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Good Morning Optimist

Early risers **Jim Vanderkamp** and **Gary Laman** greeted members and guests on this moderately pleasant January morning and the first day of 2011.

Guests

After **Todd Olson** gave the invocation and lead the pledge to the flag, a number of guests were introduced, including Lynn Woods, whom **Paul Simon** met at the tree lot; Doug Arnold, friend of “**Dr. Bob**” **Finkelmeier**; and Mike Short, by **Phil Perington**. President **Ed Collins** also introduced Jim Stires, a former club member, who returned for a visit. Here for the second time with **Freddie Paster-nack** was James Riley, who recently moved to Denver after living in Steamboat Springs for a number of years. James is a master plumber and is in the process of starting up his own business. Welcome to all!

Did Prez Ed Say Bill's!

Most people don't welcome bills, but the three who showed up today were special, as we haven't seen them for a while. **Bill Jaynes**, **Bill Carpender**, and **Bill Wells** all graced us with their presence today, having been among the missing for a while. Welcome back and hope to see you a bit more frequently!

Announcements

Thank You: Prez Ed said that he had received a postcard from the *Autism Society*, thanking the club for our donation to their cause and announced that the *Boys and Girls Clubs* were having an open house on January 23rd to thank us for the Thanksgiving Dinner.

President Ed also announced that he had received several donations in memory of **Cy Regan's** wife, Pat who passed away on Christmas Day. We hope to have Cy back among us soon.

Brain Bowl: Karl Geil announced, as only he can, that the Brain Bowl is coming and that it will have more teams this year than ever. Karl said that, because of the number of teams participating, it was extremely important that we have full support of Monaco South (which we always have) and that at least 130 volunteers were needed to properly staff each of the 3 separate events.

Destination Imagination: John Stoffel said that Destination Imagination needs some judges and that his daughter, who has coached teams for a number of years would be here after the meeting to explain what this is all about. D.I. is an exciting event and a great experience for both students and volunteers. See John if you are interested.

Member Update: According to **Frank Middleton**, **Kent Gloor** was seriously injured by a wayward snowboarder and has a torn ACL, a torn MCL, and a blood clot in his leg. He is resting at home and would welcome telephone calls, cards, etc.

Bill Walters: After being home for a few days Bill wasn't feeling well and his temperature spiked. So his doctor readmitted him to Lutheran Hospital on Saturday. *With antibiotics and receiving red blood cells he should start to feel better. This is all to be expected during the course of chemotherapy*, states his daughter Toyna Hardman. Please continue to pray and send along good thoughts.

Ralph Pedersen: This month's GUMS editor, Ralph, is now out of the hospital and recovering at home from a bout of pancreatitis and would appreciate you staying in touch. Give him a call at: 303-759-3384. Thanks to **George Buzick** for filling in.



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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

Stock Show Update: Freddie "The Cowboy" **Pasternack**, in full western regalia, announced that the Stock Show was in town. Freddie also announced that he had renewed faith in the Broncos and would resume giving Bronco reports. Thanks Fred!



Liberty Day: Andy McKean, our "Liberty Day" guy, announced that, for the first time in history, the entire United States Constitution was read by various members of Congress, including the Colorado delegation. Andy also urged members to participate in the annual "Marade," which is held in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday, celebrated this year on Monday, January 17th.

A Second Report: Bryce Slaby announced that he had been in contact with **Bill Walters**, who is undergoing chemotherapy and who, because of his weakened immune system, must limit his contact with others, but who plans to return to meetings as soon as he is able. Bill too, would appreciate phone calls, cards, etc. You can also join his Bill-WaltersUpdate CarePages website at www.carepages.com. You will need to set up an account (email address and password) to send Bill a message.

Closing Bell

Although many, including **Donley Smith**, **Ron Carlson** (twice), **Lynn Woods**, **Frank Middleton**, **George Buzick**, **Greg Young**, and **Frank Ross** were winners in the drawing today, nobody picked the card of the day and so—the pot continues to grow.

CO/WY District Update

Check out the Colorado/Wyoming website for most up-to-date information regarding various District events. Please go to www.optimistcowy.org for more information.

The exciting Colo/Wyo Optimist District 2nd Quarter Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 18-20, 2011, at the beautiful Hyatt DTC Hotel in Denver.

The Hyatt DTC has given all Optimists a GREAT room rate. All conference attendees should take advantage of these great rates for a fun-filled family "stay-cation." Cost for Friday and Saturday nights is \$75.00 per night. Each room has a 32" Flat Panel TV, home docking station, mini-refrigerator, and is beautifully decorated. There is an exercise room and pool/hot tub area.

To make reservations at the Hyatt call: 303-779-1234 or make reservations on the internet at: <http://resweb.passkey.com/go/CWOC2011>. Free self-parking is available in the parking garage.

First Lady Linda McDonald, has scheduled an exciting educational tour at the Wildlife Experience in Parker. This tour is open to all Optimists, spouses, friends and family. Those attending will carpool and leave the Hyatt on Saturday, February 19th, at 2:00 p.m. and will return by 4:30 p.m. The \$14.00 cost per person will include an IMAX film in addition to viewing the current exhibits and artwork.

Conference highlights include idea-sharing sessions for all Optimists on membership, fundraising, unique and new programs, and having fun through club fellowship ideas.

GREAT FOOD! The Hyatt DTC is famous for their excellent food. Please plan on attending the Awards Luncheon

and the Evening Banquet on Saturday, February 19th, as well as breakfast on Sunday, February 20th.



The Optimist Brain Bowl is a team academic competition for grades 6-7-8 in Colorado and Wyoming. The kids answer questions based on speed and accuracy related to math, science, history, computers, literature, and common sense. It's like "Jeopardy" with teams. It consists of three regional competitions:

- North Region: Saturday, January 22, 2011 @ Monarch High School, Louisville, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Central Region, Saturday, February 5, 2011 @ Overland High School, Aurora, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- South Region, Saturday, February 26, 2011 @ Harrison High School, Colorado Springs, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Optimist Essay Contest

February 28th is the deadline for submitting your club's winning Essay to the District Chair, Jean Shelton. This year's topic: "How My Education is the Key to a Successful Future"

Tri-Star Basketball

Tri-Star Basketball March 20th at the Pepsi Center combined with Optimist Day at the Nuggets game. Phil White is the District Chair.

A Blonde's Year in Review, shared by Ralph Pedersen

January

Took new scarf back to store because it was too tight.

February

Fired from pharmacy job for failing to print labels...Heellllooooo!...bottles won't fit in printer!!!

March

Got really excited...finished jigsaw puzzle in 6 months...Box said, "2-4 years!"

April

Trapped on escalator for hours...Power went out!

May

Tried to make Kool Aid...wrong instructions...8 cups of water won't fit into those little packets!!!

June

Tried to go water skiing...Couldn't find a lake with a slope.

July

Lost breast stroke swimming competition...Learned later, the other swimmers cheated, they used their arms!

August

Got locked out of my car in rain storm...Car swamped because soft-top was open.

September

The capital of California is "C"...isn't it?

October

Hate M & M's...They are so hard to peel.

November

Baked turkey for 4 1/2 days...Instructions said 1 hour per pound and I weigh 108!!

December

Couldn't call 911. "Duh"...there's no "eleven" button on the stupid phone!

Speaker Ed Reinhardt

Ed Reinhardt and his son Eddie were our speakers for today. It would be hard to find a more inspirational story than that told by the Reinhardt's. Eddie was a 6' 7" tight end for the University of Colorado when he received life threatening brain injury in a football game against Oregon State in 1984. Not expected to live (his mother had written his epitaph) Ed and his father tell the story of how the tragedy of Ed Jr. led to the reconciliation of Ed Sr. with his estranged father, and how, through perseverance and



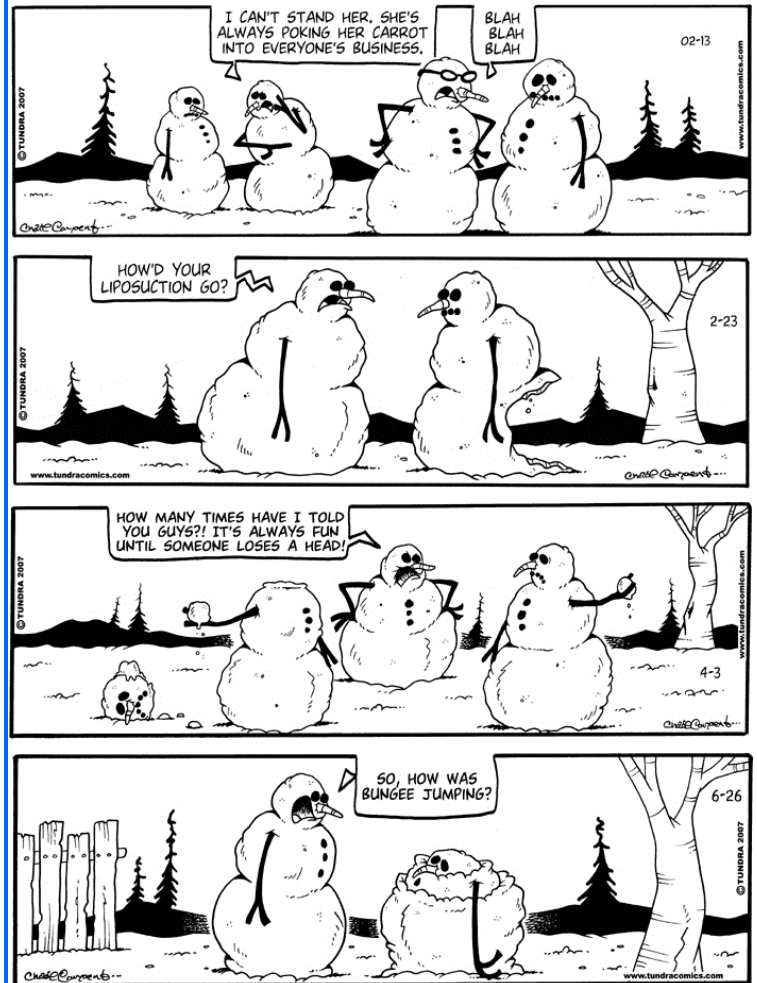
Team Reinhardt, Ed Jr. and Ed Sr. (From Buffalo Sports News, by Mark Collins).

untold hours of therapy, aided by over 140 volunteers per week for more than five years, Eddie, who was not expected to live, let alone walk or talk, is now an inspirational speaker. The combination of Ed Sr. telling about his relationship with his own father and Ed Jr. telling about his long road to recovery after 62 days in a coma, is a powerful comment on the strength of the human spirit and the importance of accepting help from others. Ed Sr. has written a book, entitled *You're OK, Kid*, which details both Ed Jr.'s recovery and Ed Sr.'s reconciliation with his own father. While Ed Jr. renditions of "Love Without End – Amen" and "I'm Proud To Be An American" will not win any Country Music Awards, they are a poignant reminder of the courage exhibited by the entire Reinhardt family.



Photo Don StJohn

Take Some Time and Laugh a Little



Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
1/14/11	Greg Hurd & Harry Fegley
1/21/11	Robert Wardlaw & Paul Gleditsch
1/28/11	Brain Williams & Greg Young
2/4/11	Robert Wardlaw & Ron Cisco

Super Citizen Presenters for January		
12 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Lynn Jones
19 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	George Buzick
21 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Phil Perington
26 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Ed Collins
28 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Joe Marci

Monaco South Calendar

Jan 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Monica Villa Lobos, Girls Inc.
Jan 19	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Jan 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Jan 22	Sat	7:00 am	North Region Brain Bowl, Monarch High School, Louisville, CO
Jan 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Steve Wooton, Colorado Cattlemen's Association
Feb 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Perry Jowsey, Freedom Service Dogs
Feb 5	Sat	7:00 am	Central Region Brain Bowl, Overland High School, Aurora, CO
Feb 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Sharon Cardelina, Arapahoe House
Feb 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Feb 18-20	Fri-Sun		Second Quarter District Conference, Hyatt DTC Hotel

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
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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.