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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist



Optimist Club Meeting March 21, 2014 Spring is officially here and **Rob Gardner** and **John Swick** greet us this morning.

First Bell

President **Jon** rings the bell and asks us to greet our fellow members enthusiastically. Followed by Chaplain **Bob Coulson** gives the in-

vocation this morning telling members of the symbolism that spring represents. Bob then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Guests

President **Jon** asks for any guests this morning. **Craig Eley** introduces **Harry Arkin**, who says he was an Optimist 50 years ago. Harry tells us "lawyers should never be given a microphone." Craig did give him an application. **Joe Marci** introduces **Max Rush** who put in 15 hours at the Tree Lot this past season and was a big help delivering trees.

Welcome Back

Doug Morton and his lovely wife **Marilyn**, are here—good to see you back Doug! Others who have been gone awhile—**Jack Rife** is back from the desert, welcome back Jack! Additionally, **Frank Middleton** was back. Frank thanked all of the members for their cards and support he received during his period of bereavement with the loss of his son.

Election 2014-2015

Oscar Sorensen takes the microphone and begins the Election Day process. Incoming President **John Oss**' nomination is formally announced and the motion from the floor car-



John Oss
Photo Craig Eley

ried unanimously to make John the Prez. The same is recorded for Vice Presidents **Craig Eley** and **Don Iley**. For the new Board of Directors members elected are **Cap Hermann**, **Pat Bush**, **Tom Glazier**, and **Barry Barker**.

Sad News Loss of A Charter Member

It was learned on Friday afternoon, that **Richard (Dick) P. Daly**, one of the club's charter members passed away that morning. Services for Dick will be this coming Friday, March 28, with a Rosary at 9:45 a.m. and funeral services at 10:30 a.m., at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 2250 South Harrison Street. Dick was an active member of the club until his diabetes and congestive heart problems overcame him. He leaves a daughter, Lisa Clare, and son, Gregory Joseph.



Announcements

DTC Optimist Wine Tasting: **Tom Overton** tells us he is in the third week with the new knee and recovery is going well. DTC Optimist Club is hosting their annual wine tasting from 2-5 on Saturday afternoon, March 22 at the Citron Bistro.

Hamilton Middle School Super Citizen: **Tom Mauro** recaps the Super Citizen assembly held last night at Hamilton Middle School. Fifteen Students were recognized by **Pat Bush** who facilitated the presentation. Tom along with **Karl Geil** helped present the students as **John Oss** took photos.

Do You Need the Directory Updated:

While **Tom Mauro** had the microphone he give a last notice for any members needing to change their information in the upcoming version on the Membership Directory.



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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



Tri Star Basketball: Jack Rife talks about the upcoming regional competition for the Tri Star Basketball on Saturday, March 22. This will take place at North High School. He wishes to thanks **Michael Chavez** for handling the previous events and his help on this project. The 2014 Finals Competition takes place on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at North High School, 2960 North Speer Boulevard, starting around noon. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, place winners are announced and participate in "Nuggets Fan Tunnel" at the game, starting at 7 p.m. at the Pepsi Center.

CO-WY 3rd Quarter District Conference: Paul Simon announces the 3rd Quarter District Conference to be held at Denver West Marriott. The club will cover the cost of lunch or part of dinner at this event. Oratorical competition winners will give their speeches, as will Essay Contest winners. Additionally taking place during the conference will be a "Duck Pluck" that will aid the Childhood Cancer Club. See related story.



First Junior Golf Outing: Joe Marci announces the first golf outing to support Junior Golf which will be held Monday, June 2. Those wishing to golf and support the cause, see Joe to sign up.

Colorado Alzheimer's Association: In addition, Joe Marci shares that on Wednesday, March 26, members can have lunch with the governor and support the Alzheimer's Association. There will also be proclamations from the Floor of the House and Senate. Wear purple to show your support and raise awareness for this disease that is projected to affect 10 million boomers in the coming years. See Joe for details.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Follow-up: Gary Strowbridge recaps the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the "Pooper Scooper Patrol," which took place last Saturday. Members who helped include **John Oss, Tom Hoch, Harry Fegley, Jim Tapp, Russ Paul, Pat Bush, Tom Glazier, JR Gieck, John Swick,** and a



big **Thank You** to **John Young** for the use of his truck. Additionally, thanks to **Tom Hoch**, for the annual 2014 Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade video clip at <http://vimeo.com/10241449>.

After the St. Patrick's Day Parade: Steve Kady shared this photo that he captured after the parade. The editor is not sure where they were at the time.



Youth Congressional Awards: Bob Coulson



talks about the Youth Congressional Awards project. Members who have contacts with schools or youth programs please pass those along to Bob so he can follow-up and present this program to them. The awards are aimed at youth 13 years and older. More can be learned about the program by downloading the attachments from the GUMS distribution email.

Looking for Legos: Fred Pasternack is looking for new and used Legos to give to Rangeview Optimist Club. They are collecting them to give to kids dealing with tough circumstances. To purchase new Legos visit their official website at <http://shop.lego.com/en-US/#shopxlink>.



Super Citizen Presenters: Rob Gardner reports that the opening for presenter's at next week's Bradley International Super Citizen assembly has been filled. Editor, not sure who that might be. More chances to participate for upcoming SC events will be coming up in April, the 16, 18, 22, and 25th. Contact Rob.

Carpenters Cupboard Food Pantry: John Swick makes a plea for the Carpenters Cupboard Food Pantry, which provides food for those in need. The pantry feeds over 5,000 people per week and are trying to locate financing for a new building. See John for more information on how to help.

Duck Pluck: Are you a lucky duck? Here is your chance to turn that into a prize. **Paul Simon** presented the CO-WY Optimist District's annual fund-raising event for the Childhood Cancer Campaign (CCC), a "Duck Pluck" at the 3rd quarter district conference at the Denver West Marriott on Saturday, May 3. How does it work? From the tickets sold, 100 ducks randomly will flock into the hotel pool. Then **Duck Pluckers** will jump in and randomly pluck ducks, round-by-round. Top prize is room and meals at the summer Optimist Convention in Cheyenne, WY. Second prize is room and dinner at the convention. Third prize is dinner at the convention or cash. As CCC, district chair **Patty Hasty**, vice president, Front Range American Cancer Association club points out, the big winner will be the **Childhood Cancer Campaign**. Tickets are \$5 apiece, or you can purchase a **Quack Pack**, 6 tickets for \$25; **Quackers Dozen**, 13 tickets for \$50; or a **Flock**, 28 tickets for \$100. You also can nominate a club member to be a Duck Plucker for \$10 – three anonymous donors already have contributed \$10 apiece to turn one club member into a Plucker and he or she will have to pay \$60 if they decline! See Paul for details.



Closing Bell

Do we have a drawing? Yes and there is over \$100 in the pot today with less than a full deck to draw from. Lucky ticket holders this morning with a chance to draw included **Dick Nickoloff, Ed Collins**, he also won last week, **Cy Regan, Jon Wachter, Jack Kleinhessel**, but again no winning card is drawn.

Optimist Creed

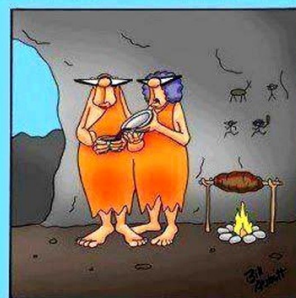
The members recite the pledge and we are left to enjoy the day with Optimism.

Promise yourself

To be so **strong**
that nothing can
disturb your
peace of mind.

Humor in Light of the Wine Tasting

WINE PAIRING IN THE STONE AGE



"Simple rule of thumb; if it tries to eat us, serve with red. If it runs away from us, serve with white."

File missing



Windows cannot find the file.
Would you like some wine instead?

Yes

No

Wine Aerobics



A SUPER CITIZEN

by Craig Eley

Two hundred and twenty one years ago this month, on March 2, 1793 Samuel Houston was born in Virginia. When he was 14, his family moved to Tennessee. Two years later Houston ran away from home and lived with a Cherokee tribe, whose chief adopted him. Houston was made a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and became fluent in the Cherokee language.

Houston fought in the War of 1812, during which he suffered arrow and bullet wounds, some of which plagued him for the rest of his life.

After the war he studied law for six months and then passed the Tennessee bar exam (*why did it take all the MSOC attorneys three years?*). In 1818, at age 25, he was appointed prosecutor for the city of Nashville. Four years later he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served two terms.

In 1827 Houston was elected Governor of Tennessee, but he resigned that office in 1827 after his wife left him. He later relocated to Mexican territory.

In Mexican Texas, Houston became an advocate for Texas

independence. He was appointed commander-in-chief of the Texas militia. Although severely outnumbered, Houston surprised the Mexican army by attacking during their siesta (probably taking a lesson from Washington's crossing of the Delaware River on Christmas) and defeated Santa Anna on April 21, 1836. The Mexican general had no choice but to agree to Texas Independence.

Houston was elected the first president of the Republic of Texas in September of 1836. Following the admission of Texas to the Union, in 1846 he was elected to the U.S. Senate. He served as a senator until 1859, at which time he was elected Governor of Texas.

In 1861, two weeks after Texas joined the Confederacy, Houston was removed from office because he refused to take an oath of allegiance to the confederacy. He was convinced the South could not prevail, and he wished to avoid the wasting of hundreds of thousands of lives.

Houston died at age 70 before the end of the Civil War, never learning how right he was. Part of Houston's legacy is the never-equalled distinction of having been a citizen of three different nations, serving as a U.S. congressman from one state, a U.S. senator from another state, the governor of two different states and the president of a foreign country. Sam Houston was not perfect, but he was nevertheless super – a super citizen.

Super Citizen Presenters for March

Mar 28 @ 9:30	Holm	Fred Pasternack
Mar 28 @ 12:45	McMeen	Mark Metevia
Mar 28 @ 3:00	Bradley	?

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

Weekly Greeters

3/28/14	Al Gapuzan & Jim Vander Kamp
4/4/14	Nick Newey & Tom Hoch
4/11/14	Barry Barker & Michael Chavez

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

Monaco South Calendar

Mar 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Ken Broermann, Aurora Youth Options, Mentoring Program
Mar 31 Mon Winter Park Ski Day - See Bob Avery
Apr 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - John Young, Optimism in our Lives
Apr 11 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA

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

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
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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
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Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
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Mark Metevia	1994-95		

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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.