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Good Morning Optimists!

Terry Shroyer and **Bill Turman** (oxygen tank in tow) greeted us this morning with wide smiles and warm handshakes. You've got to hand it to Bill for wanting to greet fellow members in spite of some physical limitations. Thanks Terry and Bill! And thanks to **John Marinos** for the delicious cheese omelets he made today.

Invocation & Pledge

President Phil called the meeting to order and then called **Greg Hurd** to the front for the invocation.

He invoked the God of Encouragement to keep our optimism flowing in spite of difficult economic times. May we spread that ability to others with our example. Greg then led us in the Pledge of



Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Long may it wave. Remember D-Day tomorrow.

Guests

President Phil recognized new member **George Vassilaros** and old member **Lew Lerner**. At our table was **Mark Andringa** who has applied for membership. **Dick Zolman** and I add our enthusiastic recommendation for Mark's

membership.

Lew was circulating a petition to impound cars whose owners had an accident without insurance.

Kent Gloor was back! He thanked his fellow Optimists for their prayers, calls, cards, and visits while he was temporarily out of action. He said he is now "good as new" thanks to modern medical technology.

Don StJohn was missing; having a hip replaced. **Gary Miller** subbed at the cashier's table.

Utterings from Prez Phil

Randy Johnson has 300 wins. Be at Eisenhower Park tomorrow for the 6th annual Picnic with a Purpose. **Howard Fry** and **Randy Marcove** are running the event. A thank you note was read from a Korsoski Award winner. **Jim Easton** is updating our display board.

History Lesson for this Week

1876-bananas become popular in the US at the Centennial Expo in Philly, 1933-US goes off gold standard, 1940-first synthetic tire introduced in Akron OH, 1968-RFK shot after winning CA Presidential Primary, 1975-Egypt reopens Suez Canal, 1977-first Apple PC goes on sale, 1988-Tiananmen Square stand off.

Girls birthdays-Rosalind Russell, Angeline Jolie, and Dr. Ruth (Westheimer). Boys birthdays-Igor Stravinsky (Russian composer), Poncho Villa, Dennis Weaver, and Bjorn Borg.

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

Optimist Junior Golf

Joe Marci reminded us of the need for assistants at the two tournaments coming up. June 12th at Flatirons Golf Course in Boulder is for players age 14-18. That is an 11:00am shotgun start.

June 15th at Fitzsimmons Golf Course in Aurora is for players aged 10-13. They will have tee times beginning at 11:00am. Joe announced that Monaco South is sending 19 qualifying golfers to Florida for the International Tournament.

FREE Golf at Perry Park

Frank Middleton was signing up the duffers for a date in July (some Tuesday). The catch: listen to a half-hour pitch for an investment. Sounds like a great deal (a beautiful course) if you can get by the pitch!

Speaking of Pitches

Bryce Slaby gave a pitch for helping at the Bike MS Rest Stop in Longmont, Sunday, June 28th, starting at 7:00am. Put up tents, eat Three Tomatoes Catering food, and operate the Optimister (misting the cyclists as they pass by). Riders love it! All in a days work! We also will be passing out Three Tomatoes food to the 3,000 riders who are raising funds for Multiple Sclerosis.

Brent's Place

Paul Bernard announced that we are providing a pancake breakfast for the Brent's Place fund raiser at Washington Park on July 26th. There was also

something about HOBIE at the Colorado School of Mines needing a judge this weekend. Can you provide something in writing for us Paul?

Editorial

Shame, shame, shame! I was horrified a few weeks ago when I went to the coffee urn for a cup. No cups! Where are the cups? They are on the cashier's table to prevent members from sneaking a cup of coffee without paying. Shame, shame, shame! I couldn't believe it! We need an additional phrase to our creed: "too honest to sneak a cup of coffee without paying."

It also came to my attention this week that there is a certain table where conversations are going on during President Phil's introductions, AND during our guest speaker's time. Shame, shame, shame! Let's give some respect to our president and especially to our guest speaker.

Final Bell

The drawing this week went up to \$40, but no one was able to draw the Jack of Diamonds (is that in a song?). Next week \$50!

Cy Regan was disappointed, as we all should be, in sales this week of \$875. Please join me next week with a check for \$25 or more to help our club raise money for kids. We get 5% of sales!

Fred Pasternack auctioned off some tree/bush clippers that finally went for \$8 (Fred said he paid \$24.95). Fred keeps our meetings unpredictable, for which we thank him.

To recognize our Mothers and Fathers

- My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE: "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside I just cleaned."
- My father taught me RELIGION: "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
- My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL: "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
- My father taught me LOGIC: "Because I said so, that's why."
- My mother taught me MORE LOGIC: "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
- My mother taught me FORESIGHT: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
- My mother taught me IRONY: "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
- My father taught me about the science of OSMOSIS: "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
- My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM: "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
- My father taught me about STAMINA: "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
- My mother taught me about WEATHER: "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
- My father taught me about HYPOCRISY: "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
- My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
- My father taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION: "Stop acting like your sister!"
- My mother taught me about ENVY: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
- My father taught me about ANTICIPATION: "Just wait until we get home."
- My mother taught me about RECEIVING: "You are going to get it when you get home!"
- My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE: "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
- My father taught me ESP: "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
- My mother taught me HUMOR: "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me." My father taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT: "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
- My mother taught me GENETICS: "You're just like your father."
- My father taught me about my ROOTS: "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?" My mother taught me WISDOM: "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
- My father taught me about JUSTICE: One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

Speaker for Today

Dr. Arthur Liu, M.D., PhD, from Children's Hospital talked about pediatric radiation oncology therapy.

About 2,500 children in the U.S. die of cancer each year, second only to accidents. His department does chemo therapy, surgery, and radiation therapy for patients from Colorado and surrounding states. Almost always anesthesia is given to keep the child quiet during treatment. Cure rate is 75-80%; brain cancer 60-70%. This is compared to a 20% cure rate 20 years ago. Children's cancer seems to be predominant as brain tumors and leukemia.

Research is being done to improve treatment using clinical trials. The goal is to deliver treatment using less time so that the child will have more time with family. Another item of research is looking at genes of children who are hurt from radiology, to reduce that problem.

President Phil expressed our applause for Dr. Liu and Children's Hospital, and reminded us of Optimist International's interest, cooperation, and support in relieving children's cancer.

A Related Story

From *9News.com* (6/10/2008), *Little girl's cancer is one of 25 cases worldwide*, Kaeleigh Jane Beld, 7, was diagnosed with a rare type of tumor and has already had two surgeries, five rounds of chemotherapy and a more than a month of radiation. She is being treated by Dr. Arthur Liu, assistant

professor, radiation oncology at Children's.

"Kaeleigh has a very rare tumor. It's very uncommon to see this out of the brain or the kidney which is where it happens more frequently and even then it's quite rare. This is a tumor you only see case reports in literature," said Liu.

Katie Beld, Kaeleigh mother, estimates her daughter's treatment has now reached a cost of nearly \$500,000. She says she hopes insurance pays for most of it, but friends in Denver organized a fundraiser to help the family with the expense.



See the full story on *9News.com* at: <http://www.9news.com/rss/article.aspx?storyid=93391>
Related link: *The Children's Hospital* at: <http://www.thechildrenshospital.org/>.

Monaco South Calendar

Jun 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Laura Eley, Peace Corps and the Philippines
Jun 12	Fri		Optimist Jr Golf District Qualifying Tournament, ages 14-18 Flatirons Golf Course, Boulder
Jun 13	Sat		Holistic Community Living Center Fund Raiser - see David Lazaroff
Jun 15	Mon		Optimist Jr Golf District Qualifying Tournament, ages 10-13 Fitzsimmons Golf Course, Aurora
Jun 18	Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar, Room 102
Jun 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Jun 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Eddie Bryan, Union Station Past & Future
Jun 28	Sun	7:00 am	Bike MS Rest Stop - see Don St. John
Jul 8-11			Optimist International Convention, Kissimmee Florida
Jul 26	Sun		Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast, Washington Park
Aug 27-30			Colorado/Wyoming District Convention, Colorado Springs
Sep 11-13	Weekend		Honeymoon/Getaway Weekend-Colorado Arlberg Club-Winter Park
Sep 26	Sat	6:00 pm	Monaco South Year End Banquet— SAVE THE DATE!

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
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John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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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.

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