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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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Good Morning Optimist

Our official and cheerful greeters this morning were GUMS editors, **Ralph Petersen** and **John Oss** who welcomed MSOC members and guests.

Opening Bell

President Randy called our meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. and called on **Frank Ross** to give the invocation who sited inspiration from our Optimist Creed.

Today's Guests

Phil Perington introduced his longtime friend, retired restaurateur **John Doc Gardner** who offered his FOO application and check for \$35. Doc says he looks forward to his turn at playing Santa at our tree lot this tree. Welcome Doc!

Joe Messerman was introduced by MSOC member **Jon Wachter**. Joe is in the process of moving to the Denver area and may give us a second look. You won't be sorry Joe. Yours truly OC introduced **Carl Brown** a former MSOC member and past Ol Lieutenant Governor. Carl is considering renewing his membership with our dynamic Monaco South club. However, he may just want to associate more with the MSOC golfers. **Craig Eley** also had a guest this morning, **Brad Unkeless**, a lawyer on his way for some kayaking with Craig. *Hope to see you all back soon!*

From the Prez

Prez **Randy Marcove** reminded all to participate in the CO/WY District Conference starting on Thursday evening, August 23rd, with a reception and dinner at the Copper Mountain Resort and two full days of meetings on Saturday and Sunday. MSOC members that want to participate on Saturday can get a free lunch just for taking-in part of the meeting. The agenda and conference registration form can be found on the CO/WY website at: <http://www.optimistcowy.org/Convention/index.html>.

Prez Randy read and shared a thank you note for our

volunteers on Colorado History Day. A thank you party for this event will be held Thursday, August 23rd starting at 11 a.m.

Announcements

Gateway Club Optimist Club: **Fred Pasternack** reminded the us that his other Optimist Club, Gateway, will have a fundraiser breakfast at Applebee's, 14091 E. Iliff Avenue on Saturday August 15th starting at 7:00 a.m. The cost is \$7 per person. See Fred for other details.

Installation Banquet: **Ed Collins** reminded us that our annual Installation Banquet will be held on Saturday, September 22nd starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Park Hill Golf Course Banquet Room.

Mudd Volleyball: Mudd Volley Ball fundraiser is tomorrow morning, meet at 5:30 a.m. at the Legion and we all carpool so says **Cy Reagan**.

Evidently some made it bright an early as **Steve Kady** reports. The mighty Monaco South parking crew did it again. Staring into the "golden sun" this Saturday morn-



ing, they arrived just before 6 a.m. to dawn their orange vests and flags. As they marched to their post, cars started

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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

to arrive. A gentle breeze blew to the east and the dust began. However, before the dust could even think about settling, the Aurora Fire Department Station 12 burst on the scene. With their hoses they sprayed hundreds of gallons of water, those particles of dust were tamed like a wild boar that had seen a giant anteater.



Photos Steve Kady

Our many thanks to Aurora Firefighters Lt. Boon Norris, Eng. Larry Adams, Tech. Richard Reed and firefighter Bill Gould. According to this reporter, dust to dust, Missy would have been proud!

Missy Franklin a Possible Speaker: Steve Kady, who is a friend of the Franklin family, says there is a chance to have Missy Franklin talk at our club. More on this later.

JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes: Ron Gustas invited OCMS members to support the upcoming Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) "Walk to Cure Diabetes." The walk will be held on the morning of September 9th starting from the Coors Field main parking lot. Proceeds from the walk go to fund research for a cure of Type 1 Diabetes and/or to develop improved treatment methods for the thousands of Colorado kids and young adults affected by this life threatening disease.

Help Cure, Treat and Prevent Diabetes: On a similar note, Dick Cohen reported on a separate JDRF fundraiser called the Good Sam Bike Jam to be held in Lafayette, CO September 16th. The ride starts and finishes at Good Samaritan Medical Center in Lafayette. For this event you can ride, sponsor an Optimists who is riding in the event, or work at the [Optimist/JDRF Rest Stop](#) at Boulder Meadows. For further information click here [JDRF Good Sam Bike Jam](#). Or see Ron (303-770-9640) and Dick (303-320-1767), they need your support.

Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast: Paul Bernard reported that the Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast was a big success.



Photo Don Thomson

Closing Bell

On today's drawing we had \$20 in the pot, due to Phil Perington's big win last week, and you needed to draw the four of spades to win. The following members' raffle number were drawn to win a consolation cup of \$6+/- **John Oss, Jack Kleinheksel, Joe Marci, Robert Duvall, Ron Gutru, and yours truly, OC Larson. Mike McMahon and Wyatt McCallie** both drew for the pot but Wyatt won the twenty bucks.

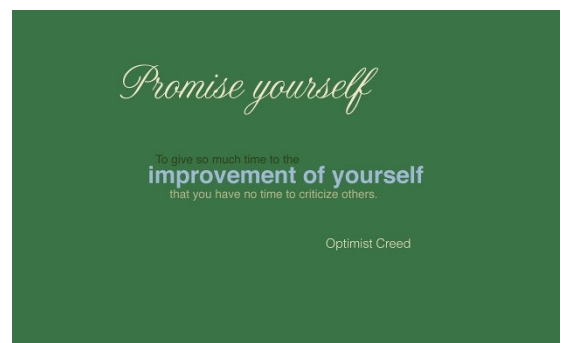


Wyatt McCallie, left, shows he is the winner. This is two weeks in a row that Prez Randy gets the honors.

Photo Don StJohn

Closing Creed

Prez Randy asked Jon Wachter to lead us in the Optimist Creed.



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Speaker, Jessica Backus, Founder & President Dolls for Daughters

Paul Bernard introduced our speaker this morning, Ms. Jessica Backus the Founder and President of *Dolls for Daughters*; an organization founded in 2007 by Jessica after her daughter Kenzi was stillborn. To honor Kenzi's memory Jessica's mission is to put a simple smile on the faces of underprivileged children, and to help struggling families get on their feet in communities throughout Colorado. Starting with 150 dolls and toys collected and distributed back in 2007, the program has grown to over 7,000 in 2011. *Kenzi's Kids* was started in 2010 to provide assistance to low-income families to create a stable environment for their children.

Dolls for Daughters accept toys any time, but December 8th kicks off their annual toy drive. Visit their web site (dollsfordaughters.com) for pick up locations. All types of new toys are needed as children ages 0 to 18 years of age.

Some facts she shared from 2011:

- ◇ 8,080 new toys were given to children in need because of *Dolls for Daughters* and *Kenzi's Kids*.
- ◇ 7,343 new toys were given away at our 2nd Annual Dolls for Daughters and Toys for Boys Toy Shop on December 10, 2011.
 - 835 families were served.
 - 71.4% of these families make \$15,000 or less a year.
 - 67.8% of these families have 3-5 children between the ages of 0 and 18.



Photo Don StJohn

- 62.6% of these families receive government assistance.
- 59.8% of these families were provided food boxes by Food Bank of the Rockies.
- 100% of these families waited in line to take home a new toy and a new stocking stuffer for their child children.
- Our toy shop was staffed by over 150 volunteers.



DOLLS FOR DAUGHTERS
KENZI'S KIDS

Peach Orders Still Being Taken

Bob Finkelmeier reports that peach orders are still being taken. He recently received a small supply, that some early orders got to enjoy, but more are coming. The cost is \$25 a case, about 16-18 lbs., with \$4 going to either Monaco South or Tamarac Optimist Clubs. Peaches will arrive by refrigerated truck in the next 10 to 14 days, so be ready to pick them up upon being notified. To order call Bob at: 303-756-5829.



Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
8/10/12	Greg Young & Frank Middleton
8/17/12	Frank Ross & Art Erickson
8/24/12	Ed Collins & Aaron Berry
8/31/12	Michael Chavez & Casey Funk
9/7/12	Doc Gardner & Woody Thibodeau

Monaco South Calendar

Aug 10 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Dumb Friends Harmony Equine Center
 Aug 15 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Aug 17 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Super Citizen school principals
 Aug 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Aug 31 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - The Adoption Exchange
 Sep 22 Sat 5:30 pm OCMS Installation Dinner, Park Hill Golf Course
 Dec 9 Sun Winter Holiday Party, Copper Fields Event Chateau - See Frank Middleton

**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
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ron Cisco	2009-10
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Gary Strowbridge	1993-94		

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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.