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Good Morning Optimists!

After the gala meeting of last week, today's meeting was relatively normal (whatever that means). **Al Gapuzan** and **Neil Atkinson** were our greeters, setting the stage for a warm and friendly meeting. **President Ron** kicked the meeting off by introducing "The Archbishop of Pueblo" (none other than our own **Tom Mauro**) to give the invocation. After giving the invocation Tom, who knows excellence when he sees it, commended Ron for his running of last week's meeting, claiming it could serve as a model for the way an Optimist Club meeting should be run. The ever humble **Mr. Cisco** actually blushed as the crowd roared its approval.

Guests

David Lazaroff introduced his guest. Originally brought up in the slums of the Philippines, now a principal organizer for a group which is raising funds to allow kids who are still living in extremely squalid conditions to attend school, Reggie Davis said that a \$20 donation would send a kid to school for a year in the Philippines, and that her goal was to get 350 kids off the street and into school. The ever generous **Freddie Pasternak** threw in the first twenty dollar bill and passed his own hat. The result, announced at the end of the meeting, was over \$400 contributed by MSOC members present this morning.

Les Sitter, Past Distinguished Governor and currently speaking on behalf of the Optimist International Convention to be held here in Denver at the downtown Sheraton Hotel, July 8-10, said that the



last time the Optimists had held their convention in Denver was 40 years ago and that if that was any indication of things to come, we should all take advantage of this one, 'cause most of us won't be around for the next one.

Les asked for volunteers to help chaperone the children's events, which include bowling, a trip to Elitch's and swimming at Pirates Cove. Expenses will be paid, so give Les a call and sign up! (303-734-7101). Attendance at the convention would also be a great way to support the candidacy of our own fearless leader, **Ron Cisco**, who is running for a seat on the OI Board of Directors. You can register on-line at: http://www.optimist.org/reg/ConvReg_Member.cfm.

Announcements

Recognition: **President Ron** announced that there were 14 members of our club present at last Saturday's dinner honoring Optimist International President Mark Shriver. This was the icing on the cake as OI President Mark, having visited our club the Friday morning before the dinner, announced at the dinner that if there was a way to clone clubs, he would certainly use Monaco South as the model.

Gateway OC Golf Tournament: Freddy, once again, made a plea for golfers for the Gateway Golf tournament of Monday, June 28th at Heather Ridge Country Club. Contact Fred at 303-758-3754.

AIDS Project: **Tom Mauro** thanked everyone who had left their jeans at the bar, stating that 30 pair had

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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

been collected for the AIDS project sponsored by Tom's daughter.

Tom also thanked those who had participated in this year's final presentation of the Hamilton Middle School Super Citizen Award, including **John Stoffel**, **Wyatt McCallie**, **Karl Geil** and himself.

9Health Fair: President Ron, on right, presented a certificate to **Les Larson** for his participation at the 9Health Fair. Also recognized, though not present were **Harry Fegley** and **Bud Black**.



Photo Don StJohn

Ronald McDonald House: Steve Kady has obtained a 10'x15' United States Flag to fly outside the Ronald McDonald House in central Denver. This flag is made of heavy duty material which will stand up to the weather conditions here in Colorado. In addition, **Jack Kleinhessel** has used his excellent connections to obtain a flag which has actually flown over the U.S. Capitol, which will be displayed inside the Ronald McDonald House. Steve is arranging a breakfast, at which Monaco South members will present these flags to staff and current residents of the House. The mission of the Ronald McDonald House, *...provides a home away from home for families of children being treated at area hospitals and supports community programs that serve the needs of children.* In March 2008, the 76,000 square foot facility, located at 21st and Ogden Streets, opened with the capacity to house 45 families a night. It sports 3 large kitchens, two laundry facilities, TV lounges, play areas indoors and out, computer rooms and a patio area.

Cheyenne Depot Days: Greg Hurd said that the events at Cheyenne Depot Days would be spectacular and there will be all kinds of train "stuff," including steam engines, rolling stock, and toy trains on display. The event will be held in Cheyenne on Saturday, May 29. Talk to Greg for more details.

Optimist Day at the Rockies: According to **Joe Marci**, there are still good seats left for the Optimist Day at the Rockies, which will be at Coors' field on Tuesday, July 6th. Rockies will be playing St. Louis and it should be a great game. Check with Joe for tickets. We're trying to get to 300 tickets sold, so the OI President can be announced on the field. Let's get out there and support both the Rockies and Optimist Junior Golf.

Sullivan Scholarship: President Ron presented certificates to the 2010 Sullivan Scholarship winners at a TJ High School Senior Awards Assembly on May 6th. Each \$500 scholarship check will be sent to the student's college for the fall semester. This

year's winners are: Rebecca Halt, Freddie Gidan, Malmona Fadlemula, Demetrius Allen, Sara Olan, Jessica Johnson, and Alden Weissfeld. This year's committee included **Tom Mauro**, **Oscar Sorensen**, **Ed Collins**, **Greg Young**, and **Joe Marci**. There were 15 applicants for the scholarships submitted by Ms. Tabitha Rocha, College and Financial Advisor at TJ. We will meet the students, their parents and representatives from Thomas Jefferson at our meeting on Friday, morning May 21th.

Bike MS, Colorado's Ride 2010: According to **Don St. John**, the bike ride to raise funds for

eradication of MS will be held June 26-27. In conjunction with the

Tamarac Optimist Club, members of MSOC will, as they have in years past, run the rest stop at Silver Creek High School on Sunday, June 27th, so reserve this date. Don will provide details as the event approaches.

Movers Wanted: Bill Litchfield, a CHARTER MEMBER of MSOC, is looking for volunteers to help him move out of his current abode, with plans to move to Charleston, South Carolina. Bill said he has several volunteers already, but could use a couple more. He's looking for people from about 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26th. Several people reminded Bill to keep on paying his Monaco South dues, as we do expect him to visit frequently. You can reach Bill at 303-782-0465 or by email at superopera@aol.com.



As you'll recall **Bill Litchfield**, center, played the Cardinal, in Opera Colorado's production of *Tosca*. This is the most recent picture we have of Bill. Others in the picture are, **Michael Chavez**, far left, who played a guard; **Bill Anderson**, second from left, another guard; **Greg Young**, right of Bill, served as a priest; and **Peter Dimond**, on right, a monk.

Pot Drawing: Those of you who are interested in winning big money should show up next week. Although several tried, no one was able to pick the Ace of Diamonds and thus win the \$130 pot. As the deck gets smaller, the chances of winning increase. You must be present (and awake) to win and you don't have much of a chance if you don't buy a ticket.

Our Speaker

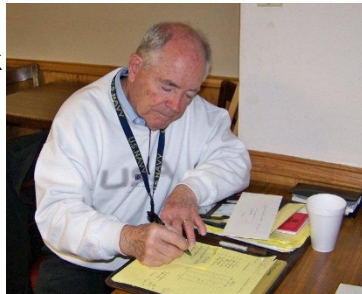
Paul Bernard introduced our speaker for the day, Linda Rhea. Linda, who happens to be a neighbor and friend of **Freddie Pasternak**, is a survivor of two bouts of breast cancer. During her presentation she urged all of us to “*Find the Fun and Thrive Every Day.*” This theme was created in the mind of Linda Rhea the day of her first Breast Cancer diagnosis in October, 2004. When told by the doctor that she had cancer, but that “*you will survive.*” Linda’s response was, “*No, I’ll thrive!*” See her mission is: Together we Thrive, When Life Happens, Don’t Just Survive....Thrive!

Linda is thriving and uses her experience to help others in similar situations take their journey with the same empowering beliefs. Linda passed out “Fun Bags” containing candies and small toys reminiscent of childhood as a reminder that it doesn’t cost a lot to have fun. Linda said that in order to “thrive,” you need a plan (which includes having FUN) and that in order to achieve anything, you have to be willing to take the first step. You can learn more about Linda and her philosophy of life by going to her website: <http://www.thriveeveryday.net/>.



Photos on this page by Don StJohn

This Weeks Super Market Sales: **Cy Regan** reported this week we had King Soopers sales of \$2,075 (maybe a new record) and Thanks to Cy for administration of this ongoing fund raising program. He sits right next to **Don StJohn**, photographer, project leader, and weekly cashier.



Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
5/21/10	Robert Avery & Woody Thibodeau
5/28/10	Nick Newey & Ron Carlson
6/4/10	Karl Geil & Jon Wachter
6/11/10	Randy Marcove & Paul Gleditsch

Some Thoughts From Your Editor

- *Both optimists and pessimists contribute to our society. The optimist invents the airplane and the pessimist the parachute.* - Gil Stern
- *A pessimist is a man who thinks all women are bad. An optimist is one who hopes they are.* - Chauncey Depew
- *Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope or confidence.* - Helen Keller

Super Citizen Presenters for May		
Day	School	Presenter
13 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Tom Mauro
20 @ 1:00 & 2:00	Lowry	Paul Stratton
26 @ 2:45 & 3:15	Univ Park	Jack Rife
28 @ 9:00	Samuels	Kent Gloor

Monaco South Calendar

May 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day with 2010 Sullivan Scholarship Winners
May 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Edward Cobb, Employer’s Support of the Guard & Reserves
Jun 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Clear the Bench Colorado
Jun 5	Sat		Annual Picnic at Eisenhower Park with University Park Neighborhood Picnic
Jun 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Carry Nolan, Multiple Sclerosis
Jun 11-13	Fri-Sun		Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar, Colorado School of Mines
Jun 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Jun 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Jun 27	Sun		Bike MS - Multiple Sclerosis Fundraiser, See Don StJohn
Jul 4 - 9	Sun-Fri		2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games
Jul 6	Tue	6:40 pm	Optimist Day at Coors Field, Colorado Rockies vs. St. Louis Cardinals
Jul 8-10	Thu-Sat		92 nd Annual Optimist International Convention, Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel: online registration @ http://www.optimist.org/reg/

**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
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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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