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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist

Monaco South Optimist Club members **Curtis Boell** and **Robert Wardlaw**

welcomed us to breakfast on this **Memorial Day Weekend**, and most specifically on **Friday, May 23rd World Turtle Day!** The purpose of

*It's World Turtle Day...
And I just popped out
to hug you and say...
Have a great day!*



World Turtle Day, sponsored yearly since 2000 by American Tortoise Rescue, is to bring attention to, and increase knowledge of and respect for, turtles, and tortoises, and encourage human action to help them survive and thrive. Turtle Day is celebrated worldwide in a variety of ways, from dressing up as turtles or wearing green summer dresses, to saving turtles caught on highways, to research activities.

Frank Middleton was celebrating World Turtle Day not by dressing us as a turtle, but by dealing cards—it is also **Bob Avery's** Favorite Day! Switch'em up, and follow your card to the marked table and your seat assignment to make taking attendance even harder. *Okay, get to know your neighbors!*

Invocation & Pledge

Our Invocation was delivered by Chaplain **Bob Coulson**, who encouraged us to honor and thank veterans today and always on this Memorial Day weekend. By officially honoring those who died in wars from the Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, Invasion of Afghanistan, Invasion of Iraq, etc. Followed by leading us in the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

Memorial Day History

As shared by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, "Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5,



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans—the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)—established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C."



Announcements

Honor Club: **Tom Mauro** feels strongly that we should be a honor club! Talk up the club and let's get some new members.

Korsoski Award at Hamilton: While **Tom** had the microphone, he reported on a successful Hamilton Middle School Super Citizen presentation Thursday night with **Karl Geil**. **John Oss** was snapping the photos as they presented the Charlie Korsoski Award. See photos on next page.

MSOC 2014-2015 Instalation Dinner: **Paul Simon** announced that Saturday, September 20th will be the club's installation dinner. **Curtis Terry** our caterer will be providing the meal, and the dinner will be held at the events center, 32nd and Federal Boulevard. More details will be forthcoming.



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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

JDRF Gala: Dick Cohen announced that the JDRF Gala, held May 17th, was a great success! Over \$450,000 was raised at the event. Thanks to those who volunteered and helped with the set up: **Wyatt McCallie, Michael Chavez, Phil Perington, Craig Eley, Ron Gustas, Russ Paul, Paul Simon, Pat Bush, Mark Metavia**, and of course **Dick**.

MSOC Board Proclamation: John Oss, president elect, reported from the board meeting held Wednesday, May 21st, that a motion was passed stating, "Each board member will identify three new member candidates and bring them to a meeting or an event by mid September." The motion is intended to stir membership into going out and recruiting people for the club. Honor Club here we come!

HOBY Youth Leadership Seminar: Paul Bernard says the HOBY Youth Leadership Seminar is taking place on June 7th. Over 200 high school sophomores from Colorado will be there. See Paul for details and please sign up to help. Also see <http://www.hoby.org/>.

Hamilton Super Citizen: Karl Geil makes the Hamilton Middle School Super Citizen presentation.



Dime-A-Day: Fred Pasternack received one more Dime-A-Day check! Not only was Fred excited about that, but he also was thrilled that **Robert Ward-law** tracked down and returned Fred's "missing" nametag. Editor: Member have already been struggling to remember what to call Fred. May be now he can get a chance at winning the pot if he is wearing his name tag.

Drawing

The pot has grown to \$110! If your ticket was called you could take a shot at the deck of cards, looking for the Queen of Spades, aka Bedpost Queen, Calamity Jane, Black Maria, Molly Hogan, Pallas Athena, or Fanny Kaplan (otherwise known as the Queen of Spades).

Frank Middleton and **Robert Duvall** went in search of, but alas, she was not to be found. Cups went to: Bob Avery, Ron Cisco, Phil Perington (everyone knows he can't draw), Steve Kady, Fred Pasternack (who claims he never wins), and Karl Geil. Rod Winget was proudly wearing his nametag, but the queen escaped him as well.

What Happens When You Clean House

Past president **Randy Marcove**, claims he was cleaning house when he came across a citation certificate for **Jack Rife**, who served as Honor Club secretary during the Marcove regime 2011-2012. So of course a presentation was made, although a bit past due.



Randy, left, finally makes the proper recognition to Jack Rife, OCMS Honor Club secretary.

Photo Don StJohn

Closing Bell

Our Creed was kicked off by **OC Larson** as the Thomas Jefferson High School Essay Contest winners joined in, "Promise Yourself...."

A Bit of Humor

Since final week is near: A student who made a zero on an exam. Can you do any better?

- Q1. In which battle did Napoleon die? *His last battle*
- Q2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed? *At the bottom of the page*
- Q3. River Ravi flows in which state? *Liquid*
- Q4. What is the main reason for divorce? *Marriage*
- Q5. What is the main reason for failure? *Exams*
- Q6. What can you never eat for breakfast? *Lunch & dinner*
- Q7. What looks like half an apple? *The other half*
- Q8. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea, what it will become? *It will become wet*
- Q9. How can a man go eight days without sleeping? *No problem, he sleeps at night.*
- Q10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand? *You will never find an elephant that has one hand.*
- Q11. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have? *Very large hands*
- Q12. If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it? *No time at all, the eight men already built the wall.*
- Q13. How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it? *Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.*

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS MONACO SOUTH NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

We need 15 new members to achieve honor club. So bring your friends, neighbors, sons or grandsons... get them to join and receive a discount on your next year's dues. Don't forget, for only \$100, you can make them a *Friend of Optimist*, and it counts too! See Greg Young for details.

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2013-2014 OCMS Essay Contest Winners

Jack Kleinheksel introduced our guests, but first started by thanking the judges for this year's Essay Contest. They were **Tom Mauro, Craig Eley, and Keith Gallaway**. **Wyatt McCallie** was the committee chair for the contest, but today he was out of town.

Thomas Jefferson High School Principal **Suzanne Sherer**—back for her second week in a row—gave us some of TJ's highlights of the year, as graduation is coming up next weekend at DU. TJ has had the highest enrollment in DPS, and many graduating seniors received, collectively over \$2,000,000 in scholarships, \$50,000 in athletic scholarships and three Bill Daniels Fund Scholarships. She gave a big THANK YOU to our club!



TJHS Principal Suzanne Sherer shares the schools achievements.
Photos Don StJohn

Amber Wilson, the AP English teacher, reported that this year saw 50 students in the program, but that is swelling to 81 next year. The three essay contest winners in attendance are in that program. They are:

Gabrielle (Gabby) Strauss (1st place winner) says that she is going to CSU this fall to study psychology. She was in attendance along with her mother and grandmother. She is also a former Super Citizen! She shared with the



Gabby Strauss, center, with her mother left, and grandmother right, recognized for her winning essay, "How Dreams Lead to Success," by Jack Kleinheksel, left, and Jon Wachter, right.

club her winning essay "How Dreams Lead to Success," citing the perseverance and vision of leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Gandhi and Amelia Earhart. Very well spoken, as well and well written!

Elizabeth May (2nd place) brought her mom along.



She plans to get a job this summer and then go to Metro for two years then plans to move over to CU Denver to study 3D computer programming. She is also a two time Super Citizen recipient from her elementary school days.

Melissa Duran (3rd place) told the club that after



graduation she will work as a medical interpreter for one year and then go to art school to study film and photography. Her goal is to open her own studio.



"How Dreams Lead to Success," by Gabrielle Strauss.
Photo Don StJohn



Super Citizen Presenters for June

June 3 @ 12:45	McMeen	Rob Gardner
June 5 @ 9:30	Holm	Donlie Smith
June 6 @ 2:00	Univ Park	Bob Avery

Be a Super Citizen Presenter
See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203
gardnerrb@gmail.com

Weekly Greeters

5/30/14	Ron Cisco & Pat Bush
6/6/14	John Oss & Tom Glazier
6/13/14	Frank Ross & Craig Eley
6/20/14	Karl Geil & Jeff Johnston

Need Friday morning greeters,
see O.C Larson, 303-797-7432 or
larson1942@comcast.net

May 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
June 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Lixin Zhang, Acupuncture
June 7	Sat	6:00 pm	HOBY Colorado Leadership Seminar at Colorado Christian University, see Paul Bernard
June 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Michael Cheroutes, Sr. Manager, Colorado Dept. of Transportation
June 18	Wed	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

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

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Cy Regan	1999-00
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Stan Cohen	2000-01
John Young	1982-83	Don St. John	2001-02
Pat Bush	1983-84	Jack Rife	2002-03
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Greg Young	2007-08
Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
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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.