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Good Morning Optimists!

Our greeters this morning were **Frank Middleton** and **Tom McKee**. Thanks guys!

Invocation & Pledge

Don Thompson, who set up a terrific meeting for us this morning, also said grace and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome & Guests

We had some real special guests this morning, Al Perington, **Prez Phil Perington's** dad was here. Phil said his dad is going to become a member of MSOC. **Fred Pasternack's** guest was Gio voni Rmania, who is in Fred's Sales Pro club also. Welcome gentlemen and we look forward to having you in the club!

From the Editor on Utterings from Prez Phil

I am wondering if you guys really read this rag, or if you just look at the pictures, like you do with a Playboy magazine. Well I am having a small contest. Tell me which of the following musings by Prez Phil is from this week and which ones are from last week. ALSO tell me who you think that person is in the, "Can You Guess Who I Grew Up To Be?" from last week's GUMS. Email me, **Bill Walters**, at wwalters@workflowone.com. Next week I will tell you who won the \$25 King Soopers' gift card.

Prez Phil's Moments in History

- 1884 – First known photograph of a tornado near Rugby, ND.
- 1878 – American Bar Assn organizes at Sarasota, N.Y.
- 1958 – Hawaii becomes 50th state
- 1963 – Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech was given at Lincoln Memorial
- 1972 – First hot-air balloon flight over the Alps
- 1978 – Donald Vesco rides 21" long Kawasaki motorcycle at 318MPH

Announcements

Thank You: A thank-you letter was read from James Avery (**Bob Avery's** son) for the \$166 we donated to James' Eagle Scout project.

New Member: **Randy Marcove**, who has been very active in our club since he joined in 2007, was honored for bringing yet another member, Jerry Gilbert.

GUMS Editors for 2009-2010: Please give a hand to those who stepped up to be new editors for next year. They are:

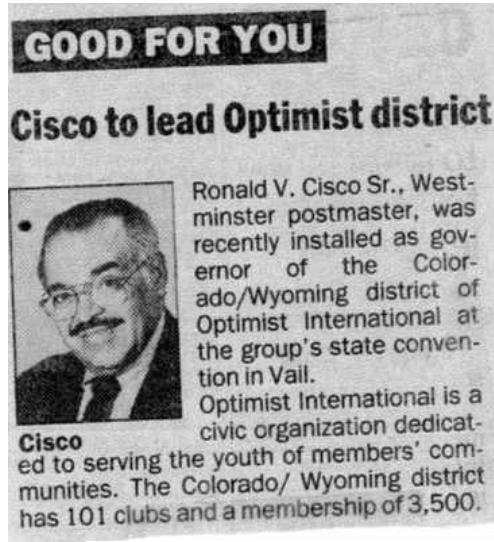
Ralph Pedersen
Phil Perington
George Buzick
Brian Williams, a new member
Bob Finkelmeier, editor-in-chief

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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 Continued

Incoming President: Ron Cisco, our incoming President, is getting ready to take over the reins from **Phil Parington**. Here is a newspaper article from 1991, when Ron was coming in as the Colorado Wyoming Governor. What a great year we had under Ron's leadership. Get ready for another great year!



Project Leaders Please Help!: Will all Project Leaders formulate your budgets for the next fiscal year and get them to **Greg Young** or **Ron Cisco**, asked Greg Young. Your project will be discussed and funded at the Board meeting on Wednesday, September 9th.

Honeymoon Weekend: An outstanding weekend is being planned for our second honeymooners on September 11th. For only \$138 per person you will enjoy a great weekend at Colorado Arlberg Club in Winter Park. The festivities will start with a Friday evening mixer and Bar-B-Q and end with Sunday Brunch. Lots of activities to choose from are available in between.

Brain Bowl: Karl Geil announced that the Optimist Brain Bowl will hold the 2010 tournaments on the following dates and locations:

- January 23, 2010 - Denver Metro area, location to be determined
- February 6, 2010 - Monarch High School in Louisville, Colorado
- February 20, 2010 - Colorado Springs, location to be determined.

The Optimist Brain Bowl is an academic contest modeled on the old GE College Bowl (for those of you who are too young to remember black and white TV, think of Jeopardy with teams), where teams of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students answer questions from all areas of knowledge. Each tournament needs 135 or more volunteers.

Members Hurting: Frank Middleton reported that in-coming District Treasurer, **Curt Jefferies**, is scheduled for open heart surgery at St. Joseph Hospital on September 3rd. And **John Young** said, **Bob Hugo** had back surgery on August 9th. Keep these gentlemen in your thoughts and prayers, please. Bob and Curt...get well soon!

Cy's Report: Cy Regan informed we purchased \$1,200 in Supermarket Card sales. King Soopers' cards totaled \$950 and \$250 went to Safeway cards.

Dog's Top 10 Pet Peeves, Submitted by a dog lover

- 10** How you act disgusted when I lick myself. Look, we both know the truth. You're just jealous. 
- 9** Dog sweaters. Hello? Haven't you noticed the fur? 
- 8** Getting upset when I sniff the crotches of your guests. Sorry, but I haven't quite mastered that handshake thing yet.
- 7** Taking me to the vet for "the big snip", then acting surprised when I freak out every time we go back! 
- 6** The sleight of hand, fake fetch throw. You fooled a dog! Whooooo Hooooooooo what a proud moment for the top of the food chain. 
- 5** Any haircut that involves bows or ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you're not home. 
- 4** Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose. Stop it! 
- 3** Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway? 
- 2** Yelling at me for barking. I'M A FRIGGIN' DOG! 

AND NUMBER

- 1** Blaming your farts on me...not funny...not funny at all !!! 

Program for Today, Super Citizen School Representatives

Don Thomson introduced our other special guests this morning and their MSOC representative. We all wanted to thank them for their involvement in our Super Citizen project. They were:

- Principal Heather Regan, Bradley International School. **Tom McKee**, MSOC representative
- Asst Principal Brian Truax, Hamilton Middle School. **Tom Mauro**, MSOC representative
- Principal Jim Kimbrough, Samuels Elementary School. **Kent Gloor**, MSOC representative
- Principal Martha Hachet, Slavens School. **Tom Hoch**, MSOC representative
- Principal Dana Williams, University Elementary School. **Jack Rife**, MSOC representative
- Principal Cari Reidliln, Lowry Elementary School. **Paul Stratton**, MSOC representative



Three schools principals could not make the program. They are:

- Principal Jim Metcalfe, Holm Elementary School. **Donlie Smith**, MSOC representative
- Principal Dr. Mike Deguire, McMeen Elementary School. **Don Thomson**, MSOC representative
- Principal Colleen McManamon, Most Precious Blood School. **Pat Sullivan**, MSOC representative

This important project is successful because of the great leadership of **Don Thomson** and the help of the following:

Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier**, prints the certificates and inputs all data for this project

Joe Marci, Joe schedules all the participants for the nine schools

Don St. John, one of the four photographers who document each event. Others include:

Marc Goodbody, Marc shows the smiles of the winners

Wyll McKallie, Wyatt captures the pride of the winning students' parents

Greg Young, is the photo journalist at the event along with the presenter

MONACO SOUTH MEMBERS - 95% (+/-) who sign up with Joe and give an inspiring talk to the winners and their supporters. Thanks to you all.

What a great program we have been doing for all these years. The Super Citizen program is one of those projects where you get more out of it than you put in.

This past year 617 certificates and Super Citizen T-shirts were handed out. In addition, some of the lucky Super Citizens from Samuels, Slavens, Holm, University Park, McMeen, Lowry Elementary; Bradley International; and Hamilton Middle School, were invited to participate in the Expedition Health at the Museum of Nature and Science. At the end of the school year one student from each school receives the coveted Charlie Korsoski award. This special award is named in honor and memory of Charlie, one of the founding fathers of the program back in 1982. Over the years the program has grown from three schools to the present day nine.



Photo by Don St. John

Monaco South Calendar

Sep 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Harry Fegley, The Other Side of Africa
Sep 9	Wed	7:00 pm	Budget Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
Sep 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - John Arigoni, Pres. & CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver
Sep 11-13	Weekend		Honeymoon/Getaway Weekend - Colorado Arlberg Club-Winter Park
Sep 15	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
Sep 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Sep 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
Sep 26	Sat	6:00 pm	Monaco South Year End Banquet —Blossoms Restaurant

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

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

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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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