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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush



Good Morning Welcome

The meeting this Friday morning was big in many more ways than one. It was *100% Attendance Day* and *Hawaiian Shirt Day*. Wouldn't you know that it had rained all night since we dug our Hawaiian shirts out of the closet.



Greeters

Curtis Boell and **Bryce Slaby** were our greeters this morning. If you did not get a laugh coming into the meeting your missed out.

Invocation

Dr. **Rob Gardner**, had the honors to delivered the invocation asking for the strength to change the things that we can, the serenity to accept what we cannot change, and the wisdom to know the difference between the two.

Guests

President **Jon Wachter** welcomed Vince Gonzales back this morning and announced Vince had turned in his membership application. Vince is in sales with Navistar, Inc. Welcome back Vince and we hope you take part in many of our activities and enjoy the friendships that you will develop.

Ice Bucket Challenge

Prez Jon announced that he had completed the *ALS Ice Bucket Challenge*. Now we did not actually get to witness this historic event, Jon did play a video showing his drenching. While we did not get chance to authenticate the video, it looked like the person in the video may have been a stand-in. This editor thinks the next time Jon should complete the chal-

Attention Project Leaders — Submit Your Budget Now

The budgeting process for next fiscal year (Oct. 1- Sept. 30, 2015) is beginning. Please submit to Greg Young, Treasurer, the list of items and amounts you are requesting for next year. We expect a short selling season for Christmas Trees this year, so funds may be limited as to what can be funded. Please submit your requirements in writing directly to Greg, or by email:

gndyoung@comcast.net no later than Friday, September 19th. If you have any fund raising ideas or projects that you want to head up this coming year, please discuss with John Oss, our President-elect.

In order to maximize our Tree Lot fund raising, all members should begin setting their schedules to work the lot for at least 15 hours between Nov. 28th and Dec. 24th.

lenge in front of the membership. The only remaining evidence that this was actually done is this photo, seen at right, captured by a vigilant onlooker taking photos with a drone.

Another member who completed the challenge was **Scott Walker**. He did so in front of the entire membership (since it was 100% day) after the meeting. Thanks to both of these men and many others, ALS has raised nearly \$110.1 million dollars worldwide to date.



Scott Walker takes the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Ice Bucket Challenge in front of all attending MSOC's 100% day! Prez Jon Wachter accommodates by dumping the bucket of ice water over Scott's head. Not sure why Scott did not get an opportunity to reciprocate.

Photo Don StJohn



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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

Membership Directory Update:

Tom Mauro is currently in the process of updating the membership directory. If you have any changes to your contact information, be sure to let Tom know. He also is taking new business card advertisements for the directory. He reminded us that many members have made their fortunes from these ads.



Operation School Supplies:

The club is distributing checks to our sponsored schools for school supplies. **Oscar Sorensen** asks that all of the Super Citizen school liaisons verify that their schools have or will get their checks.



JDRF Walkathon:

The JDRF Walkathon is this coming Saturday, September 13th at Coors Field parking lot. **Ron Gustas** reports that he has several members who have signed up to help with the walk, to participate in the walk, and/or to pledged monetary support for the walk. Volunteers will be helping set up the course, monitoring the walk, registering the walkers, and tearing down the course. If you want to volunteer and not already done so, just give Ron a call. Ron asks that all members making donations to the JDRF please bring your checks to the meeting on Friday.

Super Citizen Program Cranking Up:

Now that the students are back in school, the Super Citizen Awards Program is starting up for the year. The first two presentations are at Most Precious Blood on September 17th and McMeen Elementary on September 25th. **Robert Wardlaw** is chairman for this program and **Rob Gardner** will be organizing presenters throughout the year. Once again our school coordinators are:



- ♦ Bradley International—Randy Marcove
- ♦ Hamilton Middle—Tom Mauro & Karl Geil
- ♦ Highline Academy—Jim Easton
- ♦ Holm Elementary—Donlie Smith
- ♦ Lowry Elementary—Paul Stratton
- ♦ McMeen Elementary—Don Thomson
- ♦ Most Precious Blood—Pat Sullivan
- ♦ Samuels—Kent Gloor
- ♦ Slavens—Tom Hoch
- ♦ University Park—Bob Avery

Photographers for these events include Wyatt McCallie, John Oss, Greg Young, Les Larsen, and Marc Goodbody. Additional photographers are also needed. If interested let Robert know, if interested in being a presenter let Rob know.

Celebrate Optimism Gala:

Paul Simon announced that the Celebrate Optimism Gala would be held on Saturday, September 27th at the Highland Event Center. This event has been expanded to recognize Optimist members for their activities during the year as well as installation of the new officers for next year. First time attendees will get a \$10.00 reduction in the cost for attending.

Walk to End Alzheimer's: The Walk to End Alzheimer's disease will be held on Saturday, September 20th at Denver City Park. **Cap Hermann** is looking for volunteers to help with the walk. Give Cap a call at 303-587-5575, if you can spend some time to help raise funds for research to prevent this devastating disease.

Not to Early to Think Holiday Party:

Frank Middleton would like us to keep December 20th open for the Monaco South Optimist Holiday Party. It will be held at the Glenmoor Country Club, 110 Glenmoor Drive in Englewood. Frank will be giving us more information on this event as it develops.



Bradley Security Patrol: Now that school is back in session, it is time to think about security for the students. Bradley International would like Monaco South's help again this year with patrolling the grounds during lunch breaks. This will help keep the children safe and secure. If you would like to help with this activity let **President Jon** or **Mike McMahon** know.

Csaba Recke Bench: **Ron Cisco** reminded us that the bench dedication for his grandson will be held at 8:00 a.m. this coming Thursday, September 11th, at Legacy Academy, 1975 Legacy Circle, in Elizabeth. This is the schools *Patriot Day Observation*, which starts in the gymnasium. As you may recall, Ron collected \$342 from members at our April 25th meeting to help in establishing this memorial for Csaba. All MSOC members are invited to attend. If you have questions, call Ron @ 303-794-0749.

A Big Thank You: *I want to express my sincere gratitude to all my fellow Optimists for the many cards, visits, and phone calls during my 10 weeks of hospitalization and rehab. Your caring support was a great boost to my recovery process. You guys are the greatest! Thanks again, Don*



Drawing & Closing Bell

The winning ticket holders today were **Frank Ross, Ron Gustas, Allen Yockey, Steve Kady, Wyatt**



McCallie, Cy Regan, Robert Duvall, Peter Diamond and JR Gieck. The first two who had the chance to go for the big pot tried their luck to draw for the lucky card, but nobody drew the magic card. So the pot grows again with only five or six cards left.

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Celebrate Your Optimism Gala

MSOC installation of the 2014-2015 club officers will be **Saturday, September 27, 2014** at **Highlands Park Pavilion**, formally Delmonico Hall, at 3220 Federal Boulevard, across from Highland Park.

100 Percent Day

HAWAIIAN SHIRT COMPETITION & SMARTER THAN THE BRAIN BOWL CHAIR

HAWAIIAN SHIRT COMPETITION

Craig Eley presented awards for various categories of Hawaiian shirts that were worn this morning. He had a very select group of judges nominate candidates for the awards then had the general membership vote for the winners. And the results were:

Butt-Ugly Award: Nominees were **Ron Cisco, Peter Diamond, and Freddy Pasternack**. Craig reminded the membership to vote only for the shirt and not let the models affect the outcome. The winner was Peter Diamond with Freddy a close second.



Most Original: **Bob Avery, Jim Vander Kamp, and Allen Yockey** were the nominees. The award went to Bob Avery.

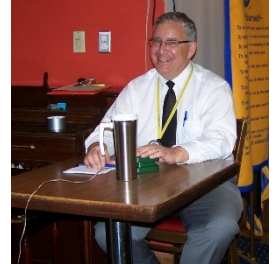


Most Likely to Attract a Wicked Waheenee: The nominees were **Curt Jefferies, Cy Regan, and Russ Paul**. The winners were Russ Paul, Cy Regan, and Curt Jefferies. In a highly sophisticated tiebreaker, Cy took the prize.



SMARTER THAN THE BRAIN BOWL CHAIR

The honorable (or not so honorable) **Craig Eley** then hosted the much anticipated "Smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair" competition. This was a Brain Bowl style competition pitting a team of challengers made up of **Tom Mauro, Don Iley, Tom Glazier, and Jim Vander Kamp** against our own Brain Bowl Chairman **Karl Geil**. The challengers employed a haphazard style of buzz in first and answer questions later strategy while the "chair" adopted a more reserved counter-attack style. The challengers jumped out to an early lead but the "chair" kept his patience



and when he answered, he did so with great precision. It appeared that the challengers had built an insurmountable lead late in the game but a furious last minute rally drew the "chair" even at the end of the competition. With the score tied, we went into golden goal, extra-time period. For those of you who do not know about golden goals, it is equivalent to sudden death. The question was, "How many members show up for 100% Day?" The challengers hastily answered "all of them" and the "Chair" responded "less than half."

Since the result still was not clear, Craig went to the replay for further review. It was determined that there were 73 members present or just over half the membership. Neither team was correct but the "Chair" was closer to correction and thus declared the winner. *The moral of this story is that, on this day, the challengers were not smarter than the chair.*

Super Citizen Presenters for September

Sept 17 @ 2:30	MPB	Ed Collins
Sept 25 @ 1:30	McMeen	?

Be a Super Citizen Presenter
See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203
gardnerrb@gmail.com

NOTE: Due to large numbers, some schools are holding two or three presentations. For example at McMeen: 2nd & 3rd grades @ 1:30-2:00; 1st, 4th, & 5th grades @ 2:15-2:45; and Kindergarten @ 2:10-2:30. Therefore, we need your help!

Weekly Greeters

9/12/14	Bob Avery & Jim Easton
9/19/14	George Buzick & Steve Kady
9/26/14	Tom Kramis & Michael Chavez
10/3/14	Mark Metevia & Ralph Petersen
10/10/14	Al Gapuzan & Pat Bush
10/17/14	Jeff Johnson & John Oss

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

Sep 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Placing Foreign Exchange Students, Deanna Foss
Sep 17	Wed	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Sep 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Carrie Nolan, President CO-WY Chapter National MS Society
Sep 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim Paradise, Space Adventures with Lockheed Martin
Sep 27	Sat	5:30 pm	MSOC Celebrate Your Optimism Gala, Delmonico Hall, 3220 Federal Blvd.
Oct 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

**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
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Cy Regan	1999-00
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Stan Cohen	2000-01
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
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Gary Stowbridge	1993-94	Paul Simon	2012-13
Mark Metevia	1994-95		

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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.