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REMEMBER VALENTINE'S DAY IS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012

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Good Morning Optimist

Wives/Sweethearts to Breakfast

Friday, February 10, 2012

Citron New World Bistro, 3535 South Yosemite, is the location this brisk, sunny morning for the annual wives to breakfast version of today's meeting. Greeting us at the door were **John Oss** and **Tom Overton**. Trays of coffee are served and the atmosphere is very festive for all in attendance.



Tom Overton serves as the "cupid" host this morning.

Photo John Oss

Craig Eley gave the invocation this morning. He talks about the *Miracle of Love and the Gift That it Is*, and how lucky we are to share in it, and the need to

for us to acknowledge this great blessing from above. He then leads us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. With that, **Tom Overton** invites the crowd to be seated for a couple of quick announcements.

From the Prez

President **Randy Marcove** also introduces Miguel Espinoza as our musical entertainment this morning. Miguel plays the flamenco guitar and is considered the World's #1 Flamenco guitarist, according to Randy. Miguel has some CDs for sale and your editor is hoping to learn more about him. Miguel's playing is a perfect accompaniment to this morning's event. Well done. Editors note: You can find out more about Miguel and hear some of his selections on his MySpace page at: <http://www.myspace.com/miguelespinozaaguitar>.

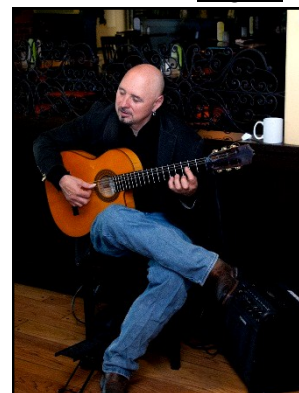


Photo John Oss

Announcements

Barbecue & Hoedown: **Frank Middleton** makes a quick plug for the upcoming Barbeque and Hoedown, which takes place Saturday, March 3rd, 5:30 p.m. beer/wine, 6:00 p.m. barbecue dinner, at the Outpost Club. For \$23 per person you can dance and enjoy

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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



great food, so come on down and enjoy the fun. Those interested in a fun-filled evening and learning to square dance are encouraged to signup.

Tri-Star Basketball: Gary Laman mentions the upcoming Tri-Star Basketball Skills Competition that he needs volunteers for on Monday, February 13th. The event will be held at Cope Branch Boys and Girls Club, 808 Inca Street. The event begins at 4 p.m. so plan to arrive by 3:45 to get checked in.

Tri-Star Basketball sponsored by Tamarac Optimist Club is scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd. (Note date correction from last week.) The event will be at the Eisenhower Community Center, 4300 E. Davenport Avenue. Our assistance is being asked to handout flyers to kids ages 8 to 13 years old who play basketball and would like to compete. Registration is at 1:00 p.m. and the competition begins at 1:30 p.m. See the attached flyer to register or go to <http://www.tristarbasketball.org/>.



Junior Golf Update: Thanks to all who supported the *Super Bowl fundraiser*. Winners from the club

were **Pat Bush, Greg Young, and Mike McMahon** who took the first quarter and half-time prizes. Thanks also to all members who volunteered for the Golf Expo, to be held this weekend. The volunteered included **Frank Middleton, Gary Miller, Don Thomson, John and Verlee Greene, Sewell Black, Jack Kitchell and Joe Marci**. There will be more opportunities to support Optimist Jr. Golf in the coming months.

Brain Bowl Report: By Karl Geill The Central Region Brain Bowl was held at Heritage High School in Littleton on February 3, 2012. Due to the inclement weather, 67 of the 83 registered teams showed up and participated, as did 132 volunteers. Monaco South again led the way in volunteers with 38 volunteers associating themselves with Monaco South when they signed in. They were: **Tom Wos, John Young, Oscar Sorensen, Gary Kieft, Harry Fegley, Ron Gustas, Joe Marci, Terry Shroyer, Bryce Slaby, Randy Marcove, John Oss and his wife, Ruth Oss, Don St. John, Paul Simon and wife Debbie Reinberg, Jack Rife, Gary Laman, O.C. Larson, Paul Bernard, Allen Pierce, Don Thomson, Mike Prete, Scott Walker, Craig Eley, Donlie Smith, George Buzick, Jim Vander Kamp, Bruce Prather** (who needs to learn that the name of his club is not "Southeast Denver"), **Tom Overton, Frank Ross, Tom Charters, Greg Young, Don Iley, Phil Perington, Michael Chavez, John Greene, Frank Middleton, and Karl Geil**.

The top four at each grade are listed on the attached.

The real hero of the day was Becky Butz, from Denver Public Schools. Becky had to rewrite the entire

competition schedule for the day, once we knew which teams were actually there. She revised the schedule for round 2 while round 1 was in progress, revised round 3 while round 2 was in progress, etc.

Many thanks to all who braved the elements and helped make a quality competition possible. We may have set a record for the fewest protests at this tournament.

Next up: the South Region Optimist Brain Bowl at Carson Middle School in Colorado Springs on February 25th.

Valentine's Day Begins

And with that, guests were invited to queue up and enjoy breakfast. It's a feast of fruit, pastries, eggs, bacon and sausage with potatoes. Your editor shared a table with **Bob and Dorcas Avery, Gary and Linda Miller, and Joe Marci** and with fine food and good conversation. It was a great time! **Tom Overton** announced winners of the flowers which adorned the tables this morning, and wished everyone a good day. Many are headed off to the district conference in Estes Park this weekend.




Bill Anderson, Dr. Ed Fankhauser and Gary Strowbridge keep the conversation going.




President Randy Marcove, left, shares a story with Craig and Cindy Eley. Note that Craig is biting his tongue.

Valentine's Day Wives/Sweethearts to Breakfast



 The Young's, Greg and Diane listen intently to the conversation taking place.



Always the Valentine cupid, Fred Pasternack with his sweetheart Karen, hams it up for the camera. 



Below Curt and Dottie Jefferies enjoy themselves and share the festivities.



Photo John Oss



Mark Your Calendar
94th Optimist International Convention
July 12-14, 2012
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Sponsor a New Member
If you know someone who shares the ideals of Optimist International, consider inviting them to join the organization and help "Bring Out the Best in Kids."



Internet Safety

April is Optimist Internet Safety Month

Statistics show that 99% of all teens have access to the internet and 94% of students admitted to being cyber bullied and did not tell an adult.



The OI Internet Safety program was established in December 2008 with the focus of providing resources to educate both young people and their parents about potential dangers on the internet and offering information about safe practices while online.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
2/17/12	Steve Kady & George Buzick
2/24/12	Mike Chavez & Phil Perington
3/2/12	Tom Hoch & Joe Marci
3/9/12	Harry Johnson & Mark Metevia
3/16/12	Ed Collins & Woody Thibodeau

Super Citizen Presenters for February

15 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Ed Collins
17 @ 9:10, 10:00, & 11:40 am	Holm	Frank Middleton
23 @ 1:20 & 2:10 PM	McMeen	Bob Avery
24 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	Univ. Park	Bryce Slaby
24 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Mike McMahon

Monaco South Calendar

Feb 15 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Feb 17 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Feb 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Incarceration in Colorado, Steve Smith
 Feb 25 Sat 7:00 am South Region Brain Bowl, Carson High School, Fort Carson, CO
 Mar 3 Sat 7:00 am Championship Brain Bowl, Douglas County High School, Castle Rock, CO

**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
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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.