

Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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Good Morning Optimist



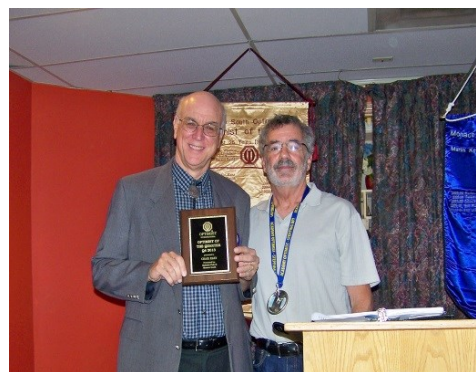
So your wife was worried when she heard today's meeting was the last meeting of the 2012-2013 Optimist year and the end of the reign of both **Paul Simon** as President of Monaco South; and **Phil Perington** as Governor of the Colorado/Wyoming District. Do not worry, we will meet again on Friday, October 4th. Both Paul and Phil have had wildly successful years and are to be commended for the leadership they demonstrated during this time.

Members who turned out on this brisk autumn day were greeted by the happy smiles and warm handshakes of **Joe Marci**, just back from his travels, and **Eldon Strong**. Prez **Paul** called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by **Jack Rife**, who reminded us that Optimism is not just a word; it is a way of life.

Prez **Paul** welcomed **Woody Thibodeaux**, who has been among the missing. Paul also thanked those who had helped put together the presentation which netted the club the award of *Outstanding Service Organization in Colorado for 2012*, by the National Philanthropy Day Colorado. (Check out the pictures and article in the most recent "OI Magazine.") Prime movers in achieving this award were Past Prez **Randy Marcove**, with support from many others. If you forgot, this clip features Randy, **Karl Geil** and **Don Thomson** talking about some of our major activities. You can see the clip by [CLICKING HERE](#).

From the Prez

President Paul then brought **Craig Eley** to the stage, where he presented him with the "Optimist of the Quarter Award." Craig is one of the more active members of the club and participates in a majority of



Craig Eley, left, and Paul Simon in the presentation of the "Optimist of the Quarter Award."

Photo Don StJohn

the activities in which Monaco South is involved. In addition to his talents as a photographer extraordinaire, he assists in publishing the club directory and runs the "Santa House" activities at the Christmas Tree lot. *Congratulations to Craig and thanks for all you do!*

From the District Governor

Governor Phil announced that the new "Classic Car Optimist Club" would be chartered on Monday evening, September 30, the last day of this Optimist year. Charter membership has grown to 29, but there is always room for more. The club will be meeting here at the Legion Post until the "Rosie's Diner" clubhouse facility is finished.

Start of 2012-13 Super Citizen Program

Robert Wardlaw, new chair of the Super Citizen Program, announced that the first program of this school year will be held at McMeen Elementary today and asked for volunteers for future programs presenters at all the schools we currently serve. Please see **Rob Gardner**, who will be coordinating presenters or contact Robert Wardlaw, 303-759-0360.

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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

Alzheimer Memory Walk: Cap Hermann thanked everyone for their participation in the Alzheimer Memory Walk last week and asked us to continue to support this worthwhile cause. Cap said that an estimated \$750,000 was brought in through donations for this walk.

Future Stardom: Mike McMahon proposed an opportunity for anyone over 70 years old. Seems that First Bank is doing is doing a TV commercial and they are looking for people to participate. Consensus was that **Fred Pasternak** would probably be well suited for this kind of job. Check with Mike, 303-514-5175, or email him at m_kcmahon@yahoo.com if you would like to be famous.

Help Colorado Flood Victims: Mark Metavia suggested that our club could assist victims of the recent floods in Colorado by purchasing King Soopers gift cards and donating them to those in need.

1st Quarter CO-WY Conference: If you are interested in car pooling to the First Quarter Conference in Colorado Springs on Saturday, October 5, check with **Donlie Smith**. The club will pay for your lunch on Saturday, but you need to make the reservation on your own. See the district website for agenda and reservations.

Boy Scouts Pumpkin Patch: Bob Avery reminded us that the Troop 457 Boy Scouts will be running their "Pumpkin Patch" at Holly and Bellevue again this year. With the theft of their equipment trailer and equipment, it is really important to support them this year, so tell your friends and neighbors to buy their pumpkins from the Boy Scouts.

MSOC Shirts: Tom Glazier is still taking orders for Monaco South polo shirts. Sizes are Small to 3XL. Price is \$13-\$16, dependent on size. You can get the shirt in royal blue with white lettering, or white with blue lettering. See Tom to sign up. Delivery takes about two weeks. Tom also said he would have a sample of a "Dress Shirt" in the near future.

Directory Update: Tom Mauro and Craig Eley are in the final stages of making changes to the club directory. Craig will be available after the meeting to take pictures of those who may not already have a picture in the directory (especially those newer members). For those who are dissatisfied with their current picture, you can either have plastic surgery, or pay Craig to Photoshop a picture of whoever it is you would like people to think you are.

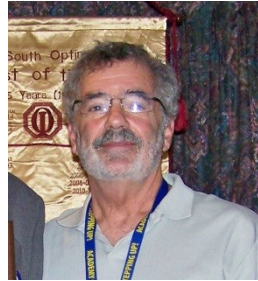
Installation Banquet: The installation banquet for MSOC is Saturday evening, September 28, at Blossoms in Heather Gardens. At this event induction of our new 2013-2014 officers will be installed they are: **Jon Wachter**, president; **Pat Bush**, secretary; **Greg Young**, treasure; **John Oss** and **Craig Eley**,

vice presidents; and **Jack Kleinheksel**, **J.R. Gieck**, **Fred Pasternak**, **Ralph Petersen**, **Michael Chavez**, **Mike McMahon**, **Mike Short**, and **Scott Walker**, directors.

Dues Increase: Dues for the new Optimist year will go up by \$1.00. This is a pass through, since Optimist International voted a dues increase at the annual convention in July. As always, there will be a discount for paying your dues in one lump sum, although you have an option of paying quarterly installments.

Parting Word from President Paul

As his year draws to a close, President **Paul Simon** commented on the "state of the club." Paul said that he was proud to have been president during this past year, when the club has accomplished so much while others civic clubs are struggling. He shared the words of several famous people and closed with the words of Admiral Lord Nelson as he lay dying on the bridge of his ship, "Thank God I have done my duty," which is how Paul feels about his departure from the presidency of Monaco South. Paul was given three cheers for his accomplishments during his year as president.



OCMS President Paul Simon 2012-13.
Photo Don StJohn

Drawing

As our Optimist year comes to a close so does, our last drawing for the year. So when we heard, "Do we have a drawing?", it was followed by, "Maybe!", "I guess so!", or "Sort of!" Given that this is the last meeting of the year and there was only one card left, the nine of spades. Overall, the chances of winning were relatively high, as **Tom Mauro** found out when his ticket was drawn. Thus ended the suspense for another year was over; but tomorrow is another day, so do not forget to bring an extra dollar or two to future meetings. You could be a big winner as we start over with a fresh deck of cards and the opportunities to win BIG money!



Tom Mauro the winner of this year's final pot, which had been drawn upon so many times it was only \$10.

Photo Don StJohn

Speaker: Charles Bonniwell
Publisher Glendale Cherry Creek Chronicle

Frank Middleton introduced our speaker for the day. Charles C. Bonniwell is currently the publisher of the *Glendale Cherry Creek Chronicle*. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Colorado and holds a Masters in Taxation from the University of Denver. He has written several books, including "*The History of the Denver Country Club*" and is currently working on "*The History of Glendale*." He has been associated with the *Chronicle* since its founding in 1996.

Mr. Bonniwell talked about the rapid changes in news gathering and the impact on those who report the news and those who receive it from various media outlets. Bonniwell talked about three major trends which have changed the newspaper industry.

First, there is less factual reporting and more opinions in the news media today. Whereas, in the past, there were central reporting agencies (UPI, AP, etc.), which reported a sort of left of center version of the "factual" news for universal consumption, current reporting is based more on opinions and the view is dependent on the source (MSNBC, Fox News, etc.) Bonniwell contends that this is due to the fact that actual reporting of the news costs money and that, because of the "digital news" environment, newspapers can no longer support reporters in the field. In the past, classified ads paid for the costs of publishing a newspaper but, with the advent of the internet, this revenue

stream dried up and many print newspapers were forced to cease operation, e.g. *Rocky Mountain News*.

Second, news reporting today is based on the perspective of the individual reporter, not necessarily the facts. According to the speaker, almost all news media now has a slant, either "Red" or "Blue" and is like living in two separate universes. People tend to pay more attention to the particular program or person who is most in tune with their interests and there is little crossover, thus we become more and more segregated and have less contact with "the other side."

Third, localization of the news, as demonstrated by the success of various local newspapers and the introduction of such instruments as the "*Hub*," a special section of the *Denver Post*, which is specific to a geographic area, contains information only about that area and is written by volunteer "reporters." This type of newspaper requires minimal expense and seems to generate interest among those read it.

The advent of digital news and websites such as Craigslist have contributed greatly to the loss of revenues from classified ads and the subsequent requirements of newspapers to cut costs. The result is that the many newspaper of today have eliminated much of the staff required to provide timely and factual reporting and have; therefore, decreased the overall quality of the paper.

Thank you for an interesting presentation.



Charles C. Bonniwell
 Photo Don StJohn

McMeen Super Citizen

Story and photos by John Oss



Rodner Winget and **Don Thomson** lead the presentations at McMeen on Friday. Halen Alemseged, on left with her mother in the picture above, was visiting McMeen. She was recognized as a McMeen Super Citizen about 2006. Halen is proud of that fact. She is currently attending CU Boulder and planning to pursue medical school. She is majoring in Business Management and Psychology. MSOC presented her with a \$500 scholarship when she was at TJ. Halen hopes to see us at the tree lot this year.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
10/4/13	Phil Perington & Steve Kady
10/11/13	Perry Allen & Tom Glazier
10/18/13	Harry Johnson & Nick Newey
10/25/13	Bob Coulson & Karl Geil

Super Citizen Presenters for October

Oct 9 @ 2:30	MPB	?
Oct 9 & 23 @ 8:00	Highline	?
Oct 11 @ 8:30	Slavens	?

Monaco South Calendar

Oct 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Darren Martin, Financial Workshops
Oct 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Schlessman YMCA Campaign
Oct 16	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Oct 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

**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

2012 - 2013 Officers

President	Paul Simon	303-300-9940
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Secretary	Jack Rife	303-349-1280
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Scott Walker	303-517-1862
Randy Marcove (Past Pres.)	303-667-3663

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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.