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Good Morning Optimists!

Greeters

The dynamic duo today was **Randy Marcove** (picnic chair extraordinaire) and **John Young** (returned from a 44th anniversary cruise through the St. Lawrence Seaway with Claire). These greeters are very important to our meetings with a hearty good morning to get us into an optimistic mood. Did we miss **Paul Greditsch** and **Jon Wachter**? If you have signed up to be a greeter, please refer to the greeter list on page 3. **OC Larson** now oversees this list.

Invocation

Vice President **Frank Ross** (in charge, because **President Ron** was at the Optimist International convention breakfast downtown) gave the invocation and led us in the pledge to the flag of the United States of America. Long may she wave!

Guests

Phil Perington introduced Dr. Efremer Martinez, a dentist and long time friend. He will be starting a new club in Southwest Denver. **Craig Eley** brought Sam Robinson. **OC Larson** introduced Ted Beattie, a retired USAF officer. His wife is a member with the Tamarac Club.

Announcements

MS Bike Ride

Bob Avery asked for pledges to be funded by check or cash. A good cause to fight multiple sclerosis!

Don St. John acknowledged the MS BIKE COLORADO'S RIDE volunteers who helped at the rest stop at Silver Creek HS in Longmont, last Sunday. We had 20 members of Monaco South participate in putting up the Opti-Mister Tent, the tent for the Gaelic Dancers, the First Aid Station, the Water and Power Drink Station, and the Photography Canopy. The first riders arrived about 8:15 am and we had a steady stream of riders until about 12:30 pm, and then the riders started to thin out drastically.

When the final riders left about 2:30 pm, we had watered down and powered up between 3,000 and 3,500 riders. **Craig Eley** and his crew took a gazillion photos, which are all on our website. The Tamarac Ladies, (10 of them) once again helped to make this a successful community service event. The Monaco South members that participated in this event were:

Bill Anderson, Paul Bernard, George Buzick, Michael Chavez, Craig Eley, Al Gapuzin and Donagene, Marc Goodbody, Curt Jefferies, Gary Laman, OC Larson, Nick Newey, Russ Paul, Phil Perington, Frank Ross, Bryce Slaby, Donlie Smith, Don StJohn, George Vassilaros, Robert Wardlaw, and Greg Young. Thanks to all of you and if we left anyone out please accept my apology and let us know. From **Don StJohn, Bryce Slaby, and Michael Chavez.**



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 Continued

Craig Eley makes the camera ready to take those gazillion photos, which are all on our website.

Donlie Smith appears to be waiting to pose for the camera. See the great pictures Craig took by going to MSOC website and clicking on: [2010 Colorado Bike MS](#), or just click here. Photos by Bill Anderson.



Convention Report

Fred Pasternack encouraged members to attend the convention downtown, even if you have not registered. He got into some trouble over that one, but Fred is accustomed to controversy.

Convention Kids

Phil Perington reported that he is taking a group of OI convention kids who are in town to Elitch Gardens. Have fun—somebody has to do it!

Handouts at Rockies Game

Curt Jefferies announced the handouts tonight; volunteers generate \$250 for our club. Lois and I (**Ralph**) had the privilege of being greeted by **Karl Geil** and wife Lesley.

Wheel Chair Games

This competition is going on all over Denver, and in a variety of sports. **Joe Marci** helped at the bowling lanes and said, "That was my best volunteer experience ever."

Mud Volleyball

Cy Regan with **Bryce Slaby** hope to raise \$200 thousand for a good cause: March of Dimes MUDD Volleyball. The Mudd Volley ball fund raiser will be Saturday, August 7th. They need at least 12 parking lot attendance, so sign up and let **Cy** know. The location is at the Majestic Commercenter in Aurora (off of I-70 and Tower Rd.).

Super Market Card Sales

Cy Regan reported that \$1,925 was sold today. Looks like we have a new goal of \$2,000. Let's do it! Remember, 5% is retained by Monaco South Opti-

mist Club; easy. But not for Cy; thanks much to a stalwart at the super market desk.

Homeless to Higher Education

Gary Laman's son, Grant, was recognized by Tyler Cobb, a recent graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Denver. Tyler states, "*The other day, I ran out of gas, locked myself out of my car and lost my wallet. No big deal. At least I have a home, I told myself. And I'm going to college.*" View Full Story at: http://www.denverpost.com/opinion/ci_15361534?source=email. Shared by Greg Young.

The Irony of It All



Today's Speaker

AN AUSPICIOUS OCCASION

His honor, Mayor of Denver, John Hickenlooper, graced us with his presence today as guest speaker. He began with a little bio of his life in Denver, coming here as a geologist in the oil business. He was laid off (he knows your pain) and lost confidence for a few months. An opportunity with the development of Wynkoop Brewing Company, founded in 1988, got him into the restaurant business where he found his gift of getting people to work together in LoDo. He never ran for anything before the Mayor's position, not even student council.

Accomplishments: 5% smaller city government, reduced homelessness with non-profits' help, 200 thousand trees planted, and employees are now thinking more about how to reduce expenses.

He is now a candidate for governor. To that end, he wants to: generate jobs, get counties to produce economic development plans, be tax friendly to business, brand the state, cut red tape, improve broadband access (we are behind Utah and Nebraska), out with partisanship (he told of his cooperation with Gov. Owens). "In these difficult times there is much woe; but the opposite is GIDDYUP COLORADO!"

Don Thomson gave the Mayor a Super Citizen T-shirt and a Super Citizen Certificate. An **Fred Pasternack** had an excellent question for the Mayor, "When you are doing so well as Mayor of Denver, why do you want to be governor?" Answer: "For a bigger opportunity to help kids and be a model state!" Thank you, Mayor Hickenlooper!



Photo Craig Eley

A Blonde's Year in Review

- **January** - Took new scarf back to store because it was too tight.
- **February** - Fired from pharmacy job for failing to print labels. Helloooo! Bottles won't fit in printer!
- **March** - Got really excited—finished jigsaw puzzle in 6 months. Box said 2-4 years!
- **April** - Trapped on escalator for hours, power went out!
- **May** - Tried to make Kool-Aid—wrong instructions, 8 cups of water won't fit into those little packets!
- **June** - Tried to go water skiing--couldn't find a lake with a slope.
- **July** - Lost breast stroke swimming competition—learned later, the other swimmers cheated, used their arms
- **August** - Got locked out of my car in a rainstorm—car swamped because soft-top was open.
- **September** - The capital of California is "C," isn't it?
- **October** - Hate M & M's—they are so hard to peel.
- **November** - Baked turkey for 4 1/2 days—instructions said 1 hour per pound and I weigh 108!
- **December** - Couldn't call 911--there's no "eleven" button on the stupid phone!

Weekly Greeters

| Date | Greeters |
|---------|------------------------------------|
| 7/16/10 | Howard Fry & Jim Easton |
| 7/23/10 | Frank Ross & ? |
| 7/30/10 | Terry Shroyer & Russ Paul |
| 8/6/10 | Phil Perington & Al Perington |
| 8/13/10 | Frank Ross & Les Larson |
| 8/20/10 | Robert Wardlaw & George Vassilaros |
| 8/27/10 | OC Larson & Jon Wachter |

Monaco South Calendar

- Jul 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Jul 21 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Jul 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Shari Shink, Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center
- Jul 25 Sun 6:30 am Kids Cure for Cancer, Brent's Place Fundraiser, Washington Park
- Jul 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Kathy Groth, Vice Chair, Aurora Public Library
What public libraries can do for you.
- Aug 6 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Aug 7 Sat 6:30 am March of Dimes MUDD Volleyball Assist with Parking, Majestic Commercener, Aurora
- Aug 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Aug 18 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Aug 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Aug 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Mike Befeler, *Aging and Other Minor Inconveniences*

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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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