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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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### Good Morning Optimists!

#### Camaraderie Day. Deal Em'

**Frank Middleton** and his magic deck of cards, along with fellow greeters **Dick Cohen** and **Rich Wagner**, greeted us this morning. Seating assignments were designated by the number on the card you drew as a clever way to get the assembled to mix and meet new tablemates. Nice job Frank!

Wafting from **John Marino's** kitchen of "breakfast buffet delights" were pleasant scents of link sausage, honey cured ham, scrambled eggs, and fluffy flapjacks

accompanied by maple syrup, fresh fruit salad, and orange juice. Still the best deal for breakfast on this side of town. It should be noted that **Todd Olson** was 1<sup>st</sup> in line to get the feasting started. There was a small contingent of Purple Rockies T-shirt wearers this morning, **Tom Mauro, Randy Marcove, Ron Carlson, and Rich Mahony**. *Go Rocks!*



### Utterings from the Prez

**President Ron** gavelled down at 7:00 am sharp and **Jack Kleinheksel** presented the invocation, To Nobel for Anger.... There were no guests today.

**President Ron** sadly announced the passing of **John Moser** who had been attending meetings recently and will be missed by all. Let's keep John and his contributions to both Optimism and the community in our hearts.

### June Birthdays!

The June birthday boys: President-elect **Ed "Funhouse" Collins**, Dr. **Ed Frankhauser**, Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier**, **Greg "choo-choo" Hurd**, **David Lazaroff**, **Todd Olson**, **Mike Prete**, **Ron Roth**, **Terry Shroyer**, **Bryce "try to tell a joke" Slaby**, **Jason Sunahara**, **Bill Wells**, **Jerry "Chief" Whitman**, **Allen Yockey**, and **Frank Yount** were serenaded by one of the best worst attempts in recent memory of Happy Birthday in *A cappella!*



### Holistic Housing Project

**David Lazaroff** presented a plan for his Holistic Housing Project that entailed recruiting fellow Optimists to apply and vote for a \$250,000.00 challenge grant being offered by Pepsi Refresh Program, see <http://www.refresheverything.com/>. He is asking for about 4,000 votes per day to win one of the \$250,000 grants. He ask that Optimist's, their families, and co-workers around the country deliver 1,500 votes per day? That would be a worthwhile game to play! For more information see **David Lazaroff**, or call 303-236-9186 or 720-218-3254.

### Member Announcements

**OI Convention:** **Greg Young** encouraged everyone to spend a day or two at the OI Convention, July 8-10, 2010. See Greg for details. **Karl Geil** announced there were OI Convention raffle tickets on sale for a custom set of golf clubs to the lucky winner for only \$10 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$20.00.

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

**Ol Junior Golf:** **Joe Marci** reported there were over 150 volunteers at the two Junior Golf tournaments held at Boulder Flatirons and Fitzsimmons golf courses. There are 24 local Junior Golfers going to the National Tournament in Florida. The winner of the boys division shot a 67 and in the girls the winner shot a 69. Wow! Here is what Joe shared:

### Junior Golfers Excel in Optimist Tournaments

The Colorado-Wyoming District can be proud of the 24 golfers who scored low to win the right to go to the Optimist International Golf Championships next month. The low scorer was

Steven Kupcho with a 67 followed closely by Somin Lee with a 69. Each won the 16-18 division.

One of the 12-13 boys, Cole Anderson, scored an eagle on his way to winning that division. There were 158 golfers in the two tournaments held at Flatirons and Fitzsimmons Golf Courses.

Monaco South had many volunteers assist in the two tournaments including **Sewell Black, Bill Walters, John Stoffel, Ralph Pedersen, Russ Paul, George Vassilaros, Don Thomson, OC Larson, John Greene, Harry Fegley, Tom Hoch, Ron Cisco, and Joe Marci.** The Boulder and Tamarac Optimist Clubs had many volunteers as well. Bob Meyer of the Castle Rock Optimist Club co-chairs junior golf with Ron and Joe.

Thanks to those members who were or hole sponsors or banner sponsors, as we couldn't have done as well without your support.

**National Veterans Wheelchair Games:** **Rich Wagner** gave us follow up information on the 30<sup>th</sup> National Veterans Wheelchair Games at *Invesco*, starting Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. As you'll recall Julia Wagner and Kathy Foss O'Hare invited us to participate in this event back in March—see GUMS March 12, 2010. Attached to the e-version of GUMS is the *Schedule of Events*. All of these events are free and the organizer would really like to see lots of folks in the stands. Questions can be addressed to Rich or Julia at 303-362-5334.

Past Gov. George Buzick, reporting for HOBY Chair Paul Bernard, thanked Greg Young, Joe Marci, Karl Geil and Phil Perington for helping them by making the HOBY Convention at the Colorado School of Mines statewide Convention a successful weekend event.

**Tamarac Club's Krazy Race:** **Gary Laman** updated us on the results of the Tamarac Club's *Krazy Race*. **Eldon and Roxie Strong** and **Ed and Beda Collins** were the winners of the exciting and daylong race, culminating at the "winners circle" located in the Laman's garage. Prizes were not disclosed.

**MS Bicycle Ride:** **Don** "Listen up guys" **St. John** announced **Michael Chavez** has agreed to take the lead on the MS 150 next year. The baton was passed by long-time Chair **Bryce Slaby**. Let's all get behind Michael and make sure the transition



is a success. Many thanks and kudos goes out to **Don** and **Bryce** for their outstanding leadership and commitment to the MS 150 over the past years!

**HOBY:** Past Gov. **George Buzick**, reporting for HOBY Chair **Paul Bernard**, thanked **Greg Young, Joe Marci, Karl Geil, and Phil Perington** for helping them by making the HOBY Convention at the Colorado School of Mines statewide Convention a successful weekend event. Thanks to all!

**International Board Candidates:** It was announced that **President Ron** is running for The OI Board of Directors and we all need to get out to vote at the Convention. Money has been allocated for campaign buttons. My favorite proposal is a Mr. T & Cisco picture ... with Mr. T saying, "I'm voting for the A-Team!" See attached.



## Happy Bucks are Back

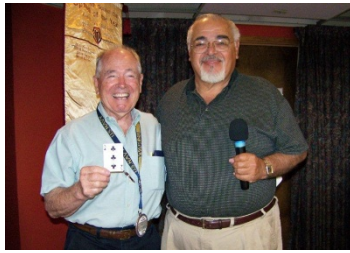
- **Jack Kitchell** is happy about the triplet grand babies that are on their way.
- **OC Larson** is happy because he is taking over the morning greeter program.
- **David Lazaroff** is happy because he woke up in time this morning.
- **Les Larsen** is happy because his 3-week vacation starts today.
- **Karl Geil** is happy because his wife, Lesley is back home and has a student that placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the National History Day finals.
- **Oscar Sorensen** is happy because we have national elections in November.
- **Tom Mauro** is happy because we have Ubaldo Jiménez in the rotation every 5<sup>th</sup> day.
- To which **Ron Carlson** is unhappy because Sports Illustrated has pitching phenom Steven Strasberg on the cover.
- **Frank Middleton** is happy (and amazed) that he got a hole in one and it only took him one shot.
- **Steve Wachter** is happy, happy, happy, that he sold a "big house!"
- **Russ Paul** is happy **Marlin Kent** has a new power scooter. Russ came across Kent at the King Soopers at the corner of Hampton and Monaco Parkway. Both had made their way by public transportation.

**Optimist International Ends Pursuit of 501(c)(3) Status:** A proposal was proffered by **President Ron** that due to OI's withdrawal of their application for a 501 (c) 3 IRS status we must amend our Articles of Incorporation and By-laws to reflect our status as a 501 (c) 4. A brief amount of discussion commenced and the motion was passed.

**Father's Day:** On this upcoming Father's Day it was noted that MSOC has two father-son members: **Dan & Bob Hugo** and **Phil & Al Perington**.

## Drawings & Meeting Closure

**The Pot Big Winner:** Ah the *Luck of the Irish*, \$190.00 and **Cy Regan** pulls the rabbit out of the hat! Way to go Cy. It should be noted that just before the drawing Cy had asked Bob Finkelmeier how much was in the pot, but do think he shared any of it? Sure Bob! Next we start anew.



Cy on the left, with President Ron.  
Photo by Don StJohn

**Breakfast Winner:** **Greg Young** wins the Poker chips drawing and gets free breakfast next week.

**This Weeks Super Market Sales:** After giving a heartfelt plea for more sales **Cy Regan** reports coupon sales of \$875.00. That's another \$43.75 for the general fund.



| Weekly Greeters |                                    |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Date            | Greeters                           |
| 6/25/10         | Frank Middleton & Howard Fry       |
| 7/2/10          | Rich Mahony & OC Larson            |
| 7/9/10          | Paul Greditsch & Jon Wachter       |
| 7/16/10         | Howard Fry & Jim Easton            |
| 7/23/10         | Frank Middleton & Frank Ross       |
| 7/30/10         | Terry Shroyer & Russ Paul          |
| 8/6/10          | Phil Perington & Al Perington      |
| 8/13/10         | Frank Ross & Les Larson            |
| 8/20/10         | Robert Wardlaw & George Vassilaros |

An **APHORISM** is a short, pointed sentence expressing a wise or clever observation or a general truth. Here are some 'gems'...

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
9. Scratch a cat and you will have a permanent job.
10. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. It could be a right number.
13. No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.
14. I've reached the age where Happy Hour is a nap.
15. Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.
16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
17. Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos? (And rap music will be the Golden Oldies!)
18. Money can't buy happiness — but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Yugo.

## Monaco South Calendar

|           |         |         |   |
|-----------|---------|---------|---|
| Jun 25    | Fri     | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim Royals, Teacher, Author, Photographer  |
| Jun 27    | Sun     |         | Bike MS - Multiple Sclerosis Fundraiser, See Don StJohn   |
| Jul 2     | Fri     | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Gerald Short, Water Conservation   |
| Jul 4     | Sun     |         | Independence Day  |
| Jul 4 - 9 | Sun-Fri |         | 2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games   |
| Jul 6     | Tue     | 6:40 pm | Optimist Day at Coors Field, Colorado Rockies vs. St. Louis Cardinals   |
| Jul 8-10  | Thu-Sat |         | 92 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Optimist International Convention, Sheraton Denver Downtown<br>Hotel: online registration @ <a href="http://www.optimist.org/reg/">http://www.optimist.org/reg/</a> |
| Jul 9     | Fri     | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper   |
| Jul 16    | Fri     | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day  |
| Jul 21    | Wed     | 6:30 pm | Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102   |
| Jul 23    | Fri     | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Shari Shink, Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center  |
| Jul 25    | Sun     | 6:30 am | Kids Cure for Cancer, Brent's Place Fundraiser, Washington Park   |
| Jul 30    | Fri     | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA  |

## Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

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| Tom Mauro       | 1985-86 | Jack Rife        | 2002-03 |
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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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