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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimists!

As always, we had another great meeting this past Friday. Our official greeter this week was **Kale Smith**.

Invocation and Pledge

Thanks to Paul Bernard for leading us in our innovation and in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Welcome Guests

We had a special guest from another Optimist Club join us at our meeting today. Joe (Sorry, I missed his last name) from the Birmingham, Michigan Optimist Club was in attendance. He said a few words about his club and presented club President, **Ron Cisco** with a coffee cup as a token of his appreciation.

Utterings from Prez Ron

Prez Ron wanted to get back to our traditional monthly birthday role calls. He thought it would be appropriate for another club to hear how we "fine tuned" our signature birthday wishes to our members. Therefore we sang, in good form I might add, Happy Birthday to all January celebrators.



We had our MSOC board meeting this past week. We went through minutes, financials, and made a special donation that we have planned to allocate money to. We are donating a \$100 to a girl from Samuels Elementary School. We are supporting her

to attend the Super Citizen Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. She plans to do a report on her trip that she will share.

Prez Ron invited all to the Colorado-Wyoming District Quarterly Meeting at the Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 South Datura Street on Saturday, February 13th. Free lunch will be served.

Welcome **Paul Gleditsch** to Monaco South Optimist Club.

Randy Marcove and **Prez Ron** did the traditional installation for our new member. At left Randy presents Paul with his MSOC pin.



Photo by Don StJohn

Announcements

Tree Lot Invoices Due: Your Treasurer, **Greg Young**, requests that everyone who got a Tree Lot invoice from **Joe Marci** get it paid promptly to Greg. That way we can close out the tree lot project successfully by the end of January. If you have questions about your invoice or misplaced it, please call or email Joe or Greg right away and they can supply you with the details and amount. Thanks for your cooperation!

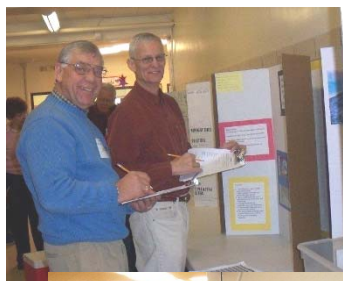
The Brain Bowl: It's HERE! Contact **Karl Geil** or **Paul Simon** if you would like to get involved. The next training is Saturday, Jan. 30th, at Overland High School, 12400 East Jewell Avenue, from 9-11 am. The next tournament is Saturday, Feb. 6th, at Overland High School, from 7:00 am. to 3:00pm.

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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
****INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN****

Announcements Cont.

Science Fair: McMeen Elementary had its annual science fair on January 21st. Thirty-two science projects both individual and class projects were



judged by **Jake Rife, Jack Kitchell, Don St. John, Don Thomson,** and Verlee Greene. The 2010 winners now move on to the school district finals.



At the top judges Jack Kitchell and Jack Rife note their scores. At left, judges Verlee Greene and Don Thomson recognize two contestants. Photos by Don StJohn

Colorado-Wyoming Magazine: Mike Snipe, MSOC member and *Colorado-Wyoming Magazine* District editor, announced that the magazine has been sent out. Keep an eye on your mailboxes for the new issue. Governor George Mills has an article titled *Three Pages of Challenge*, that we all should read.



Tri-Star Basketball: Gary Laman is running our club's competition which will be at the Cope Branch of the Boys/Girls Club, 8th and Inca, February 8th at 4pm. Members are needed to help with this competition. Please sign up or call Gary Laman for more information. Our winners feed into the Regional Competition which will be held at the



Wilfley Branch of the Boys/Girls Club on Saturday, March 6th at 8:30am. The Regional Winners feed into the District Finals at the Pepsi Center on Saturday, March 20th. We will invite the 144 winners from the 4 Regional's to the contest which will be on the main floor before the Milwaukee Bucks game that night. All kids who are invited are given a free ticket to the game. The winners of the Finals will be announced to the crowd before the game and will participate in the Nuggets Fan Tunnel. MSOC fund the giveaway of free tickets for the winners by selling tickets to Optimists and families. We have set aside a group of tickets for the event; these are \$27 tickets which we are sell for \$20. This year ALL TICKETS must be purchased on-line through the Nuggets ticket sales. That link for purchasing Optimist member tickets is: <http://www.pepsicenter.com/nuggets/tristar.asp>. If anyone has trouble buying tickets or wants further information, call **Jack Rife**, 303-756-8042.

MSOC Valentine Breakfast: The Valentine Breakfast will be held on February 12th at 7:00am. The cost will be \$12 per person. It will be held at Park Hill Golf Club. Please signup by February 5th. Direct all questions to **Tom Overton** at 303-617-4476 or 720-323-9935.



Ski Day Outing: Howard Fry had 8 Optimists turn out for the ski day. They had a wonderful breakfast before hitting the slopes at Winter Park/ Mary Jane. The attendees were "No Pain No Gain," **Jack Rife, Don Iley, Patrick Sullivan, Kent Gloor, Donlie Smith, Tom and Sheryl Overton.** Sheryl the only female representative and served as photographer.



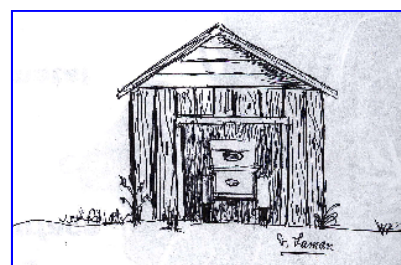
As noted by the photographer, Sheryl Overton, it is hard to tell who is who when everyone is bundled up like "snow bunnies." So here's the MSOC Ski Team.

Photo by Sheryl Overton

Super Citizen Presenters for January		
Day	School	Presenter
20 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Ed Collins
22 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Ron Cisco
28 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Joe Marci
29 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Paul Bernard

Super Market Sales: Cy Regan announced that King Soopers sale this week were \$850.00, while Safeway was at \$100. Remember, gift cards are usable at King Soopers and Safeway. Cards are available in multiples of \$25.00, with no maximum. The club buys them for 95% of face value, thereby earning 5% of the face value as a fundraiser for Monaco South. Buy yours today!

Picture of the Week: Gary Laman puts pencil to paper during this mornings meeting—see below.



Identity Theft Presentation

Robin Finegan, Director of Consumer Services, in the Denver District Attorney's Office talked today about the growing problem of identity theft. She handed out an *Identity Theft Handbook* that has various resources that can help all of us. A copy of that Handbook has been sent out with the email version of *GUMS*. You can also visit the Denver DA's Office at <http://www.denverda.org/> or contact Robin directly at 720-913-9036 for other resources.



Robin Finegan, Director of Consumer Services, Denver DA's Office

In addition, Robin brought along a special guest that has been a victim of identity theft, Joanna Saenz. Joanna was only 17 when her social security card and birth certificate were stolen, and in the years since, she says having her identity stolen has made her feel like a rape victim. Now, Joanna is on the hunt to find the woman (a Patricia Garcia-Pardo) who cops say changed Joanna's life forever. You can read the full story at <http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=65654>. Joanna Saenz has been showcased on *America's Most Wanted*, *Tom Martino* TV show and newsletter, and in numerous other media for her heroic undertaking to find the person who victimized her identity.



Joanna Saenz, a victim identity theft who is on a mission to track down her imposter—Joanna's full-time passion. Photos by Don StJohn

REDUCE YOUR ID THEFT RISK

- Mail bills to be paid at the Post Office, not in your mailbox or in street corner postal boxes. Consider using automated payment plans.
- Have paychecks, benefit and pension checks direct deposited to your account. Ask the IRS, insurance companies and others to send refund checks electronically.
- Ask your bank or credit union to receive your box of new checks, rather than have them mailed to your home.
- Call your bank and credit card customer service and ask to "opt out" of ALL marketing programs, including 'convenience' checks mailings.
- Carry sensitive information in a close fitting pouch or in your front pocket, not in your purse or wallet, including driver's license, credit & debit cards, checks, car registration and anything with your Social Security Number (make a copy of your Medicare card and black out all but the last four digits.)
- Don't carry your checkbook in public. Carry only the checks you need.
- Copy the contents (back and front) of your wallet.
- If possible remove anything from your wallet containing your SSN, including your Social Security card, Medicare card, military ID card. If your SSN is on your Driver's License – get a new license.
- Check your earnings record at least annually and more often if you suspect your SSN has been compromised (it's free and there is no limit to how often you may request it.) Contact the Social Security Administration and ask for Form SSA-7004, Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement.
- Do not keep your purse, briefcase, checkbook, registration, insurance card, or other identifying information in your car. Carry them in a secure manner on your person. Do not leave your car unlocked or unattended.

Remove Your Info from Marketing Lists

- Credit Card "Opt Out" Line 888-567-8688
- Colorado DO NOT Call Line 303-776-2678
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- Free Credit Reports 877-322-8228 or www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/index.jsp
- Request free Preferred Service Provider Freeze 800-922-1879

Monaco South Calendar

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| Jan 29 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Paul Gleditsch, Bring On the Music: Musical instruments for those in need. |
| Jan 30 | Sat | 9:00 am | Brain Bowl Training, Overland High School, 12400 East Jewell Ave., Aurora |
| Feb 5 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Phil Walters, Navy Carrier Operations During the Vietnam War |
| Feb 6 | Sat | 7:00 am | Central Region Brain Bowl Tournament, Overland High School, 12400 East Jewell Ave., Aurora |
| Feb 12 | Fri | 7:00 am | Wives & Partners to Breakfast, Park Hill Golf Club, RSVP by Feb 5 th |

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
John Young	1982-83	Cy Regan	1999-00
Pat Bush	1983-84	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Don St. John	2001-02
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Jack Rife	2002-03
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Karl Geil	2003-04
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bob Avery	1989-90	Paul Bernard	2006-07
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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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