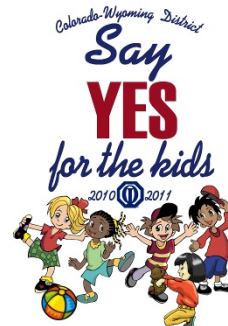




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Good Morning Optimist

The meeting was called to order at the Citron Bistro with our significant others to start the Valentine weekend—of course **Valentine's Day** is Monday, February 14th.

President **Ed Collins** opened the program with a prayer and pledge. The breakfast was great!

Entertainment was provided by guitarist Neil Haverstick playing great a nice selection of music. Thanks to Sheryl Overton for the beautiful Valentine flower arrangements, which each couple married the longest at each table we allowed to take home.



Bob and Janna Hugo got the prize for longest marriage—a serenade and dance to the guitar styling's of Neil. Sixty members and spouses/friends were in attendance. Beda Collins closed

the program with a reading about Valentine's Day from **Craig Eley's** invocation book. **John Young** led us in the Creed. A great time was had by all.



President Ed Collins greets the Tom and Ruth Oos.



Tom Overton and official greeter Les Larson tend to guests as they arrive.

Article and photos by Greg Young

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

Central Region Optimist Brain Bowl: Karl Geil reports that the tournament was held Saturday, February 6, 2011 at Overland High School. We had 82 teams (approximately 410 students) participating and 155 Optimists, their families and friends working as volunteers. One of our Super Citizen schools did very well, with one team at each grade level making the afternoon playoffs. One of Hamilton's 8th grade teams finished 4th. Again, **Paul Simon, Frank Ross, and Karl Geil** want to thank the other MSOC volunteers for their participation, because without them, this event could not take place at all. MSOC led the way with 37 volunteers (which includes family and friends of members who are not Optimists themselves); Tamarac was 2nd in the volunteer count with 26. The MSOC Club members, in addition to Paul, Frank, and Karl, who participated were: **Bryce Slaby, Joe Marci, Gary Laman, Pat Sullivan, Oscar Sorensen, Gary Strowbridge, Andy McKean, Rich Mahoney, Russ Paul, Michael Chavez, Randy Marcove, Jon Wachter, Jack Rife, Greg Young, Fred Pasternack, Bill Wells, Tom Mauro, Donlie Smith, Don Thomson, Craig Eley, Paul Gleditsch, Tom Wos, Kent Gloor, Scott Walker, Jack Kitchell, Al Gapuzan, Don St. John, Paul Bernard, Terry Shroyer, Don Iley, John Young, and Lew Lerner**, plus former member Bruce Prather joined us.

And a special thank you from Paul Simon and Karl Geil to **Russ Paul** and **Phil Perington** for helping to map the rooms and post signs the day before. We found out when we arrived at the school on Friday that seven rooms we had counted on using were not available to us and had to do some fancy footwork to find replacement rooms.



Photos Don StJohn

Hamilton Middle School 7th Graders Wins Central Region Brain Bowl: Your editor followed the Hamilton 7A team through the Brain Bowl Central Regionals Competition held at Overland High School on Saturday, February 5th. The team is coached by Beth Duncan and Carol Coppola. Team members consist of Jackson Hicks, Braden Kerr, Kate Burnite, Piper Cantey, and Ben Sandrin. In the first two elimination rounds it wasn't even close. Hamilton 7A won both matches by double digits. The Championship round, between Hamilton 7A and Campus 7B featured **Paul Simon** as Reader and **Randy Marcove** as Scorekeeper. Gov. **Ron Bensen** and **Paul Gleditsch** also shared the stage, giving moral support to the teams. It was a well con-



tested match that featured five-tied scores. With the reading of the final 10 questions, Hamilton 7A slowly edged away to take the crown with a 13-11 score. Both teams were excellent and it was a shame to see it all come to an end.

Congratulations to Hamilton and all the students, teachers, parents and friends participating! It should be noted that Hamilton fielded a total of 7 teams, with Hamilton eighth graders finishing 4th. It was a very good day for our home teams.

Also helping with afternoon events were **Bill Wells** and Past Governor **Joe Priester**, manning the check-in table and the highly collectible "Brain Bowl" T-shirt and coffee cup memorabilia. One of the kids was overheard saying to Joe, "This is more fun than Christmas!" What a hoot!

It was a great day and the excitement never let up. We, as Optimists, should all feel proud of how far the Brain Bowl has come and the energy it creates. As announced by **Karl Geil**, to the avid approval of the crowd, a three-way "Super Brain Bowl" competition will be held next year between the Boulder-Denver-Colorado Springs Champions. Tickets are starting at \$1500 apiece and include valet parking.

Tri-Star Basketball: Gary Laman reports that the Tri Star Basketball skills contest for kids 8-13 years of age took place on Tuesday, February 8th at the Boys and Girls Club.



Photos Greg Young

Mega Model Train Show: Greg Hurd reported on the upcoming mega-model train show expo in Estes Park. *The Rails in the Rockies 2011* is February 19 & 20th from 9 am to 5 pm. It's a great place to take you family for an adventure in the history of trains for both collectors and aficionados. More information can be found at: <http://www.estesvalleymodelrailroaders.org/rails.htm>.

Other things of Great Importance:

Mike Snipes is not a missing person. He's stranded in Aurora shoveling his sidewalks. Due to some inner-ear problems Mike has been having he is not been able to travel, but gave assurance that he misses breakfast at the Hall and will be back soon.

Ron Cisco has been in rehab so long that he's thinking about getting it his knee its own zip code. Happily though, Ron is almost finished with the agonizing process and all is going to be well. However, I don't know who is going to explain to him about what happened to his chair.

Furry Scurry News: Good news on the food front. Master Chef **John Marinos**, creator of the famous MSOC Breakfast Burritos and Egg McMuttin' is going to have a Burger N' Dog booth at the Furry Scurry as well. MSOC may have complete control of the "real food" distribution this year. It should be a lot of fun...any chili with those dogs, John?

Breaking News

Cisco Report: "I am getting better each day but the doctors tell me its going to take some time to get this infection out of my knee. I sure do miss the guys and I think of the members all of the time. Tell everyone to remember me in their prayers."

Do you want Bronco tickets?: Ron Cisco reports he has four (4) Bronco Season Tickets for sale. Seats are between the 20 and 30 yard lines. Contact Ron at 303-794-0749 if interested.

Thinking About Summer?: The summer MSOC picnic committee will be meeting after Friday's meeting. The event is scheduled in **conjunction** with University Hills Neighborhood Association Annual Festival on June 11, 2011 in the Magna Carta Park, South Colorado Blvd. and East Hampden Avenue. See Phil Perington or Randy Marcove for further information.

Bill Walters Report: Daughter Tonya Hardman reports that, "Bill went through a bone marrow transplant and his doctor has decided that this is the best long-term treatment option. His siblings have offered to be donors and will be tested to find the best possible match."

We appreciate that more people have volunteered to be possible donors, but for now, the doctor wants to focus on his siblings as the best possible genetic matches.

The doctor told us the entire transplant process could last up to six months, but of course every patient recovers differently. He will be in the hospital for several weeks following the transplant. For now, Dad remains at our house.

He is very upbeat and ready to tackle the next challenge in his road to recovery. He will most likely be re-admitted to the hospital for the next round(s) of chemotherapy in the next week or so.

We will let everyone know when he goes back in the hospital. For now, please keep sending the positive thoughts and prayers."

More Picture from the Valentine Breakfast



Harry Johnson and his Valentine



Jennifer and Matt Nelson



Cy Regan and Joe Marci



Ruth and John Oos

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
2/18/11	Neil Atkinson, Frank Middleton, & Doug Arnold
2/25/11	Terry Shroyer, Gary Miller, & Joe Marci
3/4/11	Jim Easton, Les Larson, & Harry Johnson
3/11/11	Bob Avery, Keith Gallaway, & ?
3/18/11	Frank Ross, Leo Hagele, & ?
3/25/11	Joe Marci, Gary Miller, & ?
4/1/11	Tom Hock, Steve Kady, & ?

Super Citizen Presenters for February

16 @ 2:30 pm	MBB	Howard Fry
18 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Les Larson
18 @ 9:00 & 10:00 am	Samuels	Gary Strowbridge
23 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Jack Rife
24 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Fred Pasternack
25 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Randy Marcove
25 @ 2:30 pm	Univ. Park	Bob Avery
25 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Bill Anderson

Monaco South Calendar

Feb 18 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Feb 18-20, Fri-Sun Second Quarter District Conference, Hyatt DTC Hotel
 Feb 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
 Feb 26 Sat 7:00 am South Region Brain Bowl, Harrison High School, Colorado Springs, CO
 Mar 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
 Mar 11 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
 Mar 16 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Mar 18 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Mar 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Shannon Cardellina, Arapahoe House

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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
John Young	1982-83	Cy Regan	1999-00
Pat Bush	1983-84	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Don St. John	2001-02
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Jack Rife	2002-03
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Karl Geil	2003-04
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Donlie Smith	2005-06
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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.