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Wives to Breakfast Friday, February 13, 2009



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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

Good Morning Optimists!

Welcome to Wives to Breakfast

Frank and Sandy Middleton greeted us at the Park Hill Golf Club with glowing smiles AND a beautiful deep red rose in a vial of water for the ladies. The temperature outside was very cold, but these greeters warmed us in a hurry! This was our St. Valentine's celebration!

Invocation and Pledge

John Young led us in thanking The Almighty for our wives and significant others, "the one person who means the most to us." It was a lovely tribute, in keeping with the day. We also pledged anew our allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

President's Welcome

President Phil Perington welcomed our distinguished guests of the morning, our partners in life, and turned the meeting over to **Tom Overton**, who arranged for us to meet at Park Hill today. But not before dropping a bit of wisdom: "He who laughs lasts."

Fashion Parade

Many dressed for the occasion, lots of red in various forms. Messrs **John Young**, **Ed Collins** and **Bob Avery** wore red sweaters, **Sandy Middleton** sported a red cable sweater, **Sheryl Overton** donned a red sweater fronted with hearts and flowers, **Jan Collier** had an Optimist scarf depicting "Children of the World", and **Tom Overton** wore a Peanuts Valentine necktie.

Oldie Wedding Game

Greg Young presided over the contest between three couples: **Tom** and **Joey Mauro**, **Oscar** and **Pat Sorensen**, and **Pat** and **Mary Jean Sullivan**. The Mauro's won by both agreeing on Tom's favorite meal: spaghetti, of course!

Announcements

Remember the MSOC Board meeting is on Tuesday at 6:30 pm; everyone is invited.

Mark your calendar, the Denver Tech Center Optimist Club Wine Tasting, March 29th, 3:00-5:00pm, to be held at the Citron Bistro, \$30.

Tri-Star Basketball, February 17th, 4:00 pm, Cope Boys and Girls Club, 808 Inca Street. We expect about 100 kids on this first day. This is a skills competition, with winners advancing to the regional meet on February 28th. Those winners will attend the Nuggets game on March 14th, and will be recognized before the game. Volunteers and



Optimist Club members will be able to attend the game for the price of \$20 payable to Jack. This is a great opportunity to see our hot NBA team.

Brain Bowl

Thanks to all who helped make the Central Region Optimist Brain Bowl a success this year. We 79 teams of kids (approximately 395 kids) competing and 142 volunteers assisting in the effort. MSOC members participating were: **Ron Gustas, Don St. John, Russ Paul, Jack Kleinhessel, Peter Dimond, Harry Johnson, Tom Overton, John Greene, Don Thomson, Greg Young, John Young, Craig Eley, Wyatt McCallie, Paul Bernard, Dick Cohen, Bryce Slaby, O.C. Larson, Rich Mahony, Frank Ross, Nick Newey, Kent Gloor, Al Gapuzan, Jim Brown, Jim VanderKamp, Joe Marci, Oscar Sorensen, Paul Simon, Don Iley and Karl Geil**. Also, many thanks to **Tom Mauro** for all his behind the scenes work, even though business conflicts prevented him from attending the tournament and to **Phil Perington** who helped map the rooms and put up signs the night before. Monaco South's 29 volunteers at the Central Region Optimist Brain Bowl on Game Day led the way, with **Tamarac's 18 volunteers** coming in second. *Thank you all for a job well done! Karl Geil*

Below are the are the scores for the participating teams by grade level.

Central Region Brain Bowl 2009 Finals Results February 7, 2009 at Overland High School, Aurora

Note: all are Middle Schools

6th Grade		Finals Score
1st	Littleton Academy 6A	12
2nd	Monument Academy 6B	8
3rd	All Souls 6A	
4th	Goddard 6B	

7th Grade		Finals Score
1st	Campus 7B	15
2nd	Littleton Academy 7A	12
3rd	Campus 7A	
4th	Powell 7A	

8th Grade		Finals Score
1st	Euclid 8B	13
2nd	Campus 8A	12
3rd	Sagewood 8B	
4th	Sierra 8A	

Note: Last Year's Results:

6th Grade	
1st	Campus 6A
2nd	Monument Academy 6A
3rd	Campus 6B
4th	Powell 6A

7th Grade	
1st	Jenkins 7A
2nd	Monument Academy 7A
3rd	Goddard 7A
4th	Campus 7A

8th Grade	
1st	Campus 8A
2nd	Swink 8A
3rd	Euclid 8A
4th	All Souls 8A



Pictured are some of the judges awaiting their specific assignments. Photo by Don St John

Announcements Continued

Job and Career Assistance

As was announced a couple weeks ago MSOC is establishing an informal job referral networking system to help fellow members seeking employment opportunities. A member can request assistance either by name or on a "no-name" confidential basis. **Les Larson** and **Ron Gustas** will be intermediaries to publish requests in **GUMS** and on the Club's web site. On confidential requests Les or Ron will forward any member leads or networking ideas to the requesting member. For more information contact **Les Larson**, 303-755-1213, email at: Larsonlese@aol.com or Ron Gustas, 303-770-9640 or email at: rgustas@earthlink.net.

Assistance Needed: We have a member seeking a temporary or short-term management position to help a company solve some of their sales, production, management, or personnel problems. This member has many years of management consulting experience assisting manufacturers, wholesalers, service companies with their problems, and has managed a manufacturing company.

Following are the types of services previously performed:

- Organization studies and changes
- Management counseling
- Personnel review, company policies & procedures
- Marketing and market research
- Inventory review and control
- Plant layout and production systems

Please contact either **Ron Gustas** or **Les Larson** to forward any job leads/referrals to this Monaco South member. The member will contact you for additional information. This request will also be on our web site. Thanks for your assistance.

Super Citizen Photos

More pictures taken by **Don St John** at recent Super Citizen presentations. Thanks to all who have participated.



Monaco South Calendar

Feb 17	Tue	4:00 pm	Tri-Star Basketball, Cope Boys and Girls Club
Feb 17	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Dist. 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Feb 18	Wed	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood - Gary Miller
Feb 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Feb 20	Fri	9:00 am	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary School - Bill Litchfield
Feb 26	Thu	1:00/2:00 pm	Super Citizen, Lowry Elementary School - Greg Young
Feb 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Congresswoman Diana DeGette
Feb 27	Fri	11:00/11:30 pm	Super Citizen, University Park Elementary - John Young
Feb 27	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International - Randy Marcove
Feb 28	Sat	6:30-10:30 pm	Snowball Gala Carnival, Colorado History Museum
Mar 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Jack Rife, <i>Africa Trip</i>
Mar 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Susan Gustin, <i>Colorado History Day Competition</i>

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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
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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
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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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