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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist Welcome

With the optimistic prognostication of the weather forecasters for a warm up—after the deep freeze of the past week—**Rob Fries** and **Les Larson** greeted members with smiles and handshakes.

Opening Bell

After an enthusiastic greeting, instigated by **President Jon, Ron Cisco** led the invocation and the pledge. While there was no formal speaker today, members gave presentations on two topics of importance to the club. But first, the announcements

From the Prez

The Prez announced that it was time to be thinking about the upcoming election for club officers. After introducing the current Board of Directors, **Jon Wachter** called on members who were interested in serving on the Board to let either him or **Oscar Sorensen** know of your interest. **John Oss** has already volunteered to run for president, but we are still looking for vice presidents and four board members. This is a great way to learn more about how the club functions, as well as an opportunity to be on “the inside” of what is happening in the club. Election reports have to be into OI by May 20, so elections are usually held in late April. Step up and be where the action is!

Announcements

Wives, Sweethearts to Breakfast: Craig Eley



Citron Bistro
Photo Craig Eley

stated, this annual event is not to be missed. Bring your wife or sweetheart and join us for breakfast on Friday, February 14, at Citron Bistro (Yosemite and Hampden). Each year this event gets better and better, so this year

will be the best. We will begin serving at 7:00 a.m. There will be no meeting at the Legion Hall. You may be very lonesome, if you decide to show up there.

FRACSOC Update: **Paul Simon** talked about the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club (FRACSOC) Chili Cook off. Paul said it was well attended and that the FRACSOC has raised over \$1,500 at various fundraisers. Paul also asked for continued support for the club, which was sponsored by Monaco South.

Super Citizen Program Presenters: The new chair for recruiting Super Citizen Presenters, **Rob Gardner**, shown at right, said that things were going well with the program, but asked that we check out the signup sheet to ensure that all Super Citizen programs are covered. (You can see the open sessions for February on page 3.) Even if you are not an active participant, these programs are always enjoyable and renew your faith in youth for the future.



Optimist Junior Golf Support: **Ron Cisco** announced that the Golf Expo will run through this weekend beginning today and reminded those who had signed up to staff the Junior Golf booth to show up. He also mentioned that he had some discount tickets for those who wanted to attend on their own.

Tri Star Basketball: **Michael Chavez** said preparations for the Tri Star Basketball were going well and that it would be held on Tuesday February 25 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cope Boys and Girls Club, 808 Inca Street. We can always use more help at this event, so if you have the afternoon open join us.



Special Olympics Support: **Mike McMahon** announced that he and several others would be “jumping in the lake” for Special Olympics at Chatfield Reservoir on Saturday, March 8th, and asked that if you have pledged to bring a check next week.

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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

Central Brain Bowl: Karl Geil reported that the 2014 Central Region Optimist Brain Bowl tournament was held February 1, 2014 at Heritage High School in Littleton. Seventy-five teams (about 375 students) participated. The top four finishers are shown in the PDF file attached to the distribution email. We had, according to



A brain bowl team gets ready to hit the buzzer and provide an answer.
Photo John Oss

the sign-in sheets, 132 volunteers. Monaco South led the way with 27: **Bryce Slaby, Wyatt McCallie, Al Gapuzan, Frank Ross, Michael Chavez, Don Thomson, Harry Fegley, Paul Bernard, Tom Overton, Greg Young, Jack Kitchell, George Buzick, J.R. Gieck, Jim VanderKamp, Russ Paul, Gary Strowbridge, Don St. John, Kent Gloor, Terry Shroyer, Bruce Prather, Cy Regan, John Oss, Phil Perington, Randy Marcove**, along with his two sons, Max and Charlie, **O.C. Larson, Paul Simon** and himself. The major glitches of the day involved a school which showed up with one less team than it had confirmed earlier in the week, a school which showed up with a team of one student, and another school which checked in with three teams and then "reshuffled the deck" to compete with only two teams without bothering to tell anyone what they had done. There were a couple minor volunteer issues that were easily corrected. Next up Saturday, February 8th at Carson Middle School in Ft. Carson, followed by the District Championship tournament at Hamilton Middle School on February 22nd. Hamilton, the host school, will have one 8th grade team in that tournament. Thanks to all for a job well done. Pictures of this event can be found [HERE](#).

CO/WY 2nd Quarter Meeting: The 2nd quarter conference will be held in Estes Park at the Stanley Hotel February 14-16. While it may be a little late to get a room at the Stanley, you may still be able to make a reservation for lunch, which will be paid for by the club. This is a great opportunity to get together with members of other clubs. **Greg Hurd**, who is a regular in Estes, warns that you should go by way of I-25 and



Greg Hurd
Photo Don StJohn

Highway 34, since highway 36 is still pretty torn up and you can expect a 1 or 2 hour delay. Greg added that there is also a train show that weekend at the Estes Park Conference Center, Rocky Mountain Park Inn, Highway 36 and Highway 7 (St. Vrain). [See Webpage](#).

Are You Thinking Baseball? **Tom Mauro** announced that he still has Rockies tickets and is happy to sell them at \$38 per seat per game. Since the inaugural season the club has had access to four season tickets available for the Colorado Rockies in Section 137, Row 31. New or existing members are invited to join the group of people eligible to purchase these tickets. The tickets are available for any games except Opening Day, Fireworks, Cubs, and Cardinals games. These go to the members that purchase the largest number of tickets. If you are interested in these tickets, see Tom Mauro, the coordinator. You can purchase any number of tickets you like for \$38 per ticket. You can pick any game you want with the exception of the above and if you cannot attend a game, you can trade in the tickets for other games at \$1 per ticket. Let Tom know before March 1, 2014.



Wives and Sweethearts to Breakfast Friday, February 14 @ 7 a.m. Valentines Day Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite

Remember
NO MEETING AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL

King Soopers / Safeway Shopping Cards: In his constant quest for additional funds, treasurer **Greg Young** reminded us that a no-brainer fund raiser is to buy reloadable cards from **Cy Reagan**, through which the club can receive a 5% commission. Since everyone has to eat at home occasionally, this is great way to feed yourself and raise funds for the club at the same time. You can also get points on you credit or debit card by purchasing the gift cards with them. You cannot beat that, even with a big stick!



Member Update: Gary Laman: **Don Thomson** reported that **Gary Laman**, shown at left, fell several times and injured his lower back on Monday, February 3, and was hospitalized for 3 days. He was discharged on Thursday and is home receiving hospice care. It is recommended that he not have visitors or telephone calls for another week while he recuperates. Cards may be sent to 13950 E. Linvale Place, Aurora, CO 80014.



Drawing

As they say in Vegas, "*the more you bet, the more you win.*" This is true in Jack Kleinheksel's case. He normally buys a string of tickets that reaches to the floor, generously gives them away to visitors and speakers and frequently hears his number called. He even, occasionally, wins a big pot. Jack had two opportunities today, as did several others, but nobody could pull the Jack of Diamonds from the deck for the \$50 that was available. By the way, this Jack of Diamonds is from the chief card handlers "pin up playing card" collection. As a last resort, **Lynn Jones** name was drawn from **Craig Eley's** infamous (*Is my name really in there?*) jar, but alas, he too was doomed to failure.



Bet ya didn't know ...

Early aircraft's throttles had a ball on the end of it, in order to go full throttle the pilot had to push the throttle all the way forward into the wall of the instrument panel. Hence "balls to the wall" for going very fast. And now you know the rest of the story.

During WWII, U.S. airplanes were armed with belts of bullets, which they would shoot during dog-fights and on strafing runs. These belts were folded into the wing compartments that fed their machine guns. These belts measure 27 feet and contained hundreds of rounds of bullets. Often times, the pilots would return from their missions having expended all of their bullets on various targets. They would say, "I gave them the whole nine yards," meaning they used up all of their ammunition.



Speaking of aircraft, see the of SR-71 Blackbird with SR pilot Col. Buzz Carpenter @ <http://www.chonday.com/Videos/sr71jetplane1>.

In the absence of an outside speaker, two of our members talked about a couple of ongoing projects, which our club has supported in years past.

HOBY Colorado



Paul Bernard
Photo Don StJohn

Paul Bernard gave a brief overview and showed a brief video about the HOBY Leadership Seminar program. Paul served on the HOBY Colorado board of directors for over 20 years.

The Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar will take place once again this year in the Denver Metro area. It will be a 3½ day event from Thursday June 5th through Sunday June 8th.

The location will again be at the Colorado Christian University campus at 8787 W. Alameda Avenue in Lakewood.

Kids who have just finished their sophomore year in high school will come together from all over Colorado to attend this leadership seminar. The core values presented to these young people are Volunteerism, Integrity, Excellence, Diversity, and Community Partnerships. The broad objectives of the seminar here in Colorado are:

- To seek out, recognize and develop leadership potential in high school sophomores in the United States and abroad;
- To encourage and assist participants in their quest for self-identification and self-development;
- To connect these young leaders with established leaders in business, industry, government, science and education through educational panels, and discussions that utilize a question-and-answer format;
- To motivate these young leaders to embrace their potential role in society and to endorse the importance of volunteerism;
- To facilitate discussions to stimulate these young people to demonstrate their leadership abilities through community service and involvement.

We do have opportunities to be involved with this pro-

gram. We will have members attending the picnic with the kids on Saturday afternoon as usual. This is a great chance to sit down with them and talk about volunteerism. Paul will give us more detailed information and a schedule on the other activities that will take place over this weekend. See the following web sites to learn more about HOBY: www.hobycolorado.org and www.hoby.org.

OI PGI Program

Immediate Past Governor **Phil Perington** gave a brief



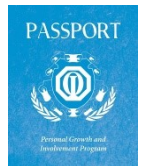
Phil Perington
Photo Don StJohn

presentation on the Optimist International Personal Growth and Involvement Program (PGI). This program was designed by Optimist International to foster more active involvement in Optimism. The program has ten levels, each of which requires a higher level of commitment to the Optimist Organization. Completion of each step is certified by either a club or a district officer and achievement of each step is recorded in the PGI

"Passport." To date there is no one in Monaco South (or the CO/WY District) who has achieved step 10, although Phil is submitting his credentials at the present time. To learn more about this program, contact Phil and see the *PGI Pamphlet* and *PGI Requirements* attached to the GUMS distribution email.

A Tip from Phil: When checking off PGI service accomplishments it is good to remember all the various methods available to complete individual requirements. One example is the Level 1 communication item: "Read the curriculum of a new member at the induction ceremony."

With the assistance of the Club President, the sponsor of the new member can include a brief resume and other interesting facts at some point during the ceremony. It's a great way to formally introduce a new member and instill a feeling of Club camaraderie.



Super Citizen Presenters for February

Feb 12 @ 8:00	Highline	Rob Gardner
Feb 12 @ 2:30	MPB	John Oss
Feb 21 @ 8:30	Slavens	Tom Hock
Feb 25 @ 1:30	Samuels	Tom Glazier
Feb 27 @ 1:00	Lowry	?
Feb 28 @ 9:15	Holm	Bob Avery
Feb 28 @ 12:45	McMeen	Rod Winget
Feb 28 @ 3:00	Bradley	?

Weekly Greeters

2/14/14	♥♥ John Oss & Jack Kitchell ♥♥ No meeting at the American Legion Hall
2/21/14	Pat Bush & Joe Marci
2/28/14	Ron Carlson & Phil Perington
3/7/14	George Buzick & ?
3/14/14	Tom Glazier & Mark Metavia

**Need Friday morning greeters,
see O.C Larson, 303-797-7432 or
larson1942@comcast.net**

Monaco South Calendar

Feb 14 Fri 7:00 am ♥♥ Valentine Day Wives & Sweethearts to Breakfast, Citron Bistro ♥♥
Feb 14 Fri-Sun **Colorado-Wyoming District 2nd Quarter Conference, Estes Park**
Feb 19 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Feb 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Feb 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Marci Elder, Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bob Safe	1995-96
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
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John Young	1982-83	Don St. John	2001-02
Pat Bush	1983-84	Jack Rife	2002-03
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Greg Young	2007-08
Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
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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.