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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 a beautiful spring morning, with the sun is shining, and our greeters this morning are **Lynn Jones** and **Nick Newey**.

First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

President **Paul Simon** rings the bell promptly at 7, to begin the meeting. **Harry Fegley** gives the invocation this morning. The invocation asks for help in cooperating with one another both locally and as international citizens. Harry then leads us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

An Early Announcement

President **Paul** announces that we will break format this morning and our speaker will present first. We are very lucky to have **Dottie Jefferies** speak to us this morning. Dottie is here to sell the last 20 tickets for the Duck Drop next week, at the CO-WY District 3rd Quarter meeting, which will support

Optimist International fight against childhood cancer. Many exciting prizes are available from the winning ducks which are numbered to corresponding tickets. Optimist International has identified this as the Number 1 Project for the year and is partnering with John Hopkins University Hospital to spearhead this.



Locally, half the proceeds will go to Brent's Place and the other half will go to research. Brent's Place is the only Children's Hospital Colorado approved "Safe Clean" housing facility for immune compromised patients and their families, providing a living environment

that is essential to healing and recovery. Dottie tells members that 10 years ago only 4% of kids diagnosed with Leukemia survived and today over 90% of these children live.

CO-WY Governor **Phil Parington** announces that the new club sponsored by Monaco South Optimist Club, the Front Range American Cancer Society Club, is donating \$500 for this cause. A short video was played detailing more of the efforts OI in cooperation with John Hopkins University Hospital. You can see it by [HERE](#). In it, a beautiful young woman tells of the help she received from Optimists after her diagnosis. During such a time of turmoil, the positive support this program offered was extremely helpful for her and her family. Tremendous amount of resources are required for lab work to develop treatments which has directly resulted in higher survival rates for these kids. These programs are an embodiment of the idea our club was founded upon. It is announced after Dottie's presentation, that the remaining 20 tickets have been sold. Plan to attend the Duck drop next week, if you can.

The Duck Drop will happen in conjunction with Colorado Wyoming District Conference happening next week in Golden. Phil Parington announces that during the conference, the Cheyenne Optimist Club will be recognized as it enters its second year of operation. It is during these early years clubs need support and assistance to continue in positive direction.

Editors Note: Are you aware that the World's Largest Rubber Ducky Floated by Hong Kong this every same day? This 50ft rubber inflatable is on a world tour. Read more [HERE](#).



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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

History Day: **Karl Geil** begins telling us National History Day in Colorado State Contest will happen Saturday, May 4th at Auraria Campus. Monaco South members will help judge student presentations in a variety of formats on various topics.

OI Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** tells us about the tournament for Jr. Golf that will take place at Park Hill Golf Course on Wednesday, May 29. The club will be sponsoring 22 kids this year for the national tournament in Florida. Please participate in the May 29 tournament to help kick off this year's program. Learn more about the OI Championship [HERE](#).

Sullivan Scholarship Winners: **Joe** also tells us that 16 Sullivan Scholarship winners and their parents will be here next week to have breakfast and be recognized for their efforts. Editor: For those unfamiliar, **Robert Sullivan** was an active Monaco South member until his death in 1999. Robert was a strong supporter of Thomas Jefferson High School.

Car Pool to the CO-WY Conference: Although **Donlie Smith** won't be going due to other commitments, he asks for a show of hands for members who plan to attend next week's conference. Car pooling is encouraged after next week's regular meeting so please make arrangements.



RMSEL Passage Panel Members: Frank Rowe is still looking for volunteers to help judge for the Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (RMSEL) continuation projects. Student presentations will be happening Saturday, May 18 and Thursday, May 30, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The dates are approaching, so please consider volunteering for this very worth while project. See Frank or contact Marci Elder at 303-759-2076, ext. 2226 or email melder@rmsel.org.

Family Community Picnic: **Greg Young** reminded us of the upcoming June 22nd community picnic in Bible Park from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. South Monaco Optimists along with City Council Member Peggy Lehman's office will be sponsoring this fun day of food, music and games to celebrate our city and neighbors. Plan to help out and to attend. See Greg for details.

Super Citizen & Know Brainer: **Don Thomson** announces the upcoming Super Citizen presentation at University Park Elementary School today with **Bob Avery** presenting. Also Saturday, will be the "**Know Brainer**," at Hamilton Middle School. Know Brainer is the Brain Bowl for younger students. **President Paul** commends **Don and Joyce Thomson** for their efforts on this project. Monaco South has received a \$500 Grant from OI to help put on this competition. Thank you to **Greg Young** for applying for this grant.

Know Brainer Update

Greg Young reports, the highly successful inaugural year of the "**Southeast Denver Know Brainer**" was

held on Saturday, May 4th at Hamilton Middle School. Ten teams of fifth graders from local schools competed for honors in this prelude to the Brain Bowl. All of the "Brain Bowlers in Training" were extremely excited and had a wonderful time. The competition was capped by a pizza and pop luncheon in the cafeteria while Optimism was promoted and awards handed



out. The top two teams were from Bradley Elementary, and third place went to a team from Slavens.



Thanks belongs to the Tamarac Optimist Team headed up by **Joyce Thomson**, and the Monaco South Optimist Team headed up by **Michael Chavez**, along with the other members of the Know Brainer committee.

Approximately 20 Optimists from the combined clubs joined to pull off another successful event to serve our kids! A large part of the cost will be defrayed by a grant from Optimist International Foundation of \$500 for an innovative new project. The grant proposal was submitted by Monaco South Treasurer, **Greg Young**, and the award will be received by the 2013-14 club president-elect's who attends the national convention in July.

Announcements Continued

More on History Day: **John Oss** tells us more about History Day in which hundreds of kids will be presenting projects in a variety of formats. These kids have been working hard and their projects are incredible. If you are not judging please attend and view the results, it is well worth your time!

Bradley Cub Scouts: **Jon Wachter** tells members that also on Saturday, the cub scout troop Monaco South Optimist sponsors will be shooting off rockets at 10. Another example of the positive projects this club helps bring to life.



Furry Scurry: **Jack Rife** reported that the Dumb Friends Furry Scurry will also be Saturday and seven members from Monaco South will be helping out very early in the morning (possibly 5 a.m.) Recap to follow.

Closing Bell

President Paul then asks for the drawing to commence. Dr. Bob announces that since the pot was stripped by “he never draws a card” Tom Hock last week, we will start anew with \$20 in the pot. Although Terry Schroyer gets a winning two chances, one for a cup and the other at the card drawing he strikes out. No members win the pot this week. So it grows again!

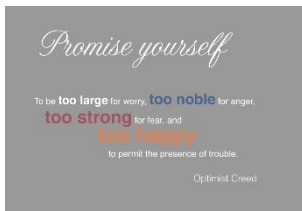


Tom Hock, last weeks winner takes the pot.

Photo Don StJohn

Optimist Creed

After reciting the creed, members are encouraged to go out and spread the word and work of Optimism!



Denver's East High School Places 3rd in National Competition!

By Greg Young

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution, sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, is a yearly competition for American high school students held in Washington D.C. The competition is styled as a congressional hear-

ing. Each team is divided up into six units, each composed of three or more students. Each unit focuses on a particular area of Constitutional interest—from the philosophical underpinnings and Constitutional Convention to modern day implications.



In preparation for the competition, each unit prepares three four-minute speeches in response to formal prompts. On the day of the competition each unit will be asked to present one of their speeches and a panel of three judges will have a six minute questioning period to ask follow-up questions.

In order to qualify for the national competition, a team must win its state championship. The national competition takes place over three days, with only the top ten teams from the first two days advancing to the final day. At the national competition, each unit will present two of their speeches over the first two days of competition. The teams with the ten highest combined scores advance to the final round on the third day. These ten teams present their third speech. Beginning in 2010, the top ten awards are determined by combining the scores from the first two days with the final round score, with the final round score weighted more. In previous years, the first two days' scores were not counted toward the top ten rankings.

According to the Center for Civic Education, “*Since the inception of the We the People program in 1987, more than 28 million students and 90 thousand educators have participated.*” More than 1,200 students participate in the national competition each year. Learn more [HERE](#).

Optimist Club of Monaco South is a proud sponsor of this team!

Super Citizen Presenters for April

May 8 @ 8:30 am	Highline	Ed Collins
May 23 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Mike Mauro
May 29 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Frank Rowe
May 29 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	George Buzick
May 31 @ 1:00 & 1:45 pm	McMeen	Mark Metevia

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
5/10/13	Cap Hermann & Paul Stratton
5/17/13	Bob Avery & Jim Vander Kamp
5/24/13	Harry Johnson & Mark Metevia
5/31/13	Al Gapuzan & ?

Monaco South Calendar

- 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
- May 17 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Chuck Stout, Colorful Coloradans in Aerospace History
- May 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- May 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim White, Volunteers of America

**Past Presidents of the
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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.