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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Les Larson for Paul Stratton



Welcome

Our greeters today were **Gary Strowbridge** and **Tom Seaman** who did a good job of making everyone feel welcome and at home.

Invocation & Pledge

Prez Paul Simon introduced **Frank Ross** who lead us in the invocation and Pledge Allegiance to our flag.

Guests & "Good to See You"

No guest today but **Prez Paul** recognized those members who we have not seen for awhile and when that was done he agreed that we were all guests today. Thanks Paul!

February Birthday's

Since we wont have a Camaraderie Day this month **Prez Paul** called on us to recognize the February birthday's, which include: **Bob Avery, Ron Carson, Craig Eley, OC Larson, Gary Miller, Russ Paul, Cy Regan, Frank Ross, Oscar Sorensen, Eldon Strong, Jim Tapp, Don Thomson, and Scott Walker.** With the reading of their names we heard another attempt of a typical MSOC singing of *Happy Birthday*. Possibly the only ones that enjoyed the singing attempt were those who had their mouths open.

Update on the CO/WY District Conference

The primary note that was made about the conference was, the conference in Estes Park was well attended and successful. The biggest event seemed to be what was reported last week—current Governor COMWY and past-Monaco South President **Phil Perington** being duct taping to a wall for money. Yes, each roll tape and each strip of tape had a cost, and \$765 was raised from the duct tape fun!



Photo Randy Marcove



Photo Tom Overton

And on top of that, for an extra \$100 donation to the CO-WY District foundation fund, he received a cream pie in the face.

From the picture on the right, it certainly looks like **Prez Paul** and Treasure **Greg Young** enjoyed the fund raising activities. It was also reported that Phil shaved his mustache for money as well.



Photo Tom Overton

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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More Pictures from the Quarterly CO/WY District Conference



At left, our own Frank Middleton negotiating a lunch ticket for Saturday afternoon's activities.

Photo Tom Overton

Announcements

Thank You Note: Prez Paul shared a thank you note from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver thanking us for the Thanksgiving dinner held last November 20th. If you want to revisit that event you can see the annual "*Bill Walters Memorial*" Thanksgiving Dinner via this video clip: <http://vimeo.com/54477646> prepared by Ton Hoch.

Eagle Scout Banquet Tonight: Donlie Smith reminded that the Eagle Scout banquet was scheduled for that evening. In a follow up report he states: Huge banquet this year, probably way over 700 people.

Paul Simon make the presentation speech, did an excellent job. **Phil Perington** was on stage handing out the Eagle Awards and congratulating the recipients. Our Monaco South Banner was on stage. A professional photographer was taking pictures, but the "download" for a photo was \$25, so no photo, sorry. Incidentally, the total man-hours of service of all the Eagle Projects for 2012 was 108,429 hours with a value of \$2,362,558. There were 636 Eagle in the class of 2012! That is impressive, I do not think all the service clubs in Colorado and Wyoming, etc., would equal that! The *Denver Post* article can be found [HERE](#).

Rockies Opening Day: Phil Perington wanted to remind us that spring training is in full swing and that opening day is Friday, April 5th. He then presented **Tom Mauro** with a box of Rockies



tissues just in case he will need them during the 2013 season. See picture on next page.

Brain Bowl Championship: President Paul again made a plea for additional volunteers for the February 23rd Brain Bowl Championship at Douglas County High School, Castle Rock, CO - we are far short of the goal!

Oratorical Contest: Frank Row reminded us that March 1st at TJHS is the Oratorical contest from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Students from GW, South and TJ will participate. More volunteers are needed, so please sign up by contacting Frank or **Keith Gallaway**.

Tri-Star Basketball: Michael Chavez reminded us that Tri-Star Basketball is Thursday, February 28th 3:30 - 6:30 p.m., at the Boys and Girls Club (Ninth and Inca) and he and **Jon Wachter** could use some help. To sign up see Jon or Michael!



Tri-Star Basketball: Speaking of Tri-Star Basketball, the Tamarac Optimist Club made the Sunday's *Denver Post* for their event at Eisenhower Recreation Center held yesterday. Twelve pictures were from the event are available for viewing—to see click [HERE](#). For more information on the CO-WY Optimist Tri-Star Basketball Competition click [HERE](#).

JDRF Optimist Club Building: Ron Gustas announced that the new T1 Diabetes Optimist Club (T1DOC) will charter on Tuesday night, February 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. The club will charter with 30-35 new members. The club goals will be to work with JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and others in the Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) community to improve the lives of those affected by this life long disease. Projects will include educational outreach in schools, volunteer support for various T1D programs, raising funds for research activities, and assisting T1D families. Additional members are welcome to join and for 14 days after February 26th will also be considered as "charter" members. Contact either **Ron Gustas** or **Dick Cohen** for more information on the new club and meeting times.

Update on Gary Laman: Don Thomson reports that **Gary Laman** has been moved to the Life Care Center of Aurora. At this time he is not allowed visitors. Gary needs his rest; however, cards and get-well notes may be sent to Gary and Joyce's home at 3124 S. Dahlia St., Denver, CO 80222.



St Patrick's Day Parade: Gary Strowbridge and Curt Jefferies are looking for a few more good volunteers for the MSOC 2013 Pooper Scoopers, who keep up with the St. Patrick's day parade horses. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 16th. The event begins with breakfast at the Breakfast Inn on E. Evans. See Gary for details.



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Lisette Clemons Arlington Ladies

Our speaker today was Lisette Clemons who serves as one of the Arlington Ladies. Lisette is the wife of Air Force Col. Dean Clemons. Prior to becoming a full-time mother of sons Isaac and Aaron, who passed away a few years ago, Clemons was a fourth grade school teacher for 17 years.

"My greatest honor is being an Air Force Arlington Lady," Clemons said. "I represent the chief of staff of the Air Force and his wife at Air Force funerals at the cemetery and present the next of kin a card signed by General and Mrs. Schwartz and a note from myself. I get to make a note to this family offering my gratitude for their loved one's service to this nation. I present those cards after the flag is given to the next of kin. It is my greatest honor to do that."

"I have stood in Arlington National Cemetery during blizzards with the sleet pelting down hard on the Honor Guard and they never waver or falter. I've stood in 102 degree heat, and they never move. They still perform their duties perfectly," she said. "It is an honor for me to stand with them."

The Arlington Ladies are a group of women who attend the funeral of every member of the United States armed forces who is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

The history of the group traces its existence to 1948, when Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force Hoyt Vandenberg, and his wife Gladys, witnessed young service members being buried without any family members present



Photo Don StJohn

on one of their walks through the cemetery. Just a chaplain and a military honor guard, the standard attendees, were usually present. The lack of anyone honoring the young airman being buried prompted Gladys to form a group of members of the Officers' Wives Club to attend all Air Force funerals. In 1972, the wife of Creighton Abrams, Julia, founded the Army's version of the group. In 1985, the Navy also followed suit by creating a group of their own.

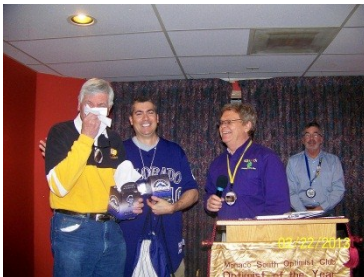
The Marines do not officially have a group as they send a representative of the Marine Commandant to every funeral.

Originally, the women worked alone at the funerals. Escorts were eventually added as it was decided that they should appear to be a more official part of the ceremony. The escorts are also members of the Army's 3rd Infantry Regiment. The Army soldiers typically spend four months as escorts while the Navy men are permanently assigned and will spend their entire tours on assignment.

The ladies typically do not know much about the service member except the details the chaplain provides. The group initially included military wives, but it now includes military daughters and even a gentleman. The Army Arlington ladies must be wives or widows of Army men and be referred by a current wife. The Navy and Air Force follow similar requirements for their ladies.

Editor, "It made one proud to be an American."

Excerpts from "Clemons passes torch to others," by Rhonda Apple, Pentagram Staff Writer and Wikipedia



Phil Perington presents the Rockies tissues to Tom Mauro, with Randy Marcove and Paul Simon overseeing.

Photo Don StJohn

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
3/1/13	John Oss & Dick Cohen
3/8/13	Bob Avery & Aaron Berry
3/15/13	Tom Hoch & Kent Gloor

Super Citizen Presenters for March

Mar 1 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	Univ. Park	Bob Avery
Mar 1 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	John Greene
Mar 6 @ 8:30 am	Highline	John Stoffel
Mar 8 @ 9:45 & 10:15 am	Samuels	Craig Eley / Scott Walker
Mar 18 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Miller
Mar 21 @ 1:00 & 1:45 pm	McMeen	Frank Middleton
Mar 21 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Michael Chavez
Mar 22 @ 9:30, 10:15, 10:45	Holm	Les Larson
Mar 22 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Aaron Beery

Monaco South Calendar

Feb 26 Tue 6:30 pm Charter, T1 Diabetes Optimist Club (T1DOC), Legion Hall
 Feb 28 Thu 3:30 pm Tri-Star Basketball, Boys and Girls Club (Ninth and Inca)
 Mar 1 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado History Day, Kendra Black
 Mar 1 Fri 6:00 pm Oratorical Contest, Thomas Jefferson High School
 Mar 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Kendal & Taylor Atkinson Foundation, Ken Atkinson
 Mar 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Mar 16 Sat 7:30 am St Patrick's Day Parade
 Mar 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

**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
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ed Collins	2010-11
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Randy Marcove	2011-12

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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.