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Editor for this Issue—Robert Wardlaw



Good Morning Welcome

With a slight overcast on this summer morning, we are thankful for the moisture we have been receiving. Our greeters, **Gary Miller** and **Ralph Pedersen** work their magic and greet everyone as they enter the meeting with a warm optimistic hello.

First Bell

President **Jon Wachter** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. and asks that we greet our neighbors with a smile and handshake, good to see everyone this morning!

Invocation

This month's GUMS editor **Robert Wardlaw** delivers the invocation this morning. The invocation asks that we have the strength to embrace the success of others. To not wish ill for them, but instead wish them a prosperous and blessed existence. He then leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and the meeting begins in earnest.



Robert Wardlaw
Photo Don StJohn

Guests

Prez **Jon Wachter** asks for any guests this morning and for the first time in recent memory, there are none. Please invite your friends to build membership.

From the Prez

At the most recent MSOC Board meeting this past Wednesday the board approved the application of **Bob Winterfield** and Jon asks Bob to come up to the stage and performs the swearing in ceremony. (Editor, another Robert, Rob, or Bob, joins us. ☺) This is the beginning of your opportunity to participate in the progress of our community and our kids. Welcome to the club Bob. Jon also mentions that the club has received the applications of two more prospective members and will vote on those soon.

Prez **Jon** also reports that **Jack Kitchell**, who is recovering from a hip replacement, had a fall recently



New member Bob Winterfield center, with MSOC VP & President Elect John Oss, left, and President Jon Wachter on right.

Photo Don StJohn

but is recovering. **Don Thomson** is home now and recuperating. We hope both Jack and Don are better soon and able to join us real soon.

Announcements

2014-2015 Super Citizen Program



Your GUMS editor, **Robert Wardlaw**, shares that this year's SC program is underway. We already have SC presentation dates from Hamilton, Highline, McMeen, MPB, and Samuels. We need the other dates ASAP from the other schools. School coordinators are **Randy Marcove**, Bradley; **Tom Mauro**, Hamilton; **Jim Easton**, Highline; **Donlie Smith**, Holm; **Paul Stratton**, Lowry; **Don Thomson**, McMeen; **Pat Sullivan**, MPB; **Kent Gloor**, Samuels; **Tom Hoch**, Slavens; and **Bob Avery**, University Park. Scheduling of SC presentations is again handled by **Rob Gardner**, and SC certificates are printed once again by Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier**.

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Celebrate Your Optimism Gala

MSOC installation of the 2014-2015 club officers will be **Saturday, September 27, 2014** at **Highlands Park Pavilion**, formerly Delmonico Hall, at 3220 Federal Boulevard, across from Highland Park.

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

2014 JDRF / ONE Walk: **Ron Gustas** tells us about the news he received 5 years ago yesterday. His granddaughter was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. Since that time Ron and his family have become very familiar with the disease and a couple items are coming up that require your attention.

Volunteers are needed to help stage the 2014 JDRF One Walk, raising research dollars to find a cure and improved treatment options for those with type 1 Diabetes. September 11th at 1 p.m. help is needed to load a truck with "Walk" materials from a storage unit located at 3333 S. Wadsworth Blvd. At 9 a.m. on Friday September 12, volunteers are needed at the main Coors Field parking lot to help set-up the small tents, hang banners, set-up staging tables and chairs, etc. If you are able to help out on either date please confirm with either **Ron Gustas**, by email rgustas@earthlink.net or **Dick Cohen** mccohen234@gmail.com. More information will follow.

2014 JDRF / ONE Walk Support: **Ron Gustas** also shared that you can also support this cause by sporting his granddaughter **Ellie's Diabetes Busters Team** or the **T1DOC Walk Team**. To do so, CLICK:
⇒ [Ellie's Diabetes Busters](#), or
⇒ [The T1DOC Team](#)

Monaco South 100% Day: **Craig Eley** tells us about the upcoming 100% day on Friday, September 5. On this date, the long-awaited line-up of players will gang up on **Karl Geil** for the "Are You Smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair" competition. **Tom Mauro, Don Iley, Jim Vander Kamp, and Tom Glazier** will be his challengers. Each possesses in-depth knowledge of a particular sphere of human endeavor, with which they will attempt to crush the courageous but lonely Karl Geil. During Brain Bowl competitions, Karl always seems to know the answers. Let's see how well he does when he doesn't have the answer sheet!

In addition, if the possible abject public humiliation of Karl is not enough to draw you to 100% Day, remember that for the normal \$7.00 price of breakfast you will be treated to steak and eggs. And, what will you dribble those eggs down upon? Your best Hawaiian shirt! Aloha shirts will be the official 100% Day uniform, and there will be prizes for the best in various categories. If you do not have such a shirt, do not worry—**Jack Kleinheksel** has promised to bring loaners from his world-class collection.

And, if even dribbling your food down someone else's shirt is not a big enough enticement, remember that after the meeting the traditional 100% Day photo will be taken by **Marc Goodbody**, who will require the patience of a saint. St. Marc's photo will live on in infamy in the archives of the Club, so you will want to be sure that your mug is in it.

But, wait, there's more! MSOC President **Jon Wachter** and former President **Ed Collins** will be taking the ice bucket challenge in the parking lot after the Club photo. They are inviting any other Club members who crave the chance to help raise money for

ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) to join them. Even if you do not choose to have ice water dumped on your head, this will be a spectacle you will not want to miss!

Alzheimer's Walk Help: Cap Hermann announces the need for volunteers for the Alzheimer's Walk Saturday, September 20 at City Park. This event will raise money to find a cure for this terrible disease; volunteers will man the water stop and hand out refreshments to walkers along the route. See Cap for details.

OJ Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** gives an update on Jr. Golf happenings. The booth has already been reserved for the Golf Expo taking place in February 2015. There will also be a Columbus Day Golf Tournament the first Friday in October with proceeds going to Jr. Golf. The course has yet to be determined. Stay tuned.

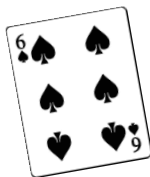
Brent's Place Golf Tournament: **Ed Collins** reports on the Golf Tournament to support Brent's Place recently took place and raised \$80,000.

Optimism Gala: It was announced that the MSOC Optimist Gala is coming up Saturday, September 27, and for the first timers, there is a deal. You will receive \$10 off you and \$10 off yours tickets to this event.

Do We Have a Drawing?

President **Jon Wachter** asks, do we have a drawing? Yes and there is \$70 bucks in the pot and the card to win is the 6 of spades, with only 9 cards remaining to draw from. Lucky ticket holders this morning include **Allen Malask, Dave Peck, Craig Eley** but no lucky card is picked. **Craig Eley** then draws

Jack Kleinheksel from the name tag jar for those wearing their name tags. And guess what Jack draws the 6 of spades! Goodness knows a winner.



Jack Kleinheksel, left, displays the winning card, as Jon Wachter does the congratulations photo op.
Photo Craig Eley

Closing Bell

Go out to this beautiful day and spread the word of Optimism.

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS
MONACO SOUTH NEEDS NEW MEMBERS
We need new members to achieve honor club.
So bring your friends, neighbors, sons or grandsons...
get them to join and receive a discount on your next year's dues. Don't forget, for only \$100, you can make them a *Friend of Optimist*, and it counts too!
See Greg Young for details.

Our Speaker, Chris Ebersberg

SolarCity Feld Consultant

Mark Metevia introduces our speaker this morning. **Chris Ebersberg** is here to speak to us about SolarCity and solar power. SolarCity is the largest provider of solar power in the United States.

It all begins with the sun and how that energy, sunlight, begins the process of growth. SolarCity's website (<http://www.solarcity.com/>) proclaims, "We believe in a better way to power homes and businesses at a lower cost while contributing to a cleaner planet." For millions of years the deposits of oil and coal, which are used to fuel our cars and light our homes, have been collecting. How those fuels affect our environment has become increasingly important as our population increases and the demand for them continues.

Solar Power is the conversion of sunlight into electricity using either photovoltaics or concentrated solar power. The use of photovoltaics for home energy is the foundation of the Solar City model. In the past, there was a break-even point of 5-8 years. The solar panels were bulky and inefficient with the energy generated being expensive. Through improvements in the panels themselves as well as the technology to convert the energy, the costs have been reduced. Solar City is now installing 700 roof top systems per month in Denver. There are 15,000 of these rooftop systems in Denver and 40,000 along the Front Range.

In Denver, 15% of the homes are able to get 100% of their electricity from solar panels. Estimates that there will be over 100,000 such homes in the next 8 years. The cost



Chris Ebersberg
Photo Don StJohn

of the systems have been reduced along with their improvements in efficiency. Tax credits offered by Federal and local governments make the out of pocket expenses very attractive. Solar City even advertises free installation of these systems. This is dramatically changed from the early days of solar power when systems would cost in the area of \$40,000 on average. Solar City has streamlined the process of the installation of these systems and installation can take as little as a day. Also included with these systems are an additional meter, which measures the amount of

energy, being generated by the solar panels. As this amount is monitored, with the volume the home is using is also the possibility of sending excess energy back to the power company, in our case Xcel Energy. The cost of our current methods of energy is another factor that is considered in this equation. Xcel has proposed rate increases for its customers, along with tiered systems that charge more for electricity during peak demand periods. If you factor in the cost of electricity in Arizona and California, the time to consider these Solar systems could be now. In theory the clean energy generated from these solar panels, reduced costs to the homeowner for electricity make this option worth considering.

Thank you Chris for a very interesting and informative presentation this morning!

Weekly Greeters

8/29/14	Fred Pasternack & Tom Hoch
9/5/14	Curt Boell & Bryce Slaby
9/12/14	Bob Avery & Jim Easton

**Need Friday morning greeters,
see O.C. Larson, 303-797-7432 or
larson1942@comcast.net**

Here is why Kent has been missing meetings, along with his wife Abigail Nicholas, Colorado Wyoming Governor Elect, at Buttwhackers. What a catch for a couple of days!
Buttwhackers, Homer, AK

Have you wondered where Kent Gloor has been?



Aug 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Arapahoe County Sheriff, David Walcher
Sep 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - 100% Day—everyone needs to be present
Sep 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Placing Foreign Exchange Students, Deanna Foss
Sep 17	Wed	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Sep 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Sep 27	Sat	5:30 pm	MSOC Celebrate Your Optimism Gala, Delmonico Hall, 3220 Federal Blvd.

**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
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T H E O P T I M I S T C R E E D — 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.