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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—George Buzick



Good Morning Optimist

Greeters today were **Michael Chavez** and **George Buzick**. The group was somewhat sparse as we played musical tables on “Camaraderie Day.” The ever ready **Frank Middleton** got up early to hand out cards identifying the table at which you must sit. Some did, some didn’t. *It is hard to break old habits!*

Invocation, Guests & Pledge

After the invocation and pledge, led by **Lynn Jones**, **Jon Wachter** introduced his guest, Bob Winterfield.

April Birthdays

Since it was Camaraderie Day **Prez Paul** suggested we celebrate the April BD’s who include: **Dick Nickoloff**, **Phil Perington**, **Jack Phillips**, **Don StJohn**, and **Paul Stratton**. With that came a rousing vocalization of “*Happy Birthday*” as only the MSOC chorus could do for those April birthday boys.



Happy Bucks

Prez Paul Simon brought out the “*Happy Bucks*” spittoon and various members contributed to the Childhood Cancer Campaign as a method of expressing what they were happy or thankful for. Some of the contributions: **Ron Cisco** was happy since he just celebrated his 49th wedding anniversary, while **Freddy Pasternack** was happy to have made it to 17 years with lovely wife Karen. **Kent Gloor** was thankful that his granddaughter Lilly is doing well after her 12th surgery. **John Oss** was happy about the Super Citizen program and **Craig Eley** was happy that Cindy, his wife, surgery had gone

well. **Jack Kleinheksel** was thankful that **Bryce Slaby** was not here to tell a joke, and **Karl Geil** was happy that both his son and daughter-in-law had found jobs as math professors, albeit hundreds of miles apart. Everybody was happy for the miraculous start the Colorado Rockies have had and for the fantastic finish of the Denver Nuggets.

Announcements

AMC Relay for Life: **Aaron Beery** announced that he was, once again, putting together a team to participate in the *American Cancer Society Relay for Life*, to be held in Parker at Saulsbury Park beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, with a goal of raising \$1,500.

What is it?

- ◆ An organized, overnight community fundraising walk
 - ◆ Teams of people camp out around a track
 - ◆ Members of each team take turns walking around the track
 - ◆ Food, games, and activities provide entertainment and build camaraderie
 - ◆ Family-friendly environment for the entire community
- Because it’s a team event, individual participants are not required to be there the entire time. But it’s so much fun; you’ll find it hard to leave.

To learn more or to sign-up [click here](#). More details will come in future issues of GUMS.

Sullivan Scholarship: **Joe Marci** said that the Sullivan Scholarship committee had met after last week’s general meeting and have selected 16 students from Thomas Jefferson High School to be awarded \$500 scholarships. Awards will be presented by MSOC president **Paul Simon** at an all school assembly on May 10. Joe also called attention to the article on the

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****

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Announcements Continued

Optimist International Junior Golf Championship in the most recent Optimist magazine, which also contains a picture of Joe on page 21. To see this article titled, *District Qualifiers Set the Stage for Talented Young Golfers*, [click here](#).

Cochlear Kids Camp: Greg Young reminds us that Monaco South strongly supports the Cochlear Kids Camp. Spots are available for this camp, so if you know of anyone who would benefit from this activity please let them know. The camp is July 25-28 and held at the YMCA of the Rockies. You can learn more and register by visiting the Colorado Neurological Institute (CHI) webpage at: <http://www.thecni.org/utility/showArticle/?objectID=3695>

The mailing address is:

Estes Park Center
2515 Tunnel Road
Estes Park, CO 80511

The CNI Cochlear Kids Camps are a unique and wonderful opportunity for families to share the successes of cochlear implant children, from 3 year-olds through recent high school graduates.

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.

No Brainer Program: Don Thomson asked for a little more help with the "No Brainer" event on May 4th. There are twelve schools participating in this inaugural event. Any training required will be held the morning of the event. If you can assist Don, please give him a call.

9 Health Fair: Don Thomson also asked for assistance at the "9 Health Fair" at Augustana Lutheran Church, which his wife is coordinating, stating the over 1500 attended last year's event at Augustana. This is in addition to our normal support of the Health Fair at Schlessman YMCA, which will be happening this weekend.

Rockies Baseball: Michael Chavez is still looking for volunteers to hand out bobble-head dolls at the Rockies game on Sunday, May 19. Friends, family, and neighbors can all get admission to the ball game for just a couple of hours of work and we need 45 people to get the \$750 for our club, so come on down.



Roundup Fellowship: John Oss shared that several members, including John Stoffel, Curt Jefferies, and himself attended the Roundup Fellowship open house, hosted by Jim Vander Kamp and commented on the good things that this organization, along with Jim as its Executive Director, has done for our community.

Friday Morning is a Time to Wake Up: Ron Carlson, whom we've missed at several meetings recently announced that, since he is now retired, he is having a hard time getting out of bed early enough to make our meetings.

Caught in the Act: Karl Geil reminded Freddy Paster-nack that the contribution a four dollar bill with a picture of

Bill and Hillary Clinton to the "Happy Bucks" spittoon was not appropriate, but we would accept a two \$2 bills in exchange. Thanks Freddy!

Tamarac Optimist Club 20th Anniversary: Prez Paul Simon announced that the MSOC Board of Directors had voted to donate \$500 the Tamarac Optimist Club in support of their 20th anniversary party. Monaco South is the sponsor of this ever so successful club, many of whose members are the wives of various Monaco South members.

2013-2014 Election of Officers

Oscar Sorensen conducted election of officers for the 2013- 2014 administrative year. In spite of some rabble rousers in the back of the room, the following slate of officers was elected unanimously:

President, **Jon Wachter**

Vice President's, **Craig Eley** and **John Oss**

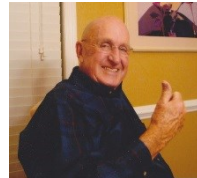
New Directors, **Jack Kleinheksel, JR Gieck, Fred Paster-nak, and Ralph Petersen.**

There was some discussion about the validity of the election process and whether nominations from the floor were in order, but there were no motions to impeach the current slate of candidates. Thanks to **Oscar** and **Kent Gloor** for soliciting the various candidates for office.



Note from a Lost Member

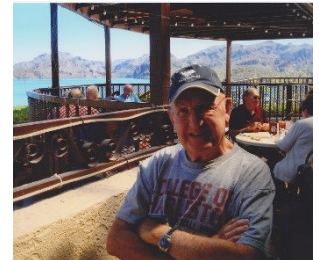
Former member Bill Litchfield sends an email saying, "Really do miss the MS activities, but keep up to date with the weekly GUMS. Health is good for an old



guy. Keep up the good MS work
Best wishes, Bill"

And includes a couple of nice picture. For those interested Bill's email address is:

superopera@aol.com.



Do We Have A Drawing!

It was worthwhile for **Ron Carlson** to get up this morning, as he was a double winner of the drawing; however, nobody was able to draw the seven of diamonds, thereby winning a pot worth \$30. So, the pot continues to grow.

Pinewood derby for pack 205

Article & pictures from John Oss

David Kelso conducted the first Cub Scout Pack 205 pinewood derby on Saturday. Last year, **Frank Middleton** established a new pack at Highline Academy. That pack is served by **John Oss** as the liaison between our club and the school. John and Frank were both present to enjoy the pinewood derby and a potluck meal.





Some things to ponder:

1. Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?
2. Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
3. If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
4. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
5. Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
6. Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
7. Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
8. Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
9. Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game" when we are already there?
10. Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
11. Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
12. Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?

13. Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?
14. Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?
15. Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?
16. If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?
17. If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
18. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
19. If you are cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you read all right?
20. Why is bra singular and panties plural?
21. Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?
22. Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?
23. How come abbreviated is such a long word?
24. Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?
25. Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
26. Why do they call it a TV set when you only have one?
27. Why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?
28. Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?

Super Citizen Presenters for April		
Apr 26 @ 1:30 & 1:45	McMeen	Joe Marci
Apr 26 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Howard Fry
May 3 @ 9:45 & 10:15	Samuels	Gary Miller
May 8 @ 8:30 am	Highline	Ed Collins
May 29 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Frank Rowe
May 31 @ 1:00 & 1:45 pm	McMeen	Mark Metevia

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
4/26/13	Aaron Beery & Pat Bush
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

Monaco South Calendar

- Apr 26 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - The Art of Butlering, Perry Allen
- 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
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
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ed Collins	2010-11
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Randy Marcove	2011-12

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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.