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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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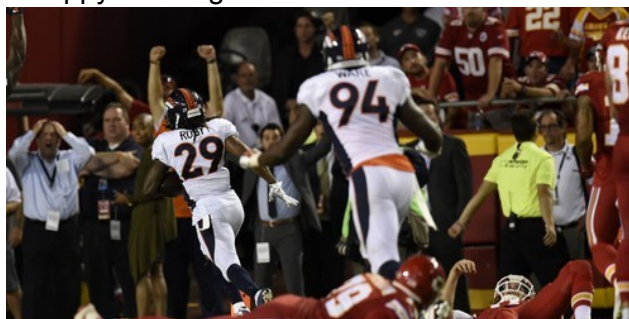
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Good Morning Optimist

Make those Miracles Happen ... **Broncos WIN!** It is a happy morning at Monaco South.



Cornerback Bradley Roby (29) of the Denver Broncos scores the game-winning touchdown as Chiefs players lay on the field during the second half of the Broncos' 31-24 win at Arrowhead Stadium. The Kansas City Chiefs hosted the Denver Broncos on Sept. 17, 2015. (Aaron Ontiveroz, The Denver Post)

Greeters

The Smiling Duo of **Randy Marcove** and **Al Gapuzan** were enthusiastically greeting the morning crowd of Bronco revelers and loyal Rockies diehards. It was a very good start to the weekend.

Morning Breakfast

The Buffet was complemented by fresh pastries + Winchel's donuts, scrambled eggs, sliced Virginia ham, tater tots, fruit, salsa, coffee, and tea. (Be sure to check-in with our new cashier, **Mike Miller**.)

Early Morning Camaraderie

President Elect **Don Iley** was making busy assisting Prez **John Oss** distributing handouts detailing upcoming club activities and events. Looks like a seamless transfer of power is in the horizon.

Bronco Orange was scattered with shirts worn by **Eldon Strong**, **Scott Walker**, and **Curt Boell**, while **Tom Hoch** adorned his jersey, **Mark Metevia** a hat, **Robert Duval** a jacket, and past prez **Jon Wachter**, plus Gov. **Abigail Nicholas**, and 1st Dude **Kent Gloor** each in District shirts (red, but almost orange). Not to be outdone **Ron Gustas** was wearing his daughter Elie's, "We're Blasting" TI-DOC t-shirt from the JDFR

Walk last Sunday.

O.C Larson and **Mike White** were sharing stories. FOO member **Leo Hagele** was visiting again, with new member **Don Roth**, and thanking **Jack Kleinhessel** for his new radio and in good cheer.

Having never recovered from his last haircut 15 years ago, **Craig Eley** said he was sporting a new look. Editor: *Could have fooled me.*

Donlie Smith was chatting up everyone getting ready for CU-CSU Rocky Mountain showdown. Editor: *That too turned out as an exciting game with the Buffaloes winning in overtime, 27-24.*

Mike Chavez meticulously filling in for uncle **Bob Avery** by taking attendance like a seasoned owl. Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** was selling drawing tickets like hotcakes, since the pot was worth \$50 bucks and only two cards were left for the drawing, and you could almost smell the adrenaline. The morning line on winning was 2-1.



First Bell

Meeting gavelled to order by President **John Oss** at 7 a.m. sharp. The Invocation was presented by **Jack Rife**, *Forget the mistakes of the past...* followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and cheers of "Play Ball!"

President **John Oss** announces their will be a simulated NOW (*New Optimists Welcome*) meeting this morning. Visiting Governor **Abigail Nicholas** will present a dissertation on the history and organizational evolution of the Optimist Organization both locally and internationally.



John Oss
Photo Steve Kady

Guests

Steve Kady introduced Paul Gibson, retired USAF Colonel. He said he had looked into our organization and was pleased to see all the work we do with kids and youth programs and was glad to be with us this morning. Editor: *Come join us Paul!*

Cosmos Agwu a business associate of **Don Iley** was caught in early morning traffic and missed the in

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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*****

Guests Continued

early morning traffic and missed the introductions, but will return again next week for his second visit. Editor: *Nice to hear that Cosmos, we would welcome you!*

Announcements

McMeen Elementary Kicks Off SC Program: Don Thomson shared that the first Super Citizen program is next week at McMeen Elementary School. In October we have seven schools with Super Citizen programs. Get on the schedule, talk to Dr. Rob Gardner, email gardnerrb@gmail.com or 720-263-6203.

JOOI Club at Brown Elementary: Jon Wachter added he is working with other members in an effort to build a JOOI Club at Brown International Academy at 26th & Lowell with Sue Williams, assistant principal, formally with McMeen and an Optimist member. We are talking with the Edgewater and Northwest Optimist Club's as co-sponsors.

Mile Hi Optimist Club: Michael Chavez shared that he attended their Installation Dinner and that it was their 99th year celebration and next year is going to be a special event for the District. Mile Hi was one of the eight original Optimist Clubs founded in 1916.

Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner: Donlie Smith recapped last years Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys and Girls Club, 3480 West Kentucky Avenue, and Girls Inc., 1499 Julian Street, and reminded everyone it was just around the corner. He then thanked all the standing volunteers for their annual commitment.

Again this year the DTC Hyatt will cook 700 lbs. of turkey, prepares ample amounts of mashed potato's and gravy, dressing, sliced green beans, and escar-got. (Editor, *well I was hoping for escargot. I love those little snails.*)

This years committee chairs are: John Swick & Robert Wardlaw, bread; Kent Gloor, pies; Barry Barker, Carl Brown, & Greg Young, transportation; Steve Kady, hot box delivery; Russ Paul, serving line; Keith Gallaway, drinks; Don Thomson, photos; Greg Hurd, banner; Don StJohn, Girls, Inc. coordinator, and Phil Perington, Boys & Girls Club clean-up.

JDRF One Walk to Cure Diabetes: Ron Gustas and Dick Cohen provided a big thank you to for the Walk held last Sunday. Ron offered a special *Thank You* to Jim Tapp for being a t-shirt sponsor for Ellie and Perry Ellen donated services as a chef for auction item paid \$5000. Get menu. See below....



OCMS Directory Update: Craig Eley by acclimation and with witnesses, proclaimed and personally guaranteed an earned profit of \$1,000,001 to anyone who places a business ad in the upcoming MSOC Directory for only \$25.00. See Craig if your name, info, and picture are not in the directory.



Alzheimer's Memory Walk: Joe Marci was handing out volunteer shirts for the Alzheimer's Memory Walk t-shirts for the Saturday walk. He then announced that the Entertainment books are in and all profits go into the Robert Sullivan Scholarship Fund. He also mentioned he has a few Rockies tickets for this years final home stand.

MSOC Installation & Celebration: Jon Wachter promoted the Installation Dinner coming up on Saturday evening and asked that we please do not wear shorts or spandex. Editor: *It came to our attention that cinematographer Tom Hoch is pulling together a memorial video of this event. Keep posted!*

From the Prez

Prez John Oss congratulated Mr. Baseball Tom Mauro and his wife Joie for their 44 year celebration of their blissful and devoted marriage.

Installation

Prez John Oss, shared that Gov. Abigail Nicholas will swear in incoming President Don Iley and club of-ficers. He also reminded past-presidents not to forget their Blue Jackets for the traditional march of the famous and lovable "has-beens." Editor: *Way too many to mention here.*

OCMS Website Update

Prez John shared that at the last board meeting a line item in the budget was made for Craig Eley, Paul Bernard and others, in making our website, <http://www.monacosouth.org>, more robust, attractive, and way more exciting. He mentioned there is a new tool named ClubRunner, <http://site.clubrunner.ca/>, being used by Rotary Clubs and other service clubs, that they are looking into.

Weekly Drawing

Ticket number 606 made George Buzick the lucky winner for \$50 finding the Five of Spades.

Cup Winners were: Craig Eley; Chris Dunphy; Harry Arkin, twice; Don Iley, and Scott Walker.



George Buzick
Photos Steve Kady

Closing Bell

Gov. Abigail Nicholas and 1st Dude Kent Gloor led recitation of the Optimist Creed, *Promise yourself*



Pres Elect Don Iley



Rob Gardner



Abigail Nicholas

NOW (New Optimists Welcome)

Prez John Oss facilitated a NOW member training session with testimonials

The presentation started with Gov. Abigail Nicholas providing a history of Optimist. MSOC still includes six charter members and is ranked as the #11 largest Club in all of the OI Organization worldwide. We can win back being in the top 10 with only a few more new members. See the list below:

1	42270	CHARLOTTE-MALLARD CREEK, NC	451
2	15640	GARDEN GROVE-ORANGE COAST, CA	311
3	24403	CENTERVILLE-NOON, OH	239
4	09103	MENOMONEE FALLS, WI	207
5	02030	BOYERTOWN, PA	197
6	04555	BFT-WARSAW, IN	181
7	38010	ARLINGTON, TX	165
8	13145	UPTOWN-GREAT FALLS, MT	151
9	12180	HIGHLAND, IL	149
10	33182	MECHANICSVILLE, MD	145
11	25164	DENVER-MONACO SOUTH, CO	143
12	41022	CORONADO, CA	143

*Membership numbers as of Friday, August 28, 2015

Let us get busy between now and the end of September to hit that goal.

New Governor Designate **Curt Merrill** shared some thoughts starting how becoming a member was one of the best experiences in his life. He met his wife Trish as a result and now finds himself as Governor of one of the most exciting and productive Districts in OI. Curt then shared with us the recent NOW Open House held September 18th at the American Cancer Society HQ for the benefit of our sister club FRACSOC-Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club. Invitations had been sent out, including 20+ by Charter member **Paul Simon** and the turnout was quite good. The meeting took about 40 minutes to present and the result was 8 new members. The large amount of positive energy and effort expended created a very good ending to a night built around the NOW program. Without the leadership of Club President **Patty Hast**, Paul and other members, this never would have happened. NOW works if everyone helps pull the wagon. The 1st Qtr. Conference will have a special NOW Program Session. Please try to attend. See the registration form on the GUMS distribution email.

New member **Ross Parrent**, who will be sworn in formally in October received his welcome package and spoke suc-

cinctly, explaining the mission of his kids learning program "Hold us in your arms." It is the First Robotics Program to expedite cognitive learning concepts. It is also a Youth Mentoring concept, awarding older kids for successfully mentoring younger kids. Editor: *Welcome aboard Ross!*

Dr. **Jeff Gardner** shared a Super Citizen dissertation explaining how MSOC works with ten schools whereby teachers choose an exceptional student in their class to be honored with a Super Citizen award for good citizenship. The pride expressed by parents is very touching. Winners are usually given oversized t-shirts to keep wearing as they grow. This special award hopefully plays a part in developing leadership for the kids.

Donlie Smith talked about the Annual Eagle Scout Awards Dinner MSOC initiated under the guidance of Donlie and the Eagle Scout Awards Committee 10 years ago.

John Young testified that Optimism has been so wonderful to him and then shared how the Tamarac Club he helped build is approaching close to 100 members. "Optimism creates lifetime friendships and we all absolutely love Optimism."

Don Iley promoted how the ability to read the Creed with everyone especially on Friday mornings is one of the main reason he became a member. "The Creed determines my lifestyle and wellbeing."

Our Super Citizen program was president **John Oss'** entrée into Optimism. He also asks past Governor's and Governors to be to stand up and be recognized.

Gary Miller was thanked for his efforts at the tree lot and explained the work he does getting all the electrical installed and set up. **Steve Kady** for his magic in acquiring our mobile signs and **Bryce Slaby** for the Santa Haus. It was noted over 100 members work the tree lot every year under the guidance of Tree Lot Commander **Joe Marci** since 1978. Joe informed everyone that we might move across street to Wal-Mart this year and gave a big Thank You to Board members for being day managers. He also provided a Happy Note, that only 5 trees were stolen last year.

Weekly Greeters

9/25/15	Mark Metevia & Mike McMahon
10/2/15	Don Roth & Ron Cisco
10/9/15	Eldon Strong & Tom Overton
10/16/15	Jim Easton & ?

**Help, Help, Help — we need
Friday morning greeters,
see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or
jon_wachter@msn.com**

Super Citizen Presenters Sept. & Oct.

Sept 24 @ 1:00	McMeen	Pat Bush
Oct 9 @ 8:30 to 1:00	Holm	?
Oct 10 @ 8:00	Highline	?
Oct 10 @ 5:30	Hamilton	?
Oct 14 @ 1:00	Samuels	?

**Be a Super Citizen Presenter
See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203
gardnerrb@gmail.com**

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40th Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Sept 25 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Oct 2 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA & New Leadership
Oct 9 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Oct 16 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA



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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bob Safe	1995-96
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Cy Regan	1999-00
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Stan Cohen	2000-01
John Young	1982-83	Don St. John	2001-02
Pat Bush	1983-84	Jack Rife	2002-03
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Greg Young	2007-08
Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Gary Stowbridge	1993-94	Paul Simon	2012-13
Mark Metevia	1994-95	Jon Wachter	2013-14

2014 - 2015 Officers

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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.