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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist

#### Just Another Day in Paradise

Our District Governor member **Curt Merrill** and Smilin' **Jack Kleinheksel** were in high form this morning merrily greeting the gathered on this final Friday in July. Another great breakfast buffet and lots of coffee started the morning off to a very upbeat tempo. *Summer glad tidings was in the air.*

Curt Merrill

Jack Kleinheksel

### Morning Camaraderie

**Joe Marci** was sharing the good news that Past President **John Oss** had purchased his custom hybrid golf clubs for a future gift to his son, then adding that right after the sale had closed **Everett Gardner** called him to see if he still had the Clubs.

Third Party politics were being discussed by Past President **Pat Bush**, **Noel Hasselgren** and others, lamenting the presidential candidates resembled *Yosemite Sam* and *Nurse Ratched*.

Past Governor **George Buzick** was proudly wearing his entry into next year's ugly Hawaiian shirt contest. We might have an early front-runner.

Guest **Randy Penn**, Former Mayor of Englewood, enjoyed making the rounds and having a jolly good time, including sharing a moment of laughter with Guest Speaker Rep. **Mike Coffman**. **Roxie Strong**, definitely **Eldon Strong's** better half, noted that she was visiting the boys this morning to see how she could help clean up the club.

**Dave "T-Bird" Peck** reported his rambling pack of vintage T-bird collectors had successfully completed their annual visit (no break downs) to South Dakota and Mt. Rushmore.

Uncle **Bob Avery** has finally returned to once again his roll of Attendance Monitor, and was busy figuring out who has been coming and going over the past month.

**Ricardo Ortiz** and **Paul Stratton** could have been voted best dressed and looked very dapper as they conversed with good buddies and pals. While **Marc**

**Goodbody** and **Al Gapuzan** were back in house and enjoying the moment. And, **Allen Pierce** and **Jim Easton** were quietly discussing Jim's recent breakup of his relationship with a secret Russian lady. No further details are available at this time.



Visitors capture the camera lens — Roxie Strong, left, & Randy Penn, below.

Photos Don StJohn



### First Bell

President **Michael Chavez** gaveled the gathered out of their happy hubbub at 7:02 a.m. sharp. Governor **Curt Merrill**, doing double-duty this morning presented the Invocation. *"To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble."* then led the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America*, ending with the cry and renewed optimism of *"Play Ball!"* Since the *Colorado Rockies* can get back to .500 for the season.



### Guests

Prez **Michael Chavez** introduced **Randy Penn**, past Mayor of Englewood, thanked us for inviting him to breakfast and also noted the new Englewood Optimist he is helping build with other Optimist members. He reported it is well on track and is excited that he will be a Charter member.

Past Prez **John Oss** reintroduce **Caleb Preston**, a student in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade 5 years ago who became an annual volunteer at the clubs Tree Lot. He is now attending college at Ft. Lewis as a psychology major,

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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\*\*\*\***

## Guests Continued

and is certainly an embedded Optimist looking forward to becoming part of the Club. *Editor: Welcome Caleb, we look forward to joining us upon graduation.*

**Eldon Strong** proudly introduced his wife, Roxie who was here to see our speaker today, U.S. Representative for Colorado's 6<sup>th</sup> congressional district **Mike Coffman** and attended to other important matters.

## President's Report

**Les Larson** is doing better and please visit him if you are able. He is recuperating at ManorCare Health Services at 290 S. Monaco Pkwy, at Alameda.

Respect for Law Program is coming up on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

For the Colorado Rockies game on August 21<sup>st</sup> we need 30-35 people to help with handout Bobblehead collectibles before the game with the Cubs. **John Swick** already has his crew assembled. We are now able to upgrade our complimentary tickets. See **Joe Marci** for details. Call Michael for details. The Rockies pay us \$750 for this particular game.

In a District Convention announcement, the Marriott has extended the room rates of \$119.00 to the end of July. Michael noted, that Governor-elect **Paul Simon** will be inducted at the Convention and a small private "Roast" will follow the closing ceremony.

The Mile High Optimist Club is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Stapleton Doubletree. Please make an effort to attend if possible.

You defiantly need to make the *Optimist Club of Monaco South's* 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and witness the inductions of our new leadership on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Maggiono's. Tickets are \$34 per person starting at 1p.m. with luncheon. **Chris Dunphy** is coordinating the event.

## A Side Note

Last week we had former member **Frank Ross**, who is now living in Pennsylvania, visit with us. Past Prez **Randy Marcove** shared this photo of Frank Ross sharpening his fingering with **Maestro Miguel Espinoza**. Learn something new everyday! It was great to spend the time with him and them!



Miguel Espinoza, left, shows Frank a few of his greatest guitar riffs, while Frank, right, showed him some of his.  
Photo Randy Marcove

## 40th Year of Monaco South

This week the Optimist Club of Monaco South has it is official OI birthday day on Wednesday, July 20, 2016.



The Celebration & Installation will take place on **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** at **Maggiano's Little Italy**, 7401 South Clinton, Englewood, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

## Announcements

**Mudd Volleyball Tournament:** **Pat Bush** reported that the Mudd Volleyball Tournament, to support the March of Dimes, carpool will gather and leave at 6 a.m. from the American Legion Hall on Saturday, August 6. He shared that the weather is usually sunny and hot, so bring sun screen, and so are the girls, so bring a wonderful smile.

**Optimist International Junior Golf Results:** **Joe Marci** shared that the International Tournament Highlights produced the following winners:

- ◇ Girls 13-14, 1<sup>st</sup> tie
    - Agus Gomez Cisterna, Argentina -3
    - Kan Bunnabodee, Thailand -3
    - 31 Amisha Singh, Greenwood Village + 22
    - 40 Brittlynn O'Dell, Grand Junction +28
    - 44 Katie Berrian, Castle Rock +33
  - ◇ Boys 14-15
    - 1 Austin Greaser, Ohio -7
    - 2 Akshay Bhatie, NC -4
    - 44 Cade Kilkenny, Centennial +19
    - 66 Connor Jones, Westminster +27
- Missed cut  
Jake Welch, Highlands Ranch  
Liam Ohalloran, Colorado Springs  
Billy Howenstein, Boulder

Joe also mentioned, the Entertainment Books are here, three have already been sold. The money earned goes into the OCMS Sullivan Scholarship Fund.



**CO-WY District Convention:** **Paul Simon** reminded everyone that the MSOC will pay for lunch to anyone who attends the District Conference Convention, Saturday August 27 at the Fort Collins Marriott. He also reported he is assisting **Paul Stratton** and others to build a new Stapleton-Lowry Optimist Club in the future.

**Brent's Place Annual Pancake Breakfast:** **Paul Bernard** announced that the Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast is this Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> staring at 7 a.m. at General's Park located on the NE corner of Peoria and Colfax.

**Bike MS 150:** **Bob Avery** back from traveling reported that the MS Ride is over and he still taking donations and that there was a minor *Love-fest celebrating* his return as Attendance Guru.



## Mike Coffman

U.S. Representative for Colorado's Congressional District 6

Past President **Frank Middleton** introduced our guest speaker, Mike Coffman, U.S. Representative for Colorado's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Mike is an Aurora native, graduated from the University Colorado. Former business owner of a successful Property Management Company.

Mike started off saying he has no favorite colors, books, songs, or movies to share with us at this time.

But, he did address some local issues: The VA Hospital, which is 1 billion (admittedly) over budget and the Army Corps of Engineers has taken over construction of the new VA Hospital. It has never been determined when elected officials finally became aware of the tremendous cost overrun but it is now in capable hands for the completion of construction. Nobody has ever been fired either for this fiasco or for the dereliction of duty by VA administrators, either here in Colorado or across the Country.

The VA refuses to release any report detailing what is wrong with VA Hospitals. The only information available to Congressional Representatives is a brief summary written by VA Administrators themselves. The Classified Report was completed over a year ago but still not available for public review. Cash bonus payments have been disbursed to VA employees which is detailed in a secret list, but not available to elected officials. There have been no prosecutions for this misbehavior or malfeasance to date. One VA Administrator, at a Congressional Hearing advised Rep. Coffman "*We cannot fire our way to excellence.*" A true moment of insight into the mind of an embedded bureaucrat. The Hospital is partially open and will be fully operational by early 2018.

Buckley Air Base: Provides basic recon and intelligence to the Military but does not have an active runway that may be soon closed, due to the lack of length for F-35 aircraft. It was pointed out Lowry was a ground aviation facility providing training for Air Cadets and the Intelligence Service. However, the Air National Guard and the importance of their regional presence is a key factor to keeping Buckley open and assuring Aurora's largest employer stays fully operational. Rep. Coffman feels the Criteria being promulgated to close the Base is unfair. We must have F-35 air support on a 24/7 basis. Colorado Aerospace industry is the 2nd largest in the country. Rep. Coffman has worked in a bi-partisan



Representative Mike Coffman  
Photo Don StJohn

effort with Senator Michael Bennet to help export technology to the international market.

Immigration: Kids are not being stopped from entering the country due to a law passed in 2002 forbidding non-contiguous immigration that now must be adjudicated in court. A new law to Eliminate that provision passed the House but was killed in the Senate. Rep. Coffman states the whole system needs to be re-written. Overstays are the major problem, but is not a criminal offense. Illegal Criminals must be deported and Sanctuary cities are wrong. Work visas, that are not a path to citizenship, is a possible solution. Kids must be addressed separately.

Gun Control: Oops! were out of time! Just joking. The San Bernardino massacre proved we are now a nation at war with radical Islam. There are 3 components to addressing Gun control issues. #1 Basic Gun Crimes, #2 Mental Health issues as detailed in HIPPA guidelines, and #3 Actual Attacks. Orlando is the most recent example.

"Caliphate" means land that is under control of Isis that must be protected and then a show of momentum as must be demonstrated by attacking outside "Caliphate" land. Isis is a younger and more brutal version of al-Qaeda and its members. Lone wolf attacks evolve from Isis philosophy. Members of congress on no-fly list names demonstrates how dis functional the Intel system is. As an example, The Ft. Hood attack perpetrated by a Muslim American Army Major revealed in a report filed in 2011, that he did not want to go to Afghanistan and had been radicalized, the report was classified Top Secret and is an example of Political Correctness run amok. Rep. Coffman declared the 14 soldiers killed in that attack were sacrificed at the altar of P.C.

Fast Tracks Roll Back: Rep. Coffman supports Fast Track for Trade legislation, whereby there is a simple Up or Down vote with no amendments allowed. Also, Rare metals from China (mostly Inner Mongolia provinces) control 90% of the marketplace and should be closely monitored.

*Rep. Coffman in the true spirit of a Marine arrived at exactly 7:30 a.m. and finished at 7:52 as requested. There was no time for Q & A however, and we would welcome another visit for a Town Hall format. It was a fast moving and well-presented program We all thank him for his time and indulgence.*

### Weekly Drawing

For the lucky Ace of Spades, \$50 was for the taking. Those who selected a cup were: **Ed Collins, Terry Shroyer, Pat Bush, Jack Kleinhessel, Cap Hermann and Curt Merrill**. While the card were **Curt Merrill** and **Caleb Preston**, both had no luck. For the name tag drawing. Dr. Bob has not wearing his badge and defaults abashedly to **Robert Wardlaw** who came up empty handed.

### Weekly Greeters

8/5/16	John Young & ?
8/12/16	Steve Kady & Tom Glazier
8/19/16	Gary Strowbridge & ?

### Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Aug 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Frank Francone, Amendment 69, Colorado Care Needs to be Stopped
Aug 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Super Citizen School Principal's to Breakfast
Aug 18	Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Aug 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day



**Past Presidents of the  
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96		

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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.