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Good Morning Optimist

On this sunny and brisk February morning **George Buzick** and **Steve Kady** are our greeters this morning. **Frank Middleton** stands along and passes out the playing cards to tell us where we are to sit this morning—it's camaraderie day! Your editor draws the #8 table and has a seat with **OC Larson**, **Harry Johnson**, **Rich Wray**, **Lynn Jones**, **Allen Pierce**, and **Mike McMahon**.

First Bell

President **Randy Marcove** rings the bell promptly at 7:00 a.m. and **Don Thomson** takes the podium and gives a special invocation. The invocation is written by *Ralph Waldo Emerson* and speaks about success. He then leads us in the pledge of allegiance.

From the Prez

Even though it is camaraderie day, it's a busy morning and there are lots of details to list, so let's begin. **President Randy** asks for guests and **John Young** introduces Mel Johnson, a fellow choir member and all around enthusiastic guy who is happy to be here. **John Oss'** grandson Brandon, who we remember from his work at the Tree Lot, has also joined us this morning. We welcome you both this morning. Thank you for coming. Please think about joining us!

President Randy then introduces and asks for February birthday celebrants to stand and prepares to lead us in the BD serenaded. Those February BD guys include: **Bob Avery**, **Ron Carlson**, **Craig Eley**, **OC Larson**, **Gary Miller**, **Russ Paul**, **Cy Regan**, **Frank Ross**, **Oscar Sorensen**, **Eldon Strong**, **Jim Tapp**, **Don Thomson**, and **Scott Walker**. With reading of everyone's names the chorus begins, with a re-



sounding rendition by the afore mentioned **John Young** and **Mel Johnson**. Well done gentlemen!

Plunge for Special Olympics: President Randy asked **Mike McMahon** to step up and update us on



Mike McMahon, in the center, jumps into the 35 degree water, along with 500 other people to support the fourth annual Special Olympics Colorado Polar Plunge. According to The Denver Post this type of event raised more than \$42 million worldwide for Special Olympics in 2011. In three years of Polar Plunges, the Colorado events have raised more than \$300,000. At right is Mike, along with his son, who is helping him warm up from the plunge.
Photos Kim McMahon

the Polar Plunge that he took part in last weekend. Mike reports that water temperature was 35 degrees with an air temperature of 20 degrees. The club supported Mike and raised \$800. Mike was very thankful for the support. Good job Mike!

Announcements

Need a Car Repair: Car care alert, if you have a vehicle in need of repair, our own **Jim Tapp** has an excellent repair facility close by—8000 E. Mississippi Avenue. **Harry Fegley** reported seeing one of the cleanest shops he has ever visited at Jim's place and first rate service. Check it out, your editor plans to stop by in the very near future.

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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 Update: Gary Laman recapped the Tri-Star basketball skills competition that was held this past Monday at Cope Branch Boys and Girls Club. They had a great turn out and the kids had a great time. Members volunteering include **Ron Cis-co, Pat Bush, John Greene, John Stoffel, Jack Kitchell, Frank Roth, Greg Young, John Young, Michael Chaves, Jon Wachter, Donlie Smith, Cy Regan, and Gary Strowbridge.** Thanks for your help gentlemen.



Photo courtesy Michael Chaves

2012 Second Honeymoon Weekend: Howdy Fry announced the Second Honeymoon will be the weekend starting July 20th in Winter Park and sends around the sign up sheet. More details to follow.

Another Election: Oscar Sorenson tells the club that elections for 2012-2013 officers and the board will be held in about a month. If you are interested in becoming a part of the new regime let him know.

Brain Bowl: Karl Geil updated us on the Brain Bowl, the next session will be held February 25th at Fort Carson High School. Volunteers are needed and **Russ Paul** needs a ride down, please make note.

Also, **Colorado History Day** is coming up and this will be another chance to volunteer. The Denver Public Schools regional competition will be held on Saturday, April 7th at Hamilton Middle School, and DPS provides a Judges' Training Workshop on Saturday, March 31st from 9-11 a.m. at 1330 Fox Street in Denver. If interested, see attached announcement.

Barbecue & Hoedown: Frank Middleton talks about the Western Hoedown and Barbeque, March 3rd, starting at 5:30 p.m. One of the biggest Hoedowns west of the Mississippi. This is a great chance for new



members to get to know some club veterans and have a great time as well, food is served, fun will be had, and all for a very reasonable price. Frank will be gone for next Friday's meeting, so members are encouraged to check with their spouses and bring payment payable to Frank and give to either **John Young** or **Craig Eley.** Put on your boots and come on down!

Help Bob & Dan Hugo: Bob Hugo announces that Dan Hugo and his family will be moving in with Bob.

They could use a few pick-up trucks and some strong backs for some of the heavier items, please contact Bob for times, etc.

Cherry Creek Theater: Dick Cohen announces that the second season for the Cherry Creek Theatre is fast approaching, March 3-25, 2012. The first season was a success. For the upcoming season *Proof*, a Pulitzer Award winning play by David Auburn, will be performed with discounted rates offered to MSO members for the evening performance on Friday, March 16th. According to Dick, the cast is outstanding, headed by Erik Sandvold who will play Robert. He is appearing courtesy of Actors Equity. Erik, and is a longtime member of the Denver Center Theatre Company and countless other shows. The part of Catherine will be played by Kate Avallone, who has recently performed in Miners Alley with the Boulder Ensemble Theatre. *Your editor plans to attend!*

Eagle Scout Dinner: Donlie Smith talks about another big event which will happen on Friday, March 15th, the *Eagle Scout Presentation Dinner* which our own Randy Marcove will MC. More details from Donlie are forthcoming.

District Speaker Chair: Paul Simon who is the speaker chair for the CO/WY District encouraged members who know of speakers to let Paul know. He also talked about the District convention last weekend held in Estes Park, and the presentation topic of social media and how it can help the club. If you have ideas join in or become a member of **LinkedIn** and the **Optimist International Club** group at: www.linkedin.com/groups. Visit and participate in discussions regarding attracting new members through this venue. More to come on this. Also, another call for volunteers for next week's session of the Brain Bowl.

OI Foundation Support: George Mills, past District Governor, who came to visit us, announced another entertaining evening and a chance to help OI Foundation. It is celebrating the 40th Anniversary with a Benefit performance on March 15th, at the Players Guild Festival Playhouse, curtain is 7:30 p.m.. Should be a great evening for a wonderful cause. For tickets call George at 303-360-7772.

Closing Bell

And with that the members had 5 minutes to comrade before the drawing and the saying of the creed.

In regard to the pot this week it was back to \$20, since **OC Larson** took home \$180 dollars two weeks ago. For this week we had no big winners and the pot will grow to \$30 next week.



What a meeting!

OCMS President Awards

As part of this camaraderie day, **President Randy Marcove** introduces **Mike Chavez** as Optimist Club of South Monaco, Member of the Quarter, for the start of this session. Also, **John Oss** is recognized as OCMS, New Member of the Quarter. Both have been very active in club activities during the past months.

Also, **Greg Young** was recognized at last week's COWY district meeting for his inclusion in the President's Club. **Ed Collins** was also recognized there as President of an Honor Club, both awarded with lapel pins. **George Mills**, past District President also thanked the club for their support and contribution for

the 2010-2011 year for Optimist International.

President **Randy** then recognizes former Denver Police Chief **Jerry Whitman** as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Jerry has served for four Mayor's and did so with distinction. Now Capt. Whitman tells us he is enjoying his work with the DPD SWAT team and will be retiring in a few years. He also mentioned in his new role he will make more time for attending more MSOC meetings and activities. Congratulations and thank you Jerry for your service to Denver and its citizens! Joining the former chief today was DPD District #3 Commander, and FOO's member, **Kris Kroncke**.



Mark Your Calendar
94th Optimist International Convention
July 12-14, 2012
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Sponsor a New Member
 If you know someone who shares the ideals of Optimist International, consider inviting them to join the organization and help "Bring Out the Best in Kids."



April is Optimist Internet Safety Month

Statistics show that 99% of all teens have access to the internet and 94% of students admitted to being cyber bullied and did not tell an adult.



The OI Internet Safety program was established in December 2008 with the focus of providing resources to educate both young people and their parents about potential dangers on the internet and offering information about safe practices while online.

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
2/24/12	Mike Chavez & Phil Perington
3/2/12	Tom Hoch & Joe Marci
3/9/12	Harry Johnson & Mark Metevia
3/16/12	Ed Collins & Woody Thibodeau
3/23/12	Craig Eley & ?
3/30/12	Don Thomson & Harry Fegley

Super Citizen Presenters for February		
23 @ 1:20 & 2:10 PM	McMeen	Gary Strowbridge
24 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	Univ. Park	Bryce Slaby
24 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Mike McMahon

Monaco South Calendar

- Feb 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Incarceration in Colorado, Steve Smith
- Feb 25 Sat 7:00 am South Region Brain Bowl, Carson High School, Fort Carson, CO
- Mar 3 Sat 7:00 am Championship Brain Bowl, Douglas County High School, Castle Rock, CO
- Mar 9 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado History Day, Kendra Black
- Mar 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Mar 17 Sat 7:00 am St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Mar 21 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Mar 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Safe	1995-96
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
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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.