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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist

After the much needed snow and a little cold weather, Friday, April 27 was a beautiful morning. It was also a day to be greeted by **Aaron Berry** and **Pat Bush**, both of whom were using their best greeting manners, and being overseen by **Perry Allen**, our own resident butler. **Tom Glazier** did a fine job on the invocation and pledge!

Guests

President Paul remembered to ask for guests and there were several. Guest of **John Swick** was Norm Coon, who is the principle of Norco Homes. **Leo Hagele** invited Jeff Johnson, a local dentist. Welcome to both.

From the Prez

President Paul also recognized **Eldon Strong**, fresh from the Arizona desert; **Rich Wagner**; **Tom Overton**; and **Randy Marcove**, all of whom have been missing for a while. Editor: If you get the opportunity ask Eldon about his hike to the floor of Grand Canyon. We all wish him well from the hike.

President Paul showed a poster created by the George Washington students as a “Thank You” for our contribution to their after prom party. Paul also announced that our club had contributed \$500 to the [Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#) to provide additional scholarship money to this event sponsored by Optimist International; and \$300 to [National History Day](#).

President Paul recognized **Don Thomson**, who is retiring from the Super Citizen Grand Coordinator, who shared that **Robert Wardlaw** has gratefully accepted the role as new coordinator of the Super Citizen Pro-



Don Thomson, left, and Robert Wardlaw, right.
Photo Craig Eley

gram. Don has done an outstanding job for many years in growing this program to the place it is today. Kudos to Don for a great job, and good luck to Robert!

Don also reminded us of the “No Brainer” on May 4. There are twelve schools participating in

this inaugural event. If you can assist Don, please give him a call.

Announcements

Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund Gala: Dick Cohen thanked everyone for their support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund Gala which raised \$600,000 dollars for the foundation. **Ron Gustas** shared that Dick and his wife Terri were named “Volunteers of the Year” by the JDRF. Helping with the program were **Pat Bush**, **Michael Chavez**, **Joe Marci**, **John Oss**, and **Mark Metevia**.



MS Optimist and Volunteers of the Year Dick Cohen, poses with MS Optimist Michael Chavez at the 2013 JDRF Dream Gala on Saturday, April 20, 2013.

Photo from JDRF

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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 Continued

OI Junior Golf Championship: Joe Marci announced that the first golf tournament to support the [Optimist International Junior Golf Championship](#) would be held at Park Hill Golf Course on Wednesday, May 29th. Entry is \$110/player (\$55 goes to send our junior golfers to Florida. He states that he needs 72 golfers to make this a successful tournament, so put the date on your calendar, and get a foursome together.

9 Health Fair: Howdy Fry said that our always excellent contingent from Monaco South helped to processed more than 400 participants during the 5 hour 9 Health Fair last Sunday morning. This was down from previous years because of online reservations, but was nevertheless, a success. Members who participated were **Freddie Pasternak, John Stoffel, Russ Paul, Alan Pierce, Les Larson, Donlie Smith, Bud Black, George Buzick, Joe Marci, Mark Metevia** and **Jack Rife**.

The Telling of a Joke: Although several members, including **Dick Nickoloff**, and **Jack Kleinheksel**,



attempted to compensate for the fact that **Bryce Slaby** was not available for joke telling, Bryce's position seems to be secure. Editor: *"It's always in the way you tell it!"*

Community Picnic: Greg Young also shared that Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann and the Optimist Club of Monaco South will host a Family Community Picnic for Council District 4 and area Optimists, on Saturday, June 22nd at Bible Park from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The event will include free picnic food, music provided by the Municipal Band, fun, and games for all. More information will be in next month's *Peggy's Pages* or call 720-337-4444. The editor will try and remember to send *Peggy's Pages* out to all MSOC members in early May.

Special Announcement

We also had a brief visit from Marci Elder, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, of the Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (RMSEL) asking our assistance in participating on a "Passage Panel" whose goal it is to prompt each student to reflect deeply about their work.



During the two days, as panelists examine portfolios, they are able to review student work and celebrate students' achievements in reaching their accomplishments. Portfolios are designed to be accessible to multiple audiences, demonstrate quality of achievements address school and state standards, represent the uniqueness of the individual student and show evidence of reflection and growth over time.

On the first day panelists come to know each student through the work in their portfolio (Reading Day). Panelists generally review three portfolios, make

notes for themselves and the students, and write the students' letters that ask questions to push their thinking and celebrate their accomplishments. The students respond to these comments and may revise portions of their portfolios based on the contents of the letters.

On the second day, students come prepared to present their portfolio and answer any probing questions the panel may have (Presentation Day). The students address the panels' remarks in a time frame of about 45 minutes. The panelists then write a final letter that recognizes that their students have successfully completed the passage process and are outward bound for the next level of their schooling.

Should you like to assist, you need to commit to both Sat., May 18 and Thur., May 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information or if you are ready to commit? Contact Marci Elder at melder@rmsel.org or call Marci at 303-759- 2076, ext. 2226.

We Have a Drawing!

Tom Hoch, he who scoffed at a \$50 jackpot and vowed he would never draw a card until they were down to two cards, got a golden opportunity when his name was called for the second time and was forced to draw, which he did...and won the \$50 pot. Next week we start anew at \$20 bucks.

Obituary

Craig Eley shared by email today that Gus Magnotta, a former MSOC member and board member, died at age 90. The Denver Post notices says, "Survived by his wife Nora, son Tony, 5 grandchildren & 2 great-grandchildren. Interment at Fort Logan National Cemetery, May 20, 2013, 2:30 p.m."

Camera for Sale

Customers left this camera at the Tree Lot in 2011. Despite diligent effort, we have not been able to locate them. Therefore, it is being offered as a Club fundraiser.



This is a gently used, black 12 megapixel Panasonic. It weighs only 4.2 oz., has a 5 X zoom, takes stills and video. Lists new for \$200, get it now for \$100. Includes battery, charger, case and 2 gb memory card. Check out the specs by going to bhphotovideo.com and type in **Lumix fs15**. The first one to contact Craig Eley at craigceley@gmail.com gets this little gem!

Our Speaker Perry Allen The Art of Butlering

Who would have believed that a mild mannered member **Perry Allen** was a "Super Butler"? Although Perry is originally from Montana, where they do not have a lot of domestic staff, he has been acting as a house manager and chauffeur for sometime. Recently, after being unemployed for a time he found a job as a "Gentleman's Gentleman" for the past 6 months. His employer prefers to call him a "Butler."

Perry said that he has, in the past, managed estates for people, but has never been formally trained as a butler until going to work for his present employer, who was generous enough to send him to London to be properly trained.

As shown in the picture, Perry was wearing the attire which viewers of "Downton Abbey" would be famil-



iar, tails, and white gloves. Perry said this is not his normal uniform and is only worn for formal occasions.

The butler is normally the person in the household staff that is responsible for proper maintenance of the dining room, pantry, and wine cellar. Perry also said that the biggest market for butlers today is in Japan or China (but they only like those with British accents) and that there are many who serve on private yachts.

For those of you who have aspirations of becoming a butler, Perry started out as a limo driver for a limousine service, then moved up the ladder as a driver for private parties and has driven all kinds of cool cars, like an Aston Martin (aka James Bond), Austin-Healey, Bentley, Rolls-Royce, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, to name a few, and a Lamborghini.

Perry said he normally works from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. for his current employer, except on Thursdays, when he has to go in early to make sure the trash is ready for pick up. Glamour job, anyone?

Thank you Perry for an interesting talk.



"If your parents forget to read you your rights, then you don't have to sit in the time-out chair."

Super Citizen Presenters for April		
May 3 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	Univ. Park	Les Larson
May 8 @ 8:30 am	Highline	Ed Collins
May 23 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Mike Mauro
May 29 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Frank Rowe
May 29 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	George Buzick
May 31 @ 1:00 & 1:45 pm	McMeen	Mark Metevia

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
5/3/13	Lynn Jones & Nick Newey
5/10/13	Cap Hermann & Paul Stratton
5/17/13	Bob Avery & Jim Vander Kamp
5/24/13	Harry Johnson & Mark Metevia
5/31/13	Al Gapuzan & ?

Monaco South Calendar

- May 3 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- May 10 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TJ High School Sullivan Scholarship Winners
- May 10-12 3rd Quarter District Conference, Denver Marriott West, Golden, CO
Make meal registration by May 4, 2013
- May 15 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
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John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
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Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
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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.