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Good Morning Optimist

Our greeters, **Terry Shroyer** and **Cap Hermann** handled the Friday morning masses and did a bang-up job. Thanks for the warm greeting.

On this day in 1996, at Atlanta County Fulton Stadium, the New York Yanks won a record eight straight road post season, with no loses.

On this rare Friday morning that follows a Thursday night Denver Broncos victory, spirits were high. The NFL's AFC West standings are:

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Denver	6	1	0	0.857	224	142
San Diego	5	3	0	0.625	205	149
Kansas City	3	3	0	0.5	142	121
Oakland	0	6	0	0	92	158

Invocation & Pledge

Our invocation came from **Pat Bush**, imploring us to take our privilege of voting this election season seriously. Editor, by the way, our Prez is always looking for someone to lead our morning invocation, so let him know so he can call on you.

From the Prez

1. We received nice thank you notes from Brent's Place, Denver Public Schools, and the Gold Crown Foundation. **Ed Collins**, **Oscar Sorensen**, and **Jon Wachter** deserve our thanks for attending to these projects. Gifts of \$500, school supplies, and \$150 supported the recipients. The thank you notes were circulated, and attached to distribution email.
2. We submitted our game plan, Annual Club Planning Conference (ADPC), in previous years, to our District Quarterback (District Lt. Governor), **Paul Simon**. We outlined our projects and major players. Our board approved our budget to accomplish this plan at the last meeting. The

game plan is attached to distribution email.

3. The government knows us as corporation #19871312610. Being a corporation brings the need to operate business meetings under the famous Robert's Rules.
4. We have changed our regular Board meeting date to the third Thursday, rather than the third Wednesday of each month. Thanks to the board for indulging the Prez and his wife, so they may participate DTC Optimist club's meeting.

Guests

Ron Gustas introduced his son-in-law, **Aaron Knox**, and his daughter (Ron's granddaughter) **Ellie Knox** who joined us this morning. Many Monaco South members participated and/or supported Ellie's JDRF walk team. Her team raised almost \$11,000 at this year's walk.



Ellie Knox, with her dad, Aaron Knox sharing a smile for our group.

Photo Don StJohn

New Member Inductions

Jack Kleinheksel was called to the stage as the sponsor of **Kevin Koalenz**. As was **John Young** who sponsored **Bill Morgan**.



Photo Don StJohn

President John handled the induction smoothly!
Welcome Kevin and Bill!

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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

Pumpkin Sale: Bob Avery shouted out, buy your pumpkins at the southeast corner of Holly and Belleview in front of the Greenwood Community Church. Proceeds go to help support Troop 457 activities including subsidizing summer camp.



Highline Academy SC Presentation: While Bob Avery had the microphone he shared that he was the presenter at Highline Academy Super Citizen presentation and he was struck and impressed by the recitation of the Pledge by the first graders that concluded with "And I'm proud to be an American!" Editor, Bob, here is a web link that Steve Kady recently sent, regarding a PowerPoint presentation that a 15 year old girl created. Share the patriotism by [CLICK HERE](#).

Thanksgiving Baskets: Jim Easton and Allan Pierce are running the Thanksgiving basket program this year. The social workers at our Super Citizen schools will provide us with names and we will deliver baskets on Saturday, November 22nd first thing in the morning. Mark your calendars!

Know-Brainer Program: Michael Chavez gives us the heads-up that the Know-Brainer competition will be Monday, May 4, 2015. Editor, now that is planning ahead. The Know-Brainer is a Brain Bowl type program for 5th graders. This program is a joint sponsored program with the Tamarac Optimist club. Michael needs some committee members to reach out to the schools and get the teams started, so please contact him if interested.

Final Call for Pics: Craig Eley, chief Membership Directory Photographer, reported that the next directory is going to be printed on Monday, so if you have not had your picture taken or retaken by the time you read this, too late! Craig will catch you next time.



Heather Gardens Optimist Pancake Breakfast: Donlie Smith has tickets for this all-you-can-eat event, which will be held Saturday, November 1st. Proceeds will support the Boys and Girls Club of Aurora. Please see Donlie for tickets.

Bill Walter's Thanksgiving Dinner: Donlie then shifted gears and announced that the annual Bill Walter's Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 25, again at the Boys & Girls Clubs on Metro Denver, Owen's Branch, 3480 West Kentucky Ave. Setup starts at 4 p.m. and dinner will be served starting at 5 p.m. All members are invited to help with set-up, serving, and clean up. See Don St John to help at Girls, Inc. the same evening. Key Committee chairs are: set-up, Donlie Smith; supplies, Barry Barker; bread & butter, John Swick; turkeys, Carl Brown; catering, Steve Kady; drinks, Keith Gallaway; pies, Kent Gloor; serving line, Russ Paul; food costs, Greg Young; clean-up, Phil Per-



ington, and complaints, Donlie Smith—call him @ 911.

Last year Steve Kady arranged to have Todd Helton, his wife Christy and daughter Tierney, of the Rockies served and met with the kids (Payton Manning was also in the building).



MSOC Shirts: Tom Glazier is launching another custom shirt program. A sign-up sheet will start in a few weeks. Shirts will be \$15, which includes taxes, and payment accepted when order placed. They will be short sleeves, white or blue with circular logo, S, M, LG, XL and XXL. We need a minimum of 20 shirts to place the order. Tom is at 303-522-5214 if you have questions.

Bradley International Wine Tasting: Mike McMahon announced that Bradley PTO's wine tasting and auction will be at the Wellshire Golf Course on November 14th starting at 6 p.m. The \$30 ticket includes wines, food, and dancing. Many auction items are exciting travel opportunities. Details can be found at: <http://www.biddingOwl.com/BradleyIBPTO>.

Dues Are Due: By now everyone should have received their dues statement for this fiscal year, October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Dues have increased for regular members by a measly \$1.00. This makes annual dues \$125.00. BUT WAIT — If you pay the full year's dues by November 30, you can take a \$5 discount. Life Members only pay \$88 dollars, or \$83.00 with the full year payment discount. If you are interested in becoming a Life Member, download the attached *Life Member Application* attached to the Newsletter Email and send it in to Optimist International in St. Louis, with a copy to Greg Young. You will receive a certificate suitable for framing, and a nice carrying card. Greg Young, sincerely appreciates you paying your dues promptly!

**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL
Annual Dues**

Sullivan Scholarship: Joe Marci, a Sullivan Scholarship fundraiser is selling entertainment books, and Joe has plenty. Purchase a book for great discounts and savings and help support an important club project.



Robert Garelick
Executive Director, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Ron Gustas introduced our speaker **Robert Garelick**, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Executive Director. Robert expressed thanks to the whole club for the support received at the JDRF walk and other events every year.

JDRF is a volunteer driven organization, and Robert was a board of directors volunteer when his son was diagnosed with diabetes at age 4. Today, October 22nd, is his son's "diaversary" day (anniversary of his diagnosis). He is now an 18 year old studying at CU.

Type 1 diabetics deal with a day-to-day life that is annoying, and long-term effects are the worry. JDRF is geared to help make life easier now, while investing in research to solve long-term complications. JDRF has a target goal of



Robert Garelick
 Photo Craig Eley

82 cents of every \$1 going to research, which is a very efficient percentage for a non-profit. Fortune Magazine has named them a five star charity, based largely on that efficiency. JDRF provides funding to the Barbara Davis Center, National Jewish, and Children's Hospital locally. They raise money through individuals as well as events, i.e., walks, a ski event in Aspen, and an annual Gala event.

The Type One Diabetes Optimist Club (T1DOC) is an Optimist club organized to provide support to JDRF, and the entire T1 community to improve the lives of the with T1D. T1DOC helps those with T1D in many ways—See more at: <http://rockymountain.jdrf.org/>.

Weekly Greeters	
10/31/14	Tom Glazier & Allen Malask
11/7/14	Scott Walker & Phil Perington
11/14/14	Tom Hoch & Bob Winterfield
11/21/14	Dick Zolman & Greg Young
11/28/14	Barry Barker & Dave Peck
Need Friday morning greeters, see O.C. Larson, 303-797-7432 or larson1942@comcast.net	

Super Citizen Presenters Oct.		
Oct 30 @ 1:30	McMeen	John Oss
Super Citizen Presenters Nov.		
Nov 7 @ 9:00	Holm	Fred Pasternack
Nov 19 @ 2:30	MPB	Harry Fegley
Nov 20 @ 1:30	McMeen	Elton Strong
Nov 21 @ 3:00	Bradley	Phil Perington
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 gardnerrb@gmail.com		

Mark Your Calendar: Saturday, December 20th
 Holiday Party, Glenmoor Country Club
 Dinner & Entertainment
 Q & A see Frank Middleton

Weekly Drawing

Anyone capable of finding the 7 of Diamonds could go home \$50 richer.



According to Metasymbology, the 7 of Diamonds is a card associated with money - for good or ill, little or much. It is a card of power and accomplishment, and it is known as the card of "Wine, Women, and Song."

The safe-bet cups were taken by: Tom Hoch, Ed Collins, Terry Shroyer x 2, Dave Peck, Jack Kleinheksel.

Ed Collins and Dave Peck (both repeat winners,

like Terry - what are the odds?) went in search of the winning card to no avail.

The nametag bucket is missing, so there was no third attempt at the pot. No matter, my name is not in there anyway.

Friday, October 31st

Next week is Halloween - dressing up encouraged!
Editor: Your editor was planning on dressing up, but I cannot find my Bryce Slaby costume.

Closing Creed

Our Creed was kicked off by the always smiling **Donlie Smith**. Promise yourself

Oct 31	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Greg Young, Club Financials
Nov 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Nov 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Nov 20	Thur	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Nov 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Joe Marci, Tree Lot Set-Up and Operating Procedures
Nov 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Joe Marci, Tree Lot Signup & Setup after the meeting

**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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Mark Metevia	1994-95	Jon Wachter	2013-14

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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.