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Optimist Club of Monaco South



Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado
Serving Youth and the Community for 37 Years
Recognized as Outstanding Service Organization in Colorado in 2012



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Editor for this Issue—John Oss

Good Morning Optimist Welcome

Ralph Pedersen and a cast of volunteers welcomed the men of Monaco South for the first meeting of 2014. This editor found the place hoping at 6:20 a.m. Go figure! The meeting is at 7 a.m., and **Russ Paul** and **Gary Strowbridge** have the place all set up. **John Young** and **Joe Marci** are repeat offenders at not being in attendance, not to mention Ron, Don, and several others. We missed you all today.

First Bell



Bob Hugo
Photo Don StJohn

President Jon asked us to share Optimistic Greetings for the New Year! Your editor felt it was a bit like a square dance; you get to meet up quickly and greet a lot of smiles. **Robert Hugo** was in the thick of it. It was great to see our past president and governor active and smiling.

Invocation & Pledge

Bob Coulson delivered an opening prayer for 2014. He addressed the making and keeping of resolutions. Our creed offers us a good basis for formulating resolutions. We ask our creator to walk with us as we choose and endeavor to keep our resolutions. We ask help to ensure that we keep the commitments we make.

Kind Shows of Friendship

Bob Hugo is a long-standing member, but seemed a bit like a guest. It was obvious that he is active and enjoys the camaraderie. We can help bring him joy by offering transport to meetings. Others are in the same situation like **Leo Hagele**, **Bill Culbertson**, **Doug Morton**, and others would enjoying the kindness of a fellow optimists who might provide a ride. Thank you to all who offer such friendship. It is a blessing to both optimists who come together.



Announcements

Good Publicity for OCMS: Frank Middleton reported that the Glendale Cherry Creek Chronicle (web site: <http://www.glendalecherrycreek.com/>) just ran a January 2014 article lauding our club. Frank put two-and-two together and got 12. #1, The editor, **Charles C. Bonniwell**, spoke at our club last September. Thanks to the invitation by Frank. And #2, our club was designated the Outstanding Service Organization in Colorado for 2012. Bingo, why not get Bonniwell to give us some press. He did just that. The *Cherry Creek Chronicle* is in newsstands around Glendale and online (note it probably will be in a month or two). Pick up a copy and look on page 20. Maybe we could get some Brain Bowl publicity in the *Denver Post*. Frank wonders if anyone knows someone at the Post. He says, "I will contact them to see if we can get some press for our upcoming Brain Bowl." Please email Frank Middleton at frankm101@hotmail.com or call 303-759-9232. Frank is a real recruiting machine. He has been good at recruiting from the beginning of the club.

Super Citizen Presenters: **Rob Gardner** is looking for a few good men. Highline Academy and Holm Elementary were filled in for January by new speakers during the meeting. Contact Rob to sign-up on his sheet for the later part of the year. We have Super Citizen program through the month of May. Then the special recognition for the Charlie Korsoski Award.

Reasons for Club Success: **John Young** was counting his blessings. Membership in the largest most active Optimist club was near the top of his list. Having 69 members with 10 or less years indicates a vibrant club. Twenty-seven past presidents remain on the roles. Five of the missing ten have died and five are missing. Just take a look at a typical line of guys with another project to offer for our participation. Participation and gratitude abound.

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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

Diabetes Prevention Program (Type 2): Ron Gustas invited OCMS members to be guests at the next T1DOC meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 8th starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Perkins Restaurant located at 1995 South Colorado Blvd. The meeting speaker will be a YMCA representative who will talk about their Diabetes Prevention Program (Type 2). The program starts with 16 weekly sessions and then continues monthly for a year to help anyone either at risk for or having Type 2 Diabetes, which can be reversed by lifestyle changes including healthier eating and increased physical activity. Over 13,000 participants have attended the program at YMCA and other sites. The program is fee based with some insurance carriers providing benefits.



Dick Cohen
Photo Craig Eley

Mental Health Center of Denver: Randy Marcove recognized **Dick Cohen** for work he and his son's mother in law did last December. They arranged a "gift party." To attend you had to bring a gift. Sixty folks participated and brought gifts. The gifts were all given to the Mental Health Center just off of Iliff and Colorado Boulevard. Randy expressed his view that such service to the community should be recognized. Editor: Yes, very true; way to go Dick!

Support Our New Clubs: Phil Perington said that the second year is the most critical for new optimist clubs. Our diabetes and cancer clubs each deserve and need our support. As sponsors, it is our responsibility to insure these clubs are happy, successful, and supported. There is a chili cook off coming up sponsored by FRACSOClub. Put the date on your calendar. Editor: **Phil, Ron Gustas, Dick Cohen, and Paul Simon**, are good sources for information.

Congressional Youth Award: Bob Colson invited participation to assist with the Congressional Youth Award. Information meeting will be held January 12th, from 1 - 4 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. This is a startup program. Bob has five of our members signed on board already. **Pat Bush** is co-chairing the program. They are both available to give presentations when requested. An orientation meeting for kids along with parents and grandparents will be held January 26th. Bob challenges us, "I understand this is the power club. We can use power to identify kids who can benefit from the program. Invite young people to attend the January 26th orientation and pass the word. Some questions and answers can be answered at <http://www.congressionalaward.org/youth/video.php>. This can be an avenue leading to a recommendation for attending a service academy. Bob has a daughter who has gone the full route to maximum recognition. He is experienced and enthused. He also mentioned a flyer being passed about that speaks to a February 9th information thrust across the state.

Bob writes: "Reach out to family, friends, and youth organization connections, e.g., middle and high schools, YMCA, church, scout troops, to recruit youth ages 13 to 23 and their families to attend the upcoming kickoff orientation on January 26th. If you are aware of a group that needs more information call Bob at 303-517-1137 or Pat at 303-750-9409. You can also review the information found on the GUMS distribution email."

Memorial Service for Hal Leigh: Ron Cisco shared about Hal and **Karl Geil** provided details. Hal a long-time member of the Golden Optimist Club and for many years was the face of our District's Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The service will be held Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 969 Ulysses in Golden. Ron talked about how Hal, a longtime employee of the CIA, handled some Moscow thugs when he was in his eighty's. The thugs were plotting to jump Hal. Hal, fluent in eight languages overheard the plotting. When they came at him, he used his martial arts skills. He stacked them up on top of each other for the law enforcement when they arrived. He will be missed!

Rides to the Brain Bowl North: Craig Eley, Harry Fegley, and Russ Paul would like to catch a ride to the Saturday the 11th Brain Bowl. Give them a call!

Weekly Drawing

There was \$150 in the big pot, and the Seven of Hearts was the one to find. Jack Kleinhessel who had THREE winning tickets did not give anyone else a chance to try for it. On his first draw he came up with that "lucky card." In addition, he pulled in two money cups. "Tickets, tickets, don't need no stinking tickets." Other cup winner were **Don Thomson, Karl Geil, and Ed Collins**.



Closing Bell

Promise yourself to be so



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RED v. GREEN
WHO WILL WIN THE 2014

SUPER CHILI BOWL COOK OFF

Prizes for RED 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes for GREEN 1st, 2nd & 3rd

JANUARY 26TH, 2014
NOON- 4PM

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VFW Englewood
2680 W. Hampden, Englewood

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Paul Tabcum

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Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
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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.