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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist

Our greeters this morning were two Irish Mick's, **Tom Hoch** and **Kent Gloor**. It appeared as though both had started early with their Irish Coffee in hand.



### First Bell

At approximately 7-bells Prez **Paul Simon**, back from his travels, rang the bell to commence the meeting.

### Invocation and Pledge

The meeting opened with a prayer and our Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

### Oratorical Winners

Due to an early school start Prez **Paul** recognizing our oratorical coordinators **Keith Gallaway** and **Frank Rowe** and then introduced the winners Gerardo Castellanos-Lopez and Kelly Whitley and asked them to present their winning speeches.



**President Paul** thanked them both and presented them each with a MSOC coffee mugs as a token of our appreciation. We wish them well as they hone their presentations for their next competition at CO-WY Zone 8 competition on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Winsor Gardens, 595 S. Clinton Street.

Part of the objective of inviting Gerardo and Kelly was to offer them an opportunity to polish their presentations. Our members stand ready to act as mentors, with encouragement and suggestions. We wish both contestants well at their next level of competition.

### Visitors

**Phil Perington** introduced CO-WY Governor Elect **Bob Hartwig** and his wife **Carolyn**.

**Steve Kady** introduced John Harris, along with his wife own Belcaro Paint & Decorating Center, and who later lit up the place with his bag pipes. To read about John, [CLICK HERE](#).

### CO-WY Governors Recognize T1DOC

CO-WY Governor **Phil Perington** recognized Governor Elect **Bob Hartwig** who in turn acknowledged **Paul Simon** and joined in presenting a special tribute to **Ron Gustas** for efforts in getting the T1DOC (Type One Diabetes Optimist Club of the Rockies) formed.



The formation of this club has been a point of discussion with our OI International President Jean Claude "J.C." St-Onge. Bob presented Ron with a "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" tie and some optimist pins received at the Oklahoma and Texas districts to share with Phil and Ron. Ron and Dick Cohen have worked tirelessly for the past year to get this club up and going. The T1DOC was co-sponsored by the OCMS and the Littleton Breakfast Club.

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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\*\*\*\*

## Pooper Scoopers Sing Out

**Cy Regan** shares that the *Pooper Scoopers* have been on duty for over twenty years. They accept assignments to scoop up behind the horses at the annual Denver St Patrick's Day parade. This is certainly a service club.



Doing a classy job requires classy attire. Thus the formal tails. **Freddie Pasternack** has been in manure sales for many

years, hawking his fresh baked horse apples.



This group of troubadours is aptly led by Cy. With song sheets in hand, and good lead-ins from Cy they



shared a few songs. To enjoy them again, [CLICK HERE](#).

Lead scooper, **Gary Strowbridge** announced that the regal crew would meet for breakfast in the morning. That's 7:30 a.m. to get a seat at The Breakfast Inn, 6135 E Evans Ave, Denver.

## Special Guest Bagpiping

**Steve Kady** asked us all to start a rhythmic clap and as we got started said he heard something. He continued by saying, "If we all clapped in 4/4 time it might help." With that we heard the sound of a bagpipe and were greeted by John Harris in full military dress, which was certainly a great surprise. To experience the same effect

[CLICK HERE](#) and turn up your speakers. **Prez Simon** presented John with a coffee mug from our club. Thank you **John Harris**.



## Announcements

**Nine Health Fair:** **Howard Fry** will be circulating a sign-up sheet next week for this event. About a dozen people are needed the morning of April 21st, so mark your calendars and see Howdy for details.

**Super Citizen:** **Don Thomson** gave a special thank you to Bob Finkelmeier and to all the super citizen program school coordinators. Bob prepares all of the certificates we give out. Currently that is 611 certificates so far with possibly 800+ anticipated for the year. We were in three schools last week and four are coming up next week.



**DTC Wine Tasting:** **Tom Overton** and the DTC Optimist Club will hold their annual Wine Tasting this Saturday at the Citron Bistro from 2-4 p.m. Sales must have been good because the tickets sold doubled between Wednesday, and fifteen minutes after our meeting. A great showing!

**Liberty Day:** **Andy McKean** let us all know that last Wednesday they had over a hundred students at the State Capital. They opened the house session with the pledge of allegiance and then read the Declaration of Independence with all of the representatives standing.

Speaker of the Colorado House Mark Ferrandino read the last couple sentences. Andy was moved by the experience, seeing all member of the house standing in respect for the reading.



## We Had a Drawing

Twenty Irish dollars were in the pot after last weeks winner took the pot. Our bagpiper player, John Harris took away two cups, but did not risk drawing. **Terry Shroyer** held a good ticket again this week. He went to draw a card just to be sporting. **Jack Kleinheksel** had already passed good tickets to **John Harris**, but he held back one good one for himself. **Tom Hock** and **Ed Collins** held good tickets; and **Don St.John** was wearing his badge to win a draw, but he had a cold hand.

## Closing Bell

Promise yourself ....

### For those who love the philosophy of ambiguity, as well as the idiosyncrasies of English

1. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.
2. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
3. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
4. The main reason that Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.
5. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
6. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
7. If a deaf child signs swear words, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
8. If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
9. Is there another word for synonym?
10. Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
11. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
12. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
13. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

## Happy St. Paddy's Day

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14. Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will break-in and clean them?
15. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
16. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
17. If the police arrest a mute, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
18. Why do they put braille on the drive-through bank machines?
19. How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
20. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
21. One nice thing about egotists; they don't talk about other people.
22. Does the little mermaid wear an algebra?
23. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
24. How is it possible to have a civil war?
25. If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?
26. If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?

### Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
3/22/13	Mark Metevia & Don Thomson
3/29/13	Mike Short & Steve Kady
4/5/13	Frank Ross & Phil Perington
4/12/13	Terry Shroyer & Greg Young
4/19/13	Aaron Berry & George Buzick

### Super Citizen Presenters for March

Mar 18 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Miller
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

- Mar 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102  
 Mar 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado History Day, Kendra Black  
 Mar 29 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA

**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
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John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
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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.