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Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Editor for this Issue—Ralph Petersen



Good Morning Optimist

Our Greeters today, **Frank Middleton** and **Al Gapuzan** (in for **Ryan Thompson**), did a fine job of waking us up as we entered the Legion building for 100% DAY! Your editor was prepared to give kudos to Frank and Ryan for being the movers and shakers in creating three Cub Scout Packs at Bradley, Samuels, and High Line Academy. Frank later announced this accomplishment to the club. Thanks, Al, for stepping in for Ryan. Because of the push for attendance, the room was quite full. However, **Bob Avery** as Attendance Clerk told me that this was 56% day. Let's do better next year.

Executive Chef **John Marinos** provided a traditional **100% Day Breakfast** of steak, potatoes, scrambled eggs, fruit, orange juice and coffee. Thank you, John, for sharing your culinary talents with us!



Invocation and Pledge

Mark Metevia, Past President 1994-95, gave the 100% Day invocation and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands*. Thanks, Mark!

Guests

Al Gapuzan brought church friend David Gillenwater. **Jack Kitchell** (good to see you back) introduced neighbor Vander Reek. Nice to have you with us. It was also good to see charter member **Dick Daly** attending today.

September Birthdays

President Randy gave us the names of those celebrating this month: **Neil Alderson**, Past President 1997-98 **Peter Dimond**, **Jim Easton**, **Art Erickson**,

Vice President **Howard (Howdy) Fry**, **Casey Funk**, **Dan Hugo**, **Glenn Kindt**, Executive Chef **John Marinos** (how about those steaks!), Past President 1981-82 **Frank Middleton**, **John Oss**, **Jim Rumer** and Past President 1988-89 **Lupe Salinas**. Of course this was just the prelude to the singing (?) of Happy Birthday in our own inimitable way. *Congratulations to all!*



Announcements

Lost, but Found: Director **John Oss** lost a pen—can't have that, he's our *GUMS* editor next month. It was found later.

Video for Ron Gutru: **Tom Hoch** was making a video for **Ron Gutru**, who recently moved to Plattsmouth, Nebraska to be closer to his daughter. Tom corralled various groups to say a greeting to Ron and wish him well.

Ride to Cure Juvenile Diabetes: **Dick Cohen** wrote a letter to President **Randy**, saying: *Thanks to the efforts of Michael Chavez, Craig Eley and Greg Young the Optimist and JDRF rest stop was ready for the riders at the Good Sam Bike Jam. Craig took photos of the riders so that they could have a memento of their ride. Thanks to Michael for bringing out the sign holder, banner and tent for Craig. We were joined by JDRF supporters with cowbells and lots of good cheering for the riders.*

Thanks to Randy Marcove, Mike McMahon and Brian Williams (along with his wife and friends) for participating along with my son and me on the ride as part of the JDRF Team. The Team won three trophies: Most Riders, Most Participants, and Most Miles! Most of all, thanks for helping to find a cure for Diabetes.

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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

Gateway Optimists Pancake Breakfast: **Fred Pasternack** reported a successful breakfast fund raiser by his other Optimist Club, Gateway.

CO/WY 1st Quarter Conference: The CO/WY 1st Quarter Conference registration form and agenda, scheduled for October 12-14, 2012 at the Marriott Hotel Colorado Springs was in the September CO/WY Newsletter. To access this information a web link is provided in the GUMS distribution email.

Ronald McDonald House Flag Presentation: **Steve Kady** and **Allen Yockey** shared that they presented the flag to the Ronald McDonald House this week. As you will recall, Susan Lind, president of Flags by Susan, donating a flag in the name of the Optimist Club of Monaco South. A second flag was donated by **John Marinos**. Ronald McDonald House Executive Director, Pam Whitaker, was extremely please that both the Denver House as well as the recently opened Aurora House have new flags.



From the left, Susan Lind, Executive Director Pam Whitaker, and Allen Yockey unfurl one of the new flags at the Denver Ronald McDonald House.

Photo Steve Kady

Installation Dinner: Immediate Past President **Ed Collins** reported that some 65 members and guests are signed up for the Installation Dinner tomorrow night at Park Hill Golf Club, not on the course, but in the dining room starting at 5:30 p.m.

Correctional Industries Visit: **Bob Avery** reminded us about the tour of the Correctional Industries in Canyon City October 19th. If interested, see Bob. He needs the following ASAP, your full name (what is shown on your driver's license), driver's license number and state if not Colorado, and date of birth.

Philanthropy Recognition for Club: **President Randy** announced that a representative from the Philanthropy Day Award in Colorado would be with us at next weeks meeting. He will provide details of National Philanthropy Day and explain the Outstanding Service

Organization award to be given to our club at a luncheon on November 9th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. If you would like to attend, see Randy.

New Front Range

American Cancer Society Optimist Club

President Elect **Paul Simon** offered that Monaco South is the proud sponsor of a brand new club that has Optimist International watching closely. It's the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club, chartered Tuesday by **Sam Keiffer**, CO/WY Optimist District's representative to OI. The new club has 16 brand-new Optimists and seven current Optimists for a total of 23 charter members so far, including MSOC President **Randy Marcove**, president-elect **Paul Simon** and district Gov. elect **Phil Perington**. Current Gov. **Donna Priester** and First Dude **Joe Priester** were actively involved in bringing in the club as well, along with **Ron Cisco** and **George Ofeish**, the district's club building chairs. Those who join in the next week also will be charter members of this great new club, which will meet for the first time in the next two weeks to chart its course. After its first few meetings, the club is expected to blend less-frequent on-site meetings with gatherings using social media. The club is expected to support programs and activities of the American Cancer Society as well as develop independent projects and help educate other Optimist clubs about awareness and fundraising projects in the fight against cancer. Contact Paul for more information. Additionally, see Phil Perington's related letter attached to GUMS distribution email.

Closing Bell

Another \$15 in the pot and the card to pick was the 6 of diamonds. **Tom Hoch** drew, no go. **Jon Wachter** drew, no go. **OC Larson** took a cup. **Cy Regan** took two cups! **Ron Carlson** a cup. **John Walsh** a cup, as did **Eldon Strong**. **John Swick** was awarded a pick for having his badge and made it happen. Next week there is going to be a sure winner!



Prez Randy and John Swick show the winning card.

Photo Don StJohn

Traditional 100% Day Photo

Marc Goodbody, 100% Day photographer, herded the cats, that is members, for an annual club photo. The picture will be available for a price at a later date. Thanks, Marc! Hope everyone smiled!

A Bit of Humor

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!"

Speaker, City Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann

Peggy (we are on a first name basis now) covered the November 6th General Election, a very important one and very comprehensive. Denver residents will be voting for:

- ⇒ President of the United States
- ⇒ Denver District Attorney
- ⇒ U.S. Congressional Representative, District 1
- ⇒ State House and State Senate Representatives
- ⇒ RTD Directors
- ⇒ CU Board of Regents at Large

Three State Ballot Issues

- ◇ Amendment S - State Personnel System
- ◇ Amendment 64 - Use and Regulation of Marijuana
- ◇ Amendment 65 - Colorado Congressional Delegation to Support Campaign Finance Limits

Three Denver Ballot Issues

- ◇ 2A - Removing Tabor Limits
- ◇ 3A - Denver Public Schools Mill Levy
- ◇ 3B - Denver Public Schools Bond Issue

If you are not registered to vote, the deadline for registration is October 9th. If you have moved since the last election, you need to change your address with the Election Commission.

Voters will have the following choices

1. Voting at their assigned polling place.
2. Voting early at a Voter Service Center.
3. Requesting a mail-in ballot. If you are on the list for permanent mail-in ballots you will automatically receive your ballot by mail. Information cards containing the voter's assigned polling place will be mailed to all registered electors in early October.

For more information

You can find out more about the candidates in your district and the ballot issues by going to the website sponsored

by the League of Women Voters: www.vote411.org

For early voting sites and dates, mail-in voting status or polling places, please visit www.denvervotes.org

To find your voter registration status:

www.GovoteColorado.com



Peggy Lehmann and Randy Marcove.
Photo Don StJohn

Cabinet in the Community

Join Mayor Hancock and Cabinet members for their quarterly neighborhood Cabinet meeting. Hear a first-hand account of what is happening in your community and around the city. Following the meeting, all attendees will have the unique opportunity to engage in a one-on-one dialogue with the Mayor and Cabinet members.

Who: All Denver residents

Where: Montclair Recreation Center, 729 Ulster Way, Denver, CO 80220 (ADA accessible)

When: Saturday September 29, 2012. 9 AM to 11 AM. Serving a free continental breakfast.

Fundraiser in Support of Children's Diabetes Foundation at Denver

Join us at California Pizza Kitchen for a flavorful FUNdraising event! October 16th, 17th & 18th all day. 20% of your check will be donated to the foundation. Flatirons, Park Meadows, Cherry Creek, 29th Street Mall & Colorado Mills locations. Go to www.cpk.com for a menu.

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
9/28/12	Al Gapuzan & Fred Pasternack
10/5/12	Ron Gutru & Jon Wachter
10/12/12	Harry Johnson & Steve Kady
10/19/12	Tom Wos & Gary Miller
10/26/12	Bob Avery & George Buzick

Super Citizen Presenters for Sept. & Oct.		
Sept 28 @ 12:45, 1:50 & 2:15 pm	McMeen	?
Oct 3 @ 8:15 am	Highline	Randy Marcove
Oct 15 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	George Buzick
Oct 19 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Ron Cisco
Oct 19 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45 am	Holm	Fred Pasternack
Oct 19 3:00 pm	Bradley	Doc Gardner

Monaco South Calendar

- Sep 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Tony Rasdar, WSGIO (RS52)
- Oct 5 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Devin Burns
- Oct 12 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Anne Rowe & Kendra Black, DPS Board Representatives
- Oct 17 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Oct 19 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Oct 26 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim Saccomano, Bronco VP of Communication
- Dec 9 Sun Winter Holiday Party, Copper Fields Event Chateau - See Frank Middleton

**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
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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.