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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimist

The Chill is going....

We were greeted this warmer than usual morning by new member **Tom Wos** who was happily and energetically waving the faithful in. As usual **John Marinos** had prepared a tasty breakfast of scrambled eggs, hash browns and delicious pork cutlets for all to enjoy.

It was another great early morning buffet and still the best deal in town.

First Bell

President Ed opened the meeting with our invocation by honoring the Optimist spirit of how we all make a small difference and positive impact by our service to others, speaking to the importance of how the pebble in the lake creates the ripples of impact, as they affect others.

Guests

There were no guest today, but **Fred Pasternack** made a feeble attempt trying to make returning long time member **Bill Wells** a "guest." Good to see ya Billy. (Fred sponsored Bill years ago.)

New Member

Fred Daniels was inducted as a new member and was surrounded by assorted Board members and Officers and Sponsor **Phil Perington**.



Photo Don StJohn

Presidents Announcements

Wives to Breakfast is just around the corner, next week in fact Breakfast will be at Citron Bistro located at Hampden and Yosemite (SW corner), to which **Greg Young** reminded

everyone that the meeting WILL NOT BE AT THE LEGION HALL.

Ed also reported **Ron Cisco** is in rehab for his knee surgery and will be returning soon. He also reported **Bill Walters** is completing his chemo treatment and for everyone to please keep Bill in their thoughts and prayers.

Ed then asked everyone to read the article in the newest edition of the *Optimist International* magazine, featuring Gov. Ron Benson. The article highlights his outstanding work on promoting the FOO (Friend of Optimist Program) in CO-WY District 25.

He ended by thanking everyone attending **Gerry Davis'** memorial service, with special thanks to **John Young** and **Donlie Smith** for their kind remarks and reflections. Over \$500 has been received in his name by the club, to be placed in our treasury for our Service to Youth programs.

Valentine Breakfast

Save the date: Friday, February 11th at 7:00 a.m. at Citron Bistro, 3535 South Yosemite. This is the site of the former Marie Calendar's restaurant, Yosemite and Hampden. Cost is \$13 per person; make your check out to Monaco South and give it to **Greg Young**. Call 303-759-3921 by Monday, February 7th.



Happy Dollars

It's been awhile since the HD bucket has made the rounds so this morning we had an invigorated compilation of happiness and dollars. **Prez Ed** noted that due to the lack of the Sargent at Arms petty and frivolous assessments, a new cash flow was sorely needed. So **Gary Laman** passed the spittoon bucket.

Jim Easton was grateful for the Girl scouts cookies. **Lou Lerner** was happy that his daughter has been accepted for a scholarship

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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****

Happy Dollars Continued

at Alleghany College. **Robert Wardlaw** is excited about the new snow in the mountains. **Paul Simon** is proud and happy with the recent marriage of his daughter. **Fred Daniels** is happy about his confirmation as a new member. **John Oss** is happy that his grandson is having a successful basketball season. **Kent Gloor**, recent skiing accident victim, is really, really happy the pain has gone away. In a moment of reflection and honor for a friend who recently passed on, **David Lazaroff** gave thanks for having known his buddy and being a part of his life. And finally, **Oscar Sorensen** was happy that he could help out by giving a dollar to his pal **Prez Ed** for his groveling of money for the Club (details later).

Announcements

Tri-Star Basketball: Gary Laman reported the *Tri-Star is Coming*, the *Tri-Star is Coming*, with a wink and a nod to **Karl Geil**. The event will take place at the Boys and Girls Club, 8th and Inca on Tuesday, February 8th at 4 pm. Be early to set up. Over 100 kids are expected so please try and help out. Gary also mentioned that the fine dining at the Hyatt Tech Center is a wonderful experience. We should all try it out, inasmuch as the chefs/staff do a tremendous job on Thanksgiving preparing the turkey and fixins' for the Boys and Girls Clubs.

Brain Bowl & Wine Tasting: Not to be outdone **Karl Geil** again reminded us of the Brain Bowl on Saturday the 6th and the Wheat Ridge fundraiser at a wine tasting event to be held at 3890 Kipling Unit E. Karl also presented a possible challenger for the worst read word at a Brain Bowl, currently held by **Fred Pasternack**. Fred holds that title based on his interpretation of the word "organism". The misread word "annals" was up for the challenge, but lost by a lopsided no vote. Fred is still the Champ!

Mega Model Train Show: **Greg Hurd** reported on the upcoming mega-model train show expo in Estes Park. *The Rails in the Rockies 2011* is February 19 & 20th from 9 am to 5 pm. It's a great place to take you family for an adventure in the history of trains for both collectors and aficionados. More information can be found at: <http://www.estesvalleymodelrailroaders.org/rails.htm>.



Booklovers Giveaway: **John Young** is asking for your help in downsizing his library of books. Many, many books are available. *FREE* to any good home! Come home with **John and Claire Young** after next Friday's meeting and select your books. Or come to an Open House on Sunday Feb. 13th between 1 and 4 pm. Wine and cheese will be served! Address is: 3621 South Peach Way.

Closing Bell

Weekly Drawing: The 10 of Spades was the card of chose today. Cups were glommed by **Nick Newey**, **Craig** (Watch yer' Step) **Eley**, **Paul** (Mr. Music) **Gleditsch**, **Bryce Slaby**, **Cy Regan**, and the ever present **Ron Carlson**. Unlucky card drawers were **Jim Easton** and **Jon Wachter**. Sorry Guys! Keep the pot growing. Tickets are only 50¢

Name Badge Drawing: Poker Chip drawing for wearing a name badge was won by **Terry Shroyer**, but the luck stopped there. No cigar Terry, better luck next time!

Closing Creed

The Creed was led by Mr. Baseball, **Tom Mauro**.

Breaking News

The Hamilton Middle School 7th graders won the championship round in the very close and well contested Final Round of the Brain Bowl on Saturday. The final score was 13-9. There will be full coverage of the day's happenings in next weeks edition of GUMS.

Photo of the Week

Paul Stratton shared this photo of his son Luke and Dexter Fowler at the Fan Fest event at Coors Field on Saturday, January 22nd. Paul says, "Nearly all of the players and coaches were there to rub elbows with the season tickets holders. The day was filled with self guided tours of the clubhouse and the Rockies own museum, along with four autograph sessions." Go Rockies!



A bit of Humor



"REPEAT AFTER ME: AT LEAST WE DON'T GET HURRICANES...
AT LEAST WE DON'T GET HURRICANES... AT LEAST..."



Our Speaker

New member **Fred Daniels** introduced our guest speaker, Perry Jowsey, Development Director of Freedom Service Dogs. Website: <http://www.freedom servicedogs.org/>.



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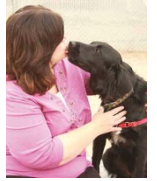
Freedom Service Dogs (FSD) was founded 24 years ago as a result of a 16-year old high school student on vacation in Mexico having become a paraplegic due to a swimming accident. The 1st FSD service dog brought comfort and aid the young man and he is now leading a positive and productive life.

Perry also told us the story of a young girl suffering from M.S. who was given a Service dog trained to pull her up and assist her in getting out of bed every morning. Something she had never done before until her new friend and companion arrived on the scene. Cerebral Palsy, diabetes and spinal bifida patients are also beneficiaries of the program.

Another remarkable program FSD provides is intensive training—dogs to injured veterans returning from combat, many of them still on active duty soldier. Dogs are trained to help them with prosthetics and mobility issues. CBS News recently featured a special report on the program. You can see that video clip on their home page. As of the first of the year, ten dogs have been provided to date. Training costs up to \$25,000 and takes 9-10 months. Dogs between the

age of 1.5 and 3 years are the best qualified. He also noted that all potential service dogs come from animal shelters. Not only does the client benefit but the dogs they are also given a new lease on life. The preferred breed is lab-mix but all dogs between 60-90 pounds are used.

In 2005 only 4 dogs were placed compared to 27 dogs in 2010. There are currently 35 people on a waiting list which can be up to 18 months. Prison K-9 dogs are being used to help with a 10-12 week training regime. Perry recalled the heart-warming story of a 9 year old girl with cancer who had endured an intense chemo therapy treatment and was in need of a companion dog. She started the "Stink Bug Project" named after her treatment and proceeded to raise money by selling dog biscuits. She was successful and now has a service dog.



FSD takes no government funding and relies solely on the private sector for financing. Their budget this year is 1 million dollars. The major portion of their money goes to training and placing Companion Dogs. There are volunteer opportunities for helping train and walking dogs. There is also a need for Foster Homes while the dogs are in school.

It was decided that all the Happy Dollars and added donations (\$146) would be presented to FSD. A copy of FSD's *Winter Quarterly Newsletter of Freedom Service Dogs* is attached with this issue of GUMS.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
2/11/11	Les Larson, Al Gapuzan, & ?
2/18/11	Neil Atkinson, Frank Middleton, & Doug Arnold
2/25/11	Terry Shroyer, Gary Miller, & Joe Marci
3/4/11	Jim Easton, Les Larson, & Harry Johnson

Super Citizen Presenters for February

9 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Joe Marci
16 @ 2:30 pm	MBB	Howard Fry
18 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Les Larson
18 @ 9:00 & 10:00 am	Samuels	Gary Strowbridge
23 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Jack Rife
24 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Fred Pasternack
25 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Randy Marcove
25 @ 2:30 pm	Univ. Park	Bob Avery
25 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Bill Anderson

Monaco South Calendar

Feb 11 Fri 7:00 am Wives to Breakfast, Citron Bistro, 3535 South Yosemite
No meeting at the American Legion Hall

Feb 18 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

Feb 18-20, Fri-Sun Second Quarter District Conference, Hyatt DTC Hotel

Feb 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

Feb 26 Sat 7:00 am South Region Brain Bowl, Harrison High School, Colorado Springs, CO

Mar 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

Mar 11 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

Mar 16 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

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.