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Good Morning Optimists!

Steve Kady and **Kale Smith** were at the entrance today, happily greeting each one of us with a hearty “Good morning” and a firm handshake. These greeters are a pleasing way to start our meetings, and it carries on through the day. Thanks guys!

Invocation & Pledge

Tom Overton invoked God our Helper to help us spread the good word of Optimism, especially during these tough times. We can do this by our example to others in our circle of influence. Tom then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Guests

Randy Marcove brought his brother-in-law Frank, a general contractor. **John Moser** introduced Dr. Brian and wife, former speakers to our club. **Craig Eley** introduced Doug Brown, a former employee in the state legislature and presently president of the Downtown Lions Club.

It was good to see **Paul Simon** back, and also **Don St. John** after a successful hip replacement. **Gary Miller** remained at the cashier's desk.

Utterings from Prez Phil

“Eight in a row!” These were the words that **President Phil** greeted us with this morning. Alluding to the Colorado Rockies winning streak.

This merged into the singing of “Take Me Out to the Ball Game,” led by the beautiful baritone of our president. And actually it sounded pretty good for a change—according to some better than our rendition of “Happy Birthday.” **John Marinos** should have served hot dogs after that one.

(Ed. I attended the game Friday evening with my son Arne. Also in attendance were **Frank and Sandy Middleton**, and **Tom and Joey Mauro** who slipped in two rows behind us sometime after we were seated. We didn't know Tom and Joey were there until we heard, “SIT DOWN IN FRONT” from behind. Turning around, there was Tom with a big grin on his face. Now it's NINE IN A ROW!)

History Lesson for this Week

1812-Napolean invades Russia, 1849-the gas mask was patented in Louisville, KY, 1903-Niagra Falls incorporated as a city, 1939-Baseball Hall of Fame dedicated in Cooperstown, NY, 1944-First Fieseler Fi 103, better known as V-1 (German: Vergeltungswaffe 1 (German for “vengeance weapon”) reached London, 1964-Nelson Mandela sentenced to life in prison in South Africa, 1967-Israel wins Six-Day War & Supreme Court unanimously ends law against Interracial marriage, 1977-ground breaking ceremonies for JFK Library, 1992-women allowed to wear pants suits in US Senate.

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

Picnic With a Purpose

President Phil announced that the event went well. He specifically mentioned **Harry Johnson**, **Howard Fry**, and **Jim Easton** for their assistance.

MSOC Board Meeting

Thursday, June 18th @ 6:30pm., meet at District 4 Council Office, 3540 South Poplar Street, Room 102. (just south of Hampden Avenue) Everyone is invited!

In the Hospital

Tom Mauro, who worked with **Jim Piccinelli** for 25 years, reported that Jim has had a rough go of it recently. Severe pain brought him to the ER at Sky Ridge Hospital where the diagnosis was pneumonia and fluid on the left lung. They drained 1½ pints.

He was in Intensive Care for a few days, prior to surgery. A partial lung removal was anticipated, but not so. Other procedures removed infectious areas. He has been moved to a standard room where they are working hard to manage the pain, more painful than even heart surgery. He is having a hard time getting comfortable, but he is in good spirits now and excited to think that in a few months he will be feeling better than he has in ages. Wife Margaret says, "We are thankful!!!"

Send cards to: Jim and Margaret Piccinelli, 5228 South Kenton Way, Englewood, CO 80111-3833.

HOBIE

Paul Bernard reported on the event, citing **George Buzick**, **Joe Marci** and **Greg Young** as able assistants. (Ed. If you want a better coverage of your event, please present something in writing.)

Steve Kady

Something about an event with motorcycle cops. Thanked President **Phil Perington** and **Russ Paul**. (Ed. This is the best I can do without something in writing.)

McDonald House

Russ Paul appealed for help in attaching beds to walls, a repeat performance.

Optimist Junior Golf

Joe Marci reported that 134 young players, age 14-18 were signed up to compete in the Colorado-Wyoming District Jr. golf qualifying tournament at Flatirons Golf Course, Boulder later today. (Ed. The tourney went off without a hitch, almost, and no rain fell on our contenders!) Previously Joe announced that MSOC is sending 19 of the top scorers to Florida for the Optimist International Jr. Golf Tournament. On Monday a similar tournament will be held at Fitzsimons Golf Course for those aged 10-13.

MS Pledges

Bob Avery sent around a pledge sheet for Multiple Sclerosis. He is the lone rider from the club; **Fred Pasternack** finally admitted his age and lack of physical stamina for the ride of 150 miles. Fred did ride in previous events and probably donated a bunch of money himself. Thanks to Bob for continuing this worthy cause.

DENVER – 2009 Great-West Life Bike MS Ride: SOLD OUT!

The Colorado Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's 24rd annual fund-raising bike ride– the Great-West Life Bike MS, Colorado's Ride 2009, Presented by Sam's Club – has sold out for the second year in a row. More than 3,000 cyclists, are once again set to ride from Front Range Community College in Westminster to Colorado State University in Fort Collins and back on June 27 – 28, 2009 . Riders will enjoy the beauty of Colorado's Front Range while raising critical funds to beat MS as they ride the 150-mile route.

MSOC Volunteering for MS 150

Help 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.

LEXOPHILES (Lovers of Words), from your editor

- *I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.*
- *Police were called to a day care where a 3-yr-old was resisting a rest.*
- *Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.*
- *The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.*
- *To write with a broken pencil is pointless.*
- *When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.*
- *The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.*
- *A thief who stole a calendar got 12 months.*

- *A calendar's days are numbered.*
- *A boiled egg is hard to beat.*
- *A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.*
- *When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.*
- *A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.*
- *A will is a dead giveaway.*
- *Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.*
- *A backward poet writes inverse.*
- *In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.*
- *A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.*
- *The dead batteries were given out free of charge.*
- *A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.*

Speaker for Today

Craig Eley introduced his daughter Laura who spent two years in the Philippines with the Peace Corp. She reported that today was Independence Day for Filipinos—Independence from Spain. She started her presentation by showing a picture of herself receiving a Super Citizen award with her dad by her side. “That was when my dad had hair,” she confided. Elementary teacher training was her assignment, 80 individuals in the total group. That number was divided into 5 regional groups with 15 in each. She was in a group of 3 assigned to a specific town. Elementary schools have as many as 1,100 students, wearing uniforms.

The first year she assisted a 4th grade teacher, 30 in the class. Classrooms are “dismal,” especially as pertains to supplies. Students were instructed in the English language; they were very well behaved. She started a library, supplied by book drives back in the states. Parents were a big part of that. Students were not accustomed to reading for pleasure; she introduced that aspect of reading to the students. MSOC paid for dictionaries.

Laura put up a world map which the students colored by country and did a newsletter. At first she lived with a host family, later in a compound house, feeling very fortunate to have some of the necessities we have. English was taught in the summer between school years, including Scouts. She taught 2nd grade during her second year, during which her parents, Craig and Cindy paid her a visit. Craig was a hit showing off his digital camera and pictures. Some of the items seen: sugar cane, Jeepneys, trikes, karaoke, and nipa huts. Honduras is her next stop, lucky for them!



Final Bell

The 5 of spades was the card to pick, and **Harry Johnson** did it! He won \$50!

Cy Regan's report: \$1,175 in sales, bouncing back from last week.

Monaco South Calendar

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 20	Sat	Ronald McDonald House - see Russ Paul
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!

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bob Safe	1995-96
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Tom Overton	1996-97
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Pat Bush	1983-84	Cy Regan	1999-00
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Jack Rife	2002-03
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Karl Geil	2003-04
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
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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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