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Good Morning Optimist

Greeting us this fine early Spring morning were **John Oss, Ron Carlson, and Randy Marcove**. Smiles could be seen all around! Laughter was abundant and our mission was felt by all.

First Bell

President Ed Collins promptly clanged our morning meeting bell at 7:00. Proud Grandfather of Triplets **Jack Kitchell** led us in our Invocation, and then to our Pledge of Allegiance. The ensuing proclamation of, "Play Ball," and the smacking of high fives had such a nice ring now that the season has officially started.

Guests

Returning guest of **Fred Pasternack** was Plumber Phenomenon James Riley, who showed up with application and check in hand. Welcome James, and thank you Freddy! Avid fisherman Dave Leety was a guest of **Don Thomson**, and Past President (#19) Mark Metevia was in attendance for the second time in as many weeks. A warm and Optimistic welcome gentlemen!

Happy Bucks

Prez Ed passed around the Brass Cuspidor for Happy Bucks contributions for the benefit of Childhood Cancer Patients. Over sixteen of our members were willing to let us all know what was making them so happy. One of the more notables was **Nick Newey's** humble happiness declaration by announcing his plans to remarry. **Prez Ed** was quick to inform him that there are no refunds of Happy Bucks. Congratulations Nick, and thanks to all who shared!

Announcements

In Memory: President **Ed Collins** started our announcements by informing us of the funeral services for the late and Charter Member **Tom Evans**. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones. We also received a wonderful thank you letter from brother **Bill Walters**. It will be included later in the newsletter. Lastly, we received a nice Thank You Card from the staff of Bradley International School thanking us for our contribution towards the purchase of a park bench in recognition of their late Principal Heather Regan.

Kids Against Hunger: Paul Bernard shared that, along with himself, **Joe Marci, John Stoffel, Craig Eley, Russ "Vitamin King" Paul, Fred Pasternack, Bob Avery, Frank Middleton, and Jon Wachter** all participated in the recent Kids Against Hunger program. They assembled packets of nutritious food for children in Haiti and West Africa. *Word of note:* they assembled enough packages to feed 66,000 meals, shattering the previous record of 54,000. Great job guys!

Super Citizen Day: MSOC Matey **Don Thomson** told us that 67 Super Citizen kids from our Super Citizen grade schools went to see the Denver Museum of Nature & Science's Real Pirates exhibit. The kids were treated to some lunch booty catered by **John Marinos** and were chaperoned by our own landlubbers **Don Thomson, Don StJohn, Randy Marcove, Jack Rife, and Tom Hoch**. See the pictures from this field trip on page three.

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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

Project Breathe: Project Breathe will be kicked off on April 20th, so told 6-time Great Grandpa **Steve “Thump”**



Kady. A total of 44 oxygen masks/kits will be donated. The donation/ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Fire Station, 999 S. Birch Street. These kits include small, medium and large oxygen masks, tubing, instructions, and a protective bag. The goal of the project is for every fire house to have a kit, helping decrease the number of pet fatalities from smoke inhalation. See the Project Breathe story by [CLICK HERE](#).

Dedication: Dick Nickoloff announced an opportunity to dedicate the TJ Spartan Athletic Field in honor of to Dr. “Coach” Herman Motz a true friend of youth. Coach Motz taught Latin and English at TJ from 1968 through 1992. Dr. Motz was also the head football coach from 1976-1989 and is the last coach to win a state football championship for a DPS school. To make this dedication happen, supporters need to sign a petition. It can be found at [CLICK HERE](#).

The Ducks are Coming!: Greg Young announced the 7th Annual Denver Duck Drop benefiting our Southeast Denver Public Schools. There are some fantastic prizes for winning ducks, but you'll need to purchase a ticket to win! The event will be held on May 1st at George Wallace Park (Northeast Juncture of Bellevue and DTC Blvd). Festivities begin at 12:30 and the Ducks drop at 2:00. Please see Greg to purchase your tickets to sponsor a Duck: \$5 per Duck/\$20 for 5 Ducks. The five local Denver Public Elementary Schools that benefit are Bradley International, Holm, Samuels, Slavens, and Southmoor. The Denver Rubber Duck Drop has raised over \$88,000 in the last 6 years for the schools. It's a ton of fun!



Junior Golf Need for Volunteers: Joe Marci passed around the sign-up sheet for volunteers. If you have the time, sign up and enjoy an opportunity to help the program and watch our youngest and greatest golfers in the area.

Officer Elections: There still is time to throw your name into the hat to become an officer for the next fiscal year, but time is running out. Elections are April 22nd, so please let **Oscar Sorensen** know ASAP if you are interested. Candidates thus far:



President: Randy Marcove, Vice President: Frank Ross (to keep Randy in line), **Directors: Paul Gleditsch, Allen Pierce, Fred Pasternack, Al Perington, and Jim Tapp.** We need more candidates, so please consider participating. Certain perks include nifty lapel pins, additional camaraderie, and an interesting behind-the-scenes perspective. Sign up! No voting by proxy, so be in attendance April 22nd!

9 Health Fair: Please join us for the 9HealthFair at Schlessman Family YMCA this April 17th between 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and see your MSOC brothers in volunteer action! None will be drawing your blood, but they will be able to assist you!



Rangeview Optimist Club: The consummate Optimist, **Fred Pasternack**, announced the Rangeview Optimist's fund raising and fun breakfast event scheduled for Saturday, April 30th at the Applebee's restaurant at I-225 and Iliff. Come for a delicious breakfast while supporting another Optimist club. (Editors note and offer: Your Editor will sponsor two tickets to this breakfast for the first person that can tell him the name of the horse in Gaelic or it's Anglo translation that



Paul Revere rode while making his famous declaration the *British are Coming.*) Please see Fred for details and tickets to this yummy event.

Get your Ugly On: Master Photographer **Craig Eley** brought his camera to take pictures of new members or any that wanted an updated photo in the next edition of our directory. Rumor had it that he brought his special lens to make us all MORE handsome!

Bill Walters' Thank You Note: “Dear Monaco South Brothers: Thank you so much for all your prayers and support. I played the video and really appreciated the humor... Really up-lifting.”

Got out of the hospital this week and now I must wait for 2 to 3 weeks to get another bone-marrow biopsy. My brother John (in Chicago) is waiting to come to Denver to be a donor, but my cancer must get below 20 (they really would like 10) units of traceable cancer before they will do a bone-marrow transfer. So far they got to 25. So we are pushing forward to get below 20.

Your prayers, emails, and support mean so much to me. God Bless you all! Bill.”

Closing Bell

Drawing Today: The lucky card was the Six of Diamonds for a pot of \$20. Lucky cup winners were **Craig Eley, Karl Geil, Ron Cisco, Frank Ross, Tom Mauro**, and Lady-luck strikes twice **Karl Geil**, again. **Ron Carlson** took an unlucky shot at the pot, as did **Joe Marci**. Name Badge wearing **Don Thomson** came up empty as well at the pot. Better luck next week!

Grocery Card Sales: Cy Regan reported a grocery card sales total of \$875 for the week. Important news: Treasurer **Greg Young** informed us that within the next week or two, we will be switching over to a new reloadable grocery card from King Soopers. It will be available for purchase at our club for either \$25 or \$50 initial values, and then may be reloaded for up to \$500 dollars at any King Soopers Customer Service Center. Each time the card is reloaded, our club will receive 5% of it's value. PLUS, you may reload it with your Rewards type credit card, and receive that value too - Double-Dipping at its best! Can you imagine how this feature could cascade in benefits for the club if it was given away as a gift? Start your gift planning now!

Closing: Led in the Optimist Creed by **Donlie Smith**. Spring is in the air—it makes it much easier for us To look at the sunny side of everything...! Have a great week!

Gems of Wisdom: We Think

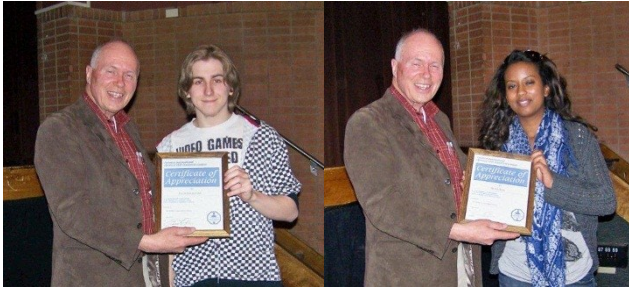
- I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- Borrow money from pessimists... they don't expect it back.
- Half the people you know are below average.
- 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.
- All those who believe in psycho kineses, raise my hand.

From the work of Steven Wright

Guest Speaker, Oratorical Contest Winners

We were honored today to have the two First Place winners for the boys and girls divisions in our Oratorical Contest. Thanks to the ceaseless and selfless efforts of **Keith Gallaway**, we were honored to hear the winning speeches presented by Junior Talon Louisgnont and Senior Danite Reda, both from Thomas Jefferson High School.

Their theme for this year was, "If I was the leader of the Free World." Talon provided an engaging and convincing presentation that we should consider nuclear fission as the panacea to solve our global energy crisis. Danite's perspective was focused on Human Rights and that we all are created equal and should be treated as such to achieve world peace. Both of these outstanding pupils are straight A students and at the top of their respective class's. They also won the Denver Urban Debate League competition. Next week they both will be competing in New York City at the National Urban debate. Good luck Talon and Danite! "*Oratory is the power to talk people out of their sober and natural opinions.*" - Joseph Chatfield



Keith on left, presenting Talon Louisgnont his certificate of recognition.

And here, presenting Danite Reda her certificate of recognition.

→ On the right is the panel of Oratorical judges. The panel includes, front row L to R, Lew Lerner, Craig Eley, Paul Simon, Phil Perington & Greg Young. Back row L to R, Bryce Slaby, John Oss, Keith Gallaway & Don StJohn.



Pictured above and to the right are some of his 67 super citizens' at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science's Real Pirates exhibit. Super Citizen coordinator Don Thomson is in the center above.



All photos by Don StJohn

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
4/15/11	Kent Gloor, Bob Avery, & Tom Wos
4/22/11	Frank Middleton, Woody Thibodeau, & Allen Pierce
4/29/11	Ron Carlson & Michael Chavez
5/6/11	Fred Pasternack & Doug Arnold

Super Citizen Presenters for April		
13 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Doug Morton
20 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Rich Wagner
20 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Strowbridge
22 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Frank Middleton
22 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Samuels	Nick Newey
29 @ 2:30 pm	Univ. Park	Bob Avery
29 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Howard Fry

Monaco South Calendar

- Apr 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Apr 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Apr 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Essay Contest Participants
- Apr 29 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado History Day
- May 6 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- May 6-8 Colorado-Wyoming 3rd Quarter Conference, Ft. Collins Hilton
- May 7 Sat 5:30 am Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry, Washington Park
- May 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Donn Eley, President & Founder of Brent's Place

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
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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.