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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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Good Morning Optimist

On this last Friday of July, our greeters are **Fred "Have you seen my Porsche?" Pasternack** and **Barry "Bob" Barker**. And by golly, the American Legion meeting room has new carpet greeting us! Thanks American Legion Hall Post No.1!



Invocation & Pledge

Ron Cisco delivered our invocation, imploring us to take the ideals and tenants of Optimism where ever you go and illustrate them in everything you do. He led us in the pledge to our flag.

Guests

Pat Sullivan introduced his guest Dave Peck, a native Coloradan recently rescued from many years in California.

Past CO-WY District 25 Governors Joe and Donna Priester, Les Sitter, George Mills, Sherman Phillips, Ron Benson, and Judy Williams Mason, all of posed for a photo op with our own **Phil Perington**, **Ron Cisco**, **Tom Overton**, and **George Buzick**. Unfortunately Judy came in late and missed the photo.

Announcements

Relay For Life: Barry Barker thanks the club for donations to the Relay For Life. The club has donated \$870! Saturday July 27th at 3:00 Salisbury Park in Par-



Pictured from left, Joe Priester, Donna Priester, Tom Overton, George Buzick, Les Sitter, Ron Benson, George Mills, Sherman Phillips, Phil Perington, and Ron Cisco. All past governors of the Colorado-Wyoming District.

Photo Marc Goodbody

ker is the Opening Ceremony.

Ol Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** reports that the Junior golfers are playing right now at PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

Entertainment Books: Joe also, mentions he has forty 2013 Denver Entertainment books for sale. Joe needs salesmen, and the books are also available for purchase. Proceeds go towards Robert Sullivan Scholarships Program, so see Joe.



Optimist Day at Coors Field: And last Joe reminds members to get their Rockies tickets for Optimist Day at Coors Field. The game, Rockies vs. San Francisco, is on August 26th starting at 6:40 p.m. Anyone wanting to attend this game or any other Rockies game to support Junior Golf should contact Joe by email at: marci-frog@aol.com or phone: 303-771-3748.

Super Citizen School Principals: **Don Thomson** reminded us that we will be hosting our Super Citizen school principals to breakfast two weeks from today, August 9th. All SC School Representatives should be on hand for this event.

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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

Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast: Paul Bernard asked those who were going to be helping out to let him know what they will be available, before 7 a.m. on Sunday July 28th.

OIF Dime-A-Day Program: Donna Priester, CO-WY District coordinator said there are now 135 Dime-A-Day members in the district. Fred Pasternack is our clubs representative. Patches are available for "in honor of" to add to a club's banner are available for \$100 from the OIF. Additionally, patches for "in memory of" are available to honor veterans.

Fred Pasternack mentioned that our own Perry Allen committed to Dime-A-Day of \$36.50, and he does one year's worth every month. That's \$36.50 times 12, you do the math. What a great example for the club. Fred is always looking for more checks. The Dime-A-Day form is attached to the GUMS distribution email, or see Fred.

CO-WY District Convention: To be held August 22-25 in Breckenridge; if you are interested in attending on Saturday, August 24, to represent MSOC and support CO-WY Governor Phil Perington, the club will reimburse your registration and lunch by submitting a copy of your registration to the Treasurer, Greg Young. Pre-registration is required. See Donlie Smith if you would like to car pool.

Year End Installation and Awards Banquet: Mark your calendars and save the date for the passing of the gavel, Saturday evening, September 28th at Blossoms Restaurant at 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO. Sign up!

Mudd Volleyball Parking: Cy Regan who coordinates the parking for the March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball Co-Ed Tourney to be held, Saturday August 3rd is looking for parking assistance. The event is held at Majestic Center in Aurora. Sign up to help park cars starting at 6 a.m. and usually done quickly with breakfast at Village Inn and Colfax and Chambers to follow.

JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes: Ron Gustas reminded us of the JDRF Walk on Sunday, September 8th walk at Coors Field. All Optimists are being invited. The goal is to raise \$1M. You can be a "virtual" walker and walk from home! See Ron or Dick Cohen.

Roundup Fellowship's 40th Anniversary: Save the date, Thursday September 19th for their *Starry Night Gala* at the Wellshire Event Center from 6 to 10 p.m. If interested in attending see Jim Vander Kamp.

Order Palisade Peaches: Bob Finkelmeier is now taking orders for peaches. The price is the same as last year at \$25 per box/lug, about 18 to 30 peaches depending on size. Deliver will be around mid-August and you'll need to pick them up when called. Three dollars and fifty cents, per box, will come back to either Monaco South or Tamarac Optimist Club, depending on sales. To sign-up see Bob, or email him at rfinkelmeier@comcast.net or call: 303-756-5829.

Don St. John Day

President Paul Simon and Craig Eley co-conspired to reveal the details of our special meeting today, and unfurled a banner declaring it **"Don St. John Day"**! After a novel story about tasting Craig's soon to be award-winning honey, Don was invited on to the stage and took the seat of honor. Craig cleverly unveiled a special guest, Don's wife Charlene. Craig presented Don with a photo collage in Don's image, made up of photos of the club from over the years, many taken by Don himself.



Don St. John seated, and Craig Eley and Paul Simon making the presentation, Don is truly surprised and taken back. Several pictures were presented to Don along with a Proclamation from Denver City & County Mayor, Michael Hancock.

Photos Marc Goodbody

Don's family, kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, surprised all of us and entered to sit at the reserved tables in the front. Club member J.R. Gieck (Don's grandson) introduced the whole gang. He and Char spoke about Don's love for the club and the family's pride in Don. Other family members passionately and sincerely expressed their love for Don—at that point, there must have been a great deal of dust in the air, because many eyes were watering.



Photo of the Mayor Hancock's Proclamation.
Photo Craig Eley

Don St. John Day Continued

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Above: Don and some of his family.

Below: Don's wife Char spoke about Don's love for the club and the family's pride in Don.



President **Paul Simon** read a proclamation from the city citing Don's service to the Club and the community. The proclamation concludes with Mayor Hancock's officially making today, July 26, 2013 "Donald St. John Day." Paul gave Don the

framed proclamation as a memento.

Craig Eley interviewed Don a few weeks ago, telling him it was for the district newsletter. In fact, he wanted to share what he learned with us on this special day, you can read that interview by pulling it from the GUMS distribution email.

However, journalist Paul Simon, wanted to show Craig how a "real interview is done." So...

Hello, Don, I'm Paul Simon, a reporter for the Denver Post. I understand you are a very big, big, BIG honcho here at The Optimist Club of Monaco South. Is that correct?

And as a very big, big, BIG honcho, you grease the wheels, herd the cats, make things happen, brand the steers, capture the flag, and have a jolly good time?

And I understand you were sergeants at arms for the Colorado Wyoming-Optimist district for years. Lots of power, huh? I'll be it really was you running the district all those years... all these former governors are here today because they're afraid of you? So, how come you never got promoted? And if you were a real sergeant, where's your weapon?

And you collect the money for the breakfasts here at the

club, what \$7 for a meal? And John Marinus just charges us \$1.63. C'mon now, show me the money. I guess you must live in a mansion with all that cash you've hoarded.

And what's with the donuts? Everyone knows they are fattening. Are you trying to fatten us up?

All those Furry Scurries you helped set up at Washington Park. Good god, you made people meet you at 5 a.m. Bet you could have used a sergeant of arms for that. Even the roosters weren't up yet. Do you have a thing for ordering dogs around? I understand you been in charge of the Optimister at the MS 150 bike ride, too. So what happened to all the extra water? If we went to your cabin in the mountains, would we find all that extra water?

After Paul's good-natured ribbing, he invited club members to share their thoughts, memories, or appreciations of Don. We heard from: Tom Overton, Les Sitter (who presented Don with a Superman hat), Don Thomson, John Young (who cited that during Don's year as Club president, there were 53 projects, and Don attended a remarkable 32 of them), Phil Perington (who gave Don the first District Convention pin), Sherman Phillips, George Mills, George Buzick, Judy Mason, Karl Geil, Donna Priester, and Bob Avery.

The Don St. John singers then took to the stage, as seen at right. They sang their ode to Don: "That's Don St. John" - words from Craig Eley (melody from *Don't Fence Me In*).



Journalist/reporter Paul Simon interviews Don St. John on this important recognition day.



Photos Marc Goodbody

Electronic Recycling Collection

Southmoor Park East Homeowners Association are sponsoring an Electronic Recycling Collection on August 10th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. supported by Rocky Mountain E-Waste, at the NW corner of the Microcenter parking lot 8000 E. Quincy Ave.

FREE recycling of electronics with exception of TV's, old electronics, e.g., computers, key boards, routers, cell phones, small kitchen appliances, etc. TV's will be taken for a small fee depending on size.



Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
8/2/13	Jim Vander Kamp & Phil Perington
8/9/13	Aaron Beery & ?
8/16/13	Robert Wardlaw & Les Larson

Monaco South Calendar

Aug 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Aug 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Aug 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Aug 21	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
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
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ron Cisco	2009-10
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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.