cohen** for details.

Remembering Fred Pasternack: Last Sunday, to celebrate Freddie's Birthday, **Karen Pasternack** hosted an open house in his honor. Many MSOC Members attended and said that Fred was there in spirit.



Photos Steve Kady



All guests seemed to enjoy good food, drinks, and telling Freddie stories. Thank you Karen for this **remembrance!**

August Birthdays

Although forgotten at our Friday meeting, this month the following added another year: **Barry Barker, Bud Black, JR Gieck, Marc Goodbody, Bob Hugo, Les Larson, Mike Miller, Fred Pasternack, Al Perington, Dean Sotiriou, and Greg Young.**

In Need of Table Radio

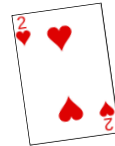
A few weeks back, there was a call for a table radio for one of our members. **Jack Kleinheksel** came through and donated a radio to **Leo Hagele**. The radio was presented to Leo by new member **Don Ross**. Leo was Don's sponsor to MSOC.



Photo Don Ross

Drawing

There was a drawing! The **Two of Hearts** was the card, and \$30 the prize. Those who took cups instead of the opportunity for \$30 were **Terry Shroyer, Perry Allen, Dick Nickoloff, Lynn Jones, Karl Geil** and Prez to be, **Don Iley**. **Jim Easton** and **Craig Eley** went fishing for the two of hearts, but alas, did not find it. **OC Larson** was wearing his nametag, but also pulled the wrong card. The pot grows with less than six cards left.



Closing Bell

Our meeting ended and weekend began with the recitation of the Creed - *Promise Yourself...*

NOTE IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

The new fiscal year starting October 1st is just around the corner. It's time for all project managers to submit their budget requests for the fiscal year of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. Please send requests to **Greg Young** by no later than September 7th.

Weekly Greeters

9/4/15	Curt Merrill & Tom Hoch
9/11/15	John Swick & Greg Young
9/18/15	Al Gapuzan & Randy Marcove
9/25/15	Mark Metevia & Mike McMahon

Help, Help, Help — we need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or jon_wachter@msn.com

Meet Harry Arkin

By Craig Eley

How many people do you know who have been in a plane crash and lived to tell about it? None? Well, if you know new MSOC member **Harry Arkin**, you now know one.

Harry in 1957, while an Air Force office stationed at Nellis Air Force base in Las Vegas, Nevada, was piloting a small, slow reconnaissance aircraft for the Nevada Civil Air Patrol as a volunteer on a search and rescue mission when his spotter thought he saw a body under a stalled vehicle on a dirt road in the desert. Harry flew low to get a better look, and they confirmed the man they were searching for, an Air Force claims agent, was under the car, probably to get



Harry Arkin
Photo Craig Eley



out of the blazing sun after his car broke down. Harry put the plane down in a nearby field of an abandoned ranch, but what he didn't know was that it had rained the evening before (a rare and unexpected occurrence) and the field was not hard ground but

rather a sea of mud. Upon landing, the plane's wheels sunk in and stuck, and the plane flipped over, leaving Harry and his spotter hanging upside down by their seat belts.

After extricating themselves, they walked over to the car and found the stranded man alive but in bad shape. They had no radio in the plane, so Harry hiked a few miles to where he had seen some cowboys working. They loaned him a horse to ride to civilization, where he called in their location to the Air Force base. What Harry didn't know was that he had some shattered vertebrae in his spine (must have been a pleasant horseback ride). Everyone survived, but to this day Harry is plagued with back pain.

Harry was born in Puerto Rico, where his father, a School of Mines graduate, was the General Manager for the Caribbean for Texaco. Harry had a local woman as a nanny, and so until he was 4½ years old he spoke only Spanish.

Harry's father was on leave from the military during this time, and found Puerto Rico to be kind of rough and tumble. Revolutionaries seeking independence had killed the San Juan police chief, and a \$10,000 bounty had been put on Harry's father by the group. Consequently, Harry's dad carried a Colt .32 automatic pistol, which was of use one even-

ing when he and those in his car were ambushed on the road. A gun battle ensued and they shot their way out of the trap, with neither side suffering casualties. Harry still has the .32 pistol.

At age 4½ Harry's family moved to Chicago, where Harry acquired English in a short time while in kindergarten. During WWII the family moved a number of times, ending up in Denver where the family lived with Harry's grandparents for awhile. Harry attended Morey Middle School and East High, and in 1951 enrolled in the University of Colorado.

Harry had been fascinated with flying ever seen he was six years old, when he saw an air race between Jimmy Doolittle and Roscoe Turner. He began taking flying lessons while a freshman, and eventually entered the Air Force, retiring from the Air Force Reserve in 1986 as a Colonel.

Along the way, Harry earned a law degree from the University of Denver College of Law and was sworn in as an attorney in 1957. He served as an Air Force Judge Advocate in the U.S., Libya and several European countries.

With a long career in private practice, Harry continues to maintain a law office, handling the arbitration of domestic and international business disputes, as well as wills, trusts, estates and contracts. His wife, Jean, is a member of Tamarac Optimists, and is a former meeting planner for the International Chamber of Commerce (let's hope she doesn't critique any of our meetings!).

In the early 60's Harry was a member of the Industrial Optimist Club of Denver (your author did a cursory Internet search and the last mention of this now-defunct club is in 1974). Harry recalls that the club worked with the Johnson Branch Boy's Club (as it was then known) and, among their other activities, helped the boys build crystal radio sets.

More recently, Harry was a member of another service club, but he dropped his membership after 25 years because he wanted to not merely fund projects, but participate in them. *"They had good meetings and good speakers, but you couldn't get your hands dirty,"* Harry commented.

We look forward to helping Harry get his hands dirty now that he is an Optimist again!



Sponsor a New Member

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40th Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Sept 4 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Super Citizen Principals to Breakfast
Sept 11 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Karen Moravek, Alzheimer's Association
Sept 17 Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's Home, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Sept 18 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Sept 19 Sat	7:00 am	Alzheimer's Walk - See Cap Hermann
Sept 19 Sat	6:00 pm	MSOC Installation & Celebration, Piccolo's, 3563 South Monaco Parkway



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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.