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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Greetings

On a crisp October morning, with the sun just barely peeking over the horizon, **Paul Stratton** and **Frank Middleton** greeted members of the club. The real Optimists in the group were the stalwarts (maybe somewhat misguided) who were still wearing shorts, including **Ron Cisco**, **Lynn Jones**, **Al Gapuzan**, **Gary Miller** and **Eldon Strong**.

Good Morning Optimists

President Ed banged the gavel and called **Harry Johnson** to the podium to give the invocation, after which introduction of a number of guests took place.

Guests

Our guests for today were: **Roland Mease**, guest of **Leo Hagele**; **Steve McGinty**, guest of **Fred Paster-nack** and currently and member of the Gateway Optimist Club; **Bob Stratton**, who currently lives in Grand Junction, but may move to Denver soon; and is the father of member **Paul Stratton**; and **Karen Susman**, introduced by **Bob Avery**, who was visiting our club to decide whether she really wanted to be a speaker at some point in the future.

Update

It was reported that **Tom Evans**, a charter member of the club has been diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment. Cards, notes and phone calls would be welcome.

New Member

One of our newest members, **Al Perington** (AKA "Phil's Father"), was inducted by **President Ed**. This



President Ed, on left, inducts Al Perington, while his son and MSOC past president, pins his dad with the OI new member pin.
Photo Don StJohn

also led to the burning question by **Craig Ely**, a newly appointed *Sergeant of Arms*: "How do you pronounce "indelible"? And, thereby requesting a \$1 fine. **Phil Perington** (AKA "Al's Son"), was presented with a recognition pin from Optimist International for bringing in a new member.

Announcements

MSOC Invoice: **Greg** (Where's my check) **Young**, our erstwhile treasurer, reminded people that it was the time of year when all good members of Monaco South get out their checkbooks and promoted that paying dues on an annual basis saves you big bucks. Dues statements should be arriving shortly. **President Ed** has set the example by paying his dues before he even receives a statement. Please remit ASAP and save!



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

Camaraderie Day Next Friday: Frank Middleton announced that next week would be musical chairs week, with seating assignments being made prior to meeting. This is an attempt to allow people to visit with someone with whom they might not otherwise become acquainted and to promote camaraderie.

Boy Scout Pumpkin Sale: Bob Avery reminded us of Boy Scout Troop 457's fundraiser selling pumpkins through October 31st at the corner of Belleview and Holly daily. He then announced that he was glad that he would be gone next week, because he is responsible for taking attendance and the seating confusion makes it tough to account for everyone.



Norman Rockwell Exhibit: Bob also announced that there would be an art exhibition, featuring some Norman Rockwell originals, at the Madden Museum in the Denver Tech Center on Saturday. This is in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts.

Diabetes Screening: Ron Gustas took a poll of those who might be interested in getting their finger poked as a test for diabetes, with the intention of having a speaker on that topic at some point in the future. There were enough "Yes" answers that Ron said he would make arrangements for such an event.

Holistic Community Living Center: David Lazaroff reported that his organization was not successful in obtaining one of the Pepsi Grants that he had previously talked about and that there was a possibility that, unless he could come up with \$25,000 within about six weeks, the house would be foreclosed on. If you can assist, please contact David.

Membership Roster Update: Craig Ely announced that he would be taking photos for the directory and that, if you don't like your picture, which appears in the current directory (or your picture isn't in the directory) you should see him immediately, since the publishing of the Directory is imminent. Craig also mentioned that those who have placed business card sized ads in the directory have seen at least a million dollar increase in their business. Talk to Tom Mauro to sign up.

OJ Junior Golf: Joe Marci read a nice note of thanks from one of the OIJGC participants Trey Kidd from Casper, WY, who finished 8th this year and is hoping to participate again next year. Trey shot 75-71-78 for a total of 224 for boys 14-15 of age.

Bowling Certificates: Joe also announced that he had obtained certificates for 1000 free games of bowling at AMF Bowling centers and offered them on a first-come-first-served basis to coordinators of the ten Super Citizen program school's we serve.

REMEMBER JUST ASK



From Optimist International

Danny Rodgers, President of Optimist International for 2010-2011, is trying something new this year. In an effort to strengthen the bond between the various Optimist Districts, while holding the costs down, Danny is holding "*Parallel District Conferences*" (PDC) at which members of contiguous districts will get together to discuss common problems and share ideas on how to solve them. This will be an opportunity for Optimist Members to communicate directly with the President and members of the Optimist International staff. There will be seven weekend conferences in all, beginning in October and ending in late November. These conferences will essentially replace the First Quarter District Board meeting, which is normally held in October. The Colorado/Wyoming District will participate in the Southwest Region conference, which will be held the weekend of November 12-14, in Dallas, TX at the Sheraton Dallas North Hotel. All members are invited to attend. More details can be found on the Optimist International website, www.optimist.org.

Since there will be no first quarter District Board meeting, Ron Benson, this year's Governor for the district will be holding "*Super Zone*" conferences, during which members will receive the training and information transfer that has taken place at the first quarter board meeting in past years. More details on this to follow.

For your information, officers for the Colorado/ Wyoming District for 2010-2011 are:

- Governor: Ron Benson – Wheat Ridge Optimist Club
- Governor Elect: Donna Priester – Academy (Colorado Springs) Optimist Club
- Secretary/Treasurer: Greg Young – Monaco South Optimist Club
- Lt. Governor Zone 8: Clara Sitter – DTC Optimist Club

A little twist on the Optimist Creed

What is Success?

To laugh often and much;

To win the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children;

To earn the appreciation of honest critics
and endure the betrayal of false friends;

To appreciate beauty;

To find the best in others;

To leave the world a bit better, whether by
a healthy child, a garden patch
or a redeemed social condition;

To know even one life has breathed
easier because you have lived;

This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Speaker: Don't Hurt Colorado, Amendments 60, 61 & Proposition 101

John Stoffel introduced our speaker for the day. Phil Fox is a representative of Coloradans For Responsible Reform (<http://www.donthurtcolorado.com/>), a group that is opposed to the three revenue reform ballot issues, which will be voted on in the upcoming election. Salient points of Mr. Fox's presentation:

- Amendment 60 involves major changes in property tax policies including \$1.2 billion decrease in public school funding
- Amendment 61 places restrictions on government borrowing, including prohibiting borrowing at the State government level
- Proposition 101 reduces several revenue streams, including elimination of specific ownership tax on vehicles, reducing state income tax rates, and elimination of all local and state fees on telecommunications
- 73,000 jobs will be lost if these items are passed
- Class sizes in public schools will more than double; extracurricular activities will cease
- Will cause a "permanent recession" for Colorado economy
- All 34 major Colorado newspapers have come out against these ballot issues
- Over 600 organizations, including Chambers of Commerce, BBB and others recommend voting "no" on these issues
- Nobody seems to know who is behind these ballot issues (Douglas Bruce?)
- Issues are essentially a rebellion against the ever spiraling costs of government and people's perception that government officials are attempting to subvert TABOR (Tax Payer Bill of Rights) legislation, by calling items which are actually taxes by other names, like "fees" or "special assessments"
- In spite of efforts of many groups to quash this movement, there is some likelihood that these measures may be passed by voters who are in a very bad mood



Photo Don StJohn

There was some lively discussion after the presentation and, even though most agreed that the ballot issues, as written, were probably not good for the economy of Colorado, many were supportive of the need for fiscal responsibility, both at the state and federal level.

Super Citizen Presenters for October		
Day	School	Presenter
14 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Les Larson
15 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Steve Kady
20 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Miller
22 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	John Stoffel
22 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Phil Perington
25 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Samuels	Bob Avery
27 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Joe Marci

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
10/15/10	Bob Avery & Joe Marci
10/22/10	Frank Ross & Fred Pasternack
10/29/10	George Vassilaros & Elton Strong
11/5/10	Russ Paul & Keith Gallaway
11/12/10	Jack Kitchell & Terry Shroyer

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IF A MAN YELLS "YOU LIE!" IN A ROOM FULL OF POLITICIANS, HOW DO THEY KNOW WHO HE'S TALKING TO?

Monaco South Calendar

- Oct 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Oct 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Oct 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado Supreme Court Election
- Oct 29 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - James Buckles, Executive Director, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Rocky Mountain Chapter
- Nov 5 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBD

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bob Safe	1995-96
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Tom Overton	1996-97
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
John Young	1982-83	Cy Regan	1999-00
Pat Bush	1983-84	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Don St. John	2001-02
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Jack Rife	2002-03
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Karl Geil	2003-04
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bob Avery	1989-90	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Walters	1991-92	Phil Perington	2008-09
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ron Cisco	2009-10

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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.

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