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Good Morning Optimist Good Friday Welcome

You have not been greeted until you are greeted by **Jack Kleinheksel** and **David Peck** as we were on this **Good** (in more than one-way) **Friday** morning. Chaplain **Bob Coulson** was then called upon to deliver the invocation. He did so by asking for a blessing of our mission of bringing hope and optimism to the youth of our community.



Guests

Fred Pasternack said he invited two guests to the meeting this morning and was extremely delighted that one of them showed up. Freddy introduced us to his Optimist sponsor **Frank Gold**. Frank has been involved in Optimism for over 40 years. (Editor, Fred was sponsored into MSOC by **Curt Jefferies**.) President **Jon Wachter** also brought a guest in **Tom Kramis**. Finally, Colorado/Wyoming Governor-Elect **Abigail Nicholas** accompanied her husband and Monaco South member **Kent Gloor** to today's meeting. *Welcome to our club and we hope you will join us again soon!*

New Member

Prez Jon announced that **Harry Arkin's** membership application had been nearly unanimously approved at the board meeting last Wednesday evening. Harry is sponsored by **Craig Eley** and will be mentored by Craig. Jon called Harry up on stage and inducted him into the club. The membership welcomes Harry and is looking forward to learning more about him.



Harry Arkin
Photo Craig Eley

From the Prez

Other business discussed at the board meeting included sponsoring four scholarship awards to the juvenile diabetes summer camp. Because the kids



President Jon Wachter, right, takes new member Harry Arkin's through the OI new member induction. Harry's sponsor, Craig Eley, left, looks on.

Photo Don StJohn

blood sugar must be attending this camp are monitored and provided medical treatment when needed, it becomes expensive for these kids to attend a typical summer camp. The ratio of staff to campers at this camp is about 1 to 4. The T1DOC club is currently raising funds to provide the scholarships for those kids who would not otherwise be able to go to the camp. T1DOC is appealing to area clubs to help sponsor the scholarships. Individual members may also help by making a pass through donation to the Optimist International Foundation. You would then be able to claim a tax deduction for the donation. You may donate any amount and the money will be pooled to sponsor additional camp scholarships. Give your checks to **Greg Young** if you would like to help.

3rd Quarter District Conference

The 3rd quarter CO-WY District Conference is coming up on Saturday, May 3rd. The club pays for lunch for those members who attend the conference. Since the *Know Brainer* is the same day, the board has approved applying the amount normally used for lunch to offset the cost of dinner for those who want to participate in both events. You must be registered

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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*****

From the Prez Continued

for the conference and turn in a copy of the registration form to Greg to be illegible for the cost offset.

Space Camp Request

The club received a request from Caleb Stewart to help him with the cost of attending Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. See more at www.spacecamp.com/. Caleb is a blind student suffering from neurofibromatosis and attends

Eaglecrest High School. He has to raise \$1,800 dollars for travel and tuition to attend the camp. Since this expenditure was not allocated in the budget, the board decided to gather *Happy Bucks* to raise funds for Caleb. That was done and \$100.00 was graciously raised for Caleb's cause. Upon learning the news, Caleb wrote the thank you note below. Anyone can make personal donations to Caleb's effort by sending check made payable to "Space Camp for Caleb" and mailing it to Space Camp for Caleb, c/o Mimi Schaper at 3450 S. Race Street, Englewood, Colorado 80113.



What is Happy Bucks?

For the guests and new members, *Happy Bucks* is an activity that gives a member a chance to express the reason for their happiness in exchange for a \$1.00 donation. The money usually is donated to the Childhood Cancer Campaign but will be given to Caleb Stewart this time. Some of the more notable reasons for being happy were from **George Buzick** because tax season is over; **Tom Mauro** because he managed to snag tickets to the College World Series even though he has to go to Omaha, Nebraska; **Jack Kleinheksel** because he recently visited the homeland of his Dutch ancestors; **Ron Gustas** for the club's support of the Diabetes Camp scholarships; **Ron Cisco** on his 50th wedding anniversary; **Kent Gloor** because his last daughter is getting married in June; **Oscar Sorensen** because he still has a buck and that is just a fraction of all the happiness in the room.

Where is the Happy Buck Spittoon?



It was mentioned that the Happy Buck Spittoon went missing. This special receptacle used for collecting our Happy Bucks looks just like the one here. So if you barrowed it, please return it.

Announcements

Tri-Star Basketball Finals: Several members participated in conducting the Tri-Star Basketball finals last Saturday at North High School. Some 125 kids competed in the district competition. While this editor did not get a list of all members participating, we should extend our thanks to **Michael Chavez** and **Jack Rife** for organizing the club, regional, and district competitions.



On left, on of the finalist shoots for a basket. At right, Phil Perington and Jon Wachter serve as judges and score keepers during the event.

Photos Craig Eley

Super Citizen Awards: **Robert Wardlaw** reports that we are in the home stretch for the Super Citizen award this year. We have a few presentations this month that have not yet been covered—McMeen, this month and some in May. If you can help present awards please give **Rob Gardner** a call. In May we will be presenting the **Charlie Korsoski Awards** for each school's Super Citizen of the Year. To learn more about the Korsoski Award see the GUMS distribution email.

JDRF Gala Wine Cork Pull: The annual JDRF fundraising *Dream Gala* will be held on Saturday, May 17th at the Denver Center for Performing Arts. The T1DOC club is looking for volunteers to help with the Gala. **Dick Cohen** says the most urgent need now is for wine donations for their "Wine Pull." This is where a Gala patron can buy a cork with a number stamped on it for \$25.00. That number is then matched to a bottle of donated wine. If you have any bottles of wine that you can donate, please bring it to the next membership meeting. They ask that donations be worth at least \$18. You can receive a tax deduction for the wine donations.

Bradley International School Fun Run: **Mike McMahon** is looking for volunteers to help man a water station for the Bradley Fun Run. The run will be held on Sunday, April 27th. The water station will be located at Eisenhower Park at Colorado Blvd. and Hampden Ave. Talk to Mike for more details.

Robert Sullivan Scholarships: Joe Marci reported that the committee met last week to select the 15 scholarship award winners. Ms. Tabitha Rocha submitted 24 applicants from Thomas Jefferson High School for consideration this year. Members of the committee were **Randy Marcove**, **Oscar Sorensen**, **Phil Perington**, **Jack Rife**, **Pat Bush**, **Michael Chavez**, **Tom Mauro**, **Greg Young**, **Keith Gallaway**,

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Announcements Continued

and **Joe Marci**. The scholarship awards will be presented by **President Jon** at the TJHS Senior Awards Assembly on May 1st and award recipients, their families, and school officials will be present at our Friday, May 16th membership meeting. **Randy Marcove** will be chairing the project in the future.

Aurora Youth Options: Aurora Youth Options had made a presentation to the club a couple of weeks ago about the need for adult partners to be paired with youths. The adults would spend a couple of hours with their youth partner twice a month doing some activity. **Bryce Slaby** went to a partnering meeting and reported that there were twelve youths but only four adults for partners. He will be recruiting Optimist Club members to help reduce that deficit.

Rockies Giveaway: **Michael Chavez** is recruiting 45 Optimists to help with the Rockies giveaway. This year we will be working the Sunday, June 8th game against the L.A. Dodgers. This is a fundraiser for the club but we need a lot of volunteers. You can bring family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors, or even acquaintances but just do not bring any Dodger fans.

Dime-A-Day: The Dime a Day results through the first half of the year has been released and we are listed in second place, four member donations behind the leaders. We need members to pledge just one dime a day throughout the Optimist year to the OI Foundation. That figures to be just \$36.50 for the entire year and it is tax deductible. You can give the money to the foundation or you can pay it to the government. Editor: *"Sounds like a no brainer to me."*

Know Brainer: Speaking of *Know Brainer*, it is almost here. It will take place on Saturday, May 3rd at Hamilton Middle School. **Don Thomson** reports that we still need a couple more volunteers to help. Volun-

teers will be done by about noon. Sixteen fifth grade teams from area schools will be participating. This is a project co-sponsored by Tamarac Optimist and the Monaco South Optimist Clubs.

Roundup Fellowship: **Jim Vander Kamp** brought us up to date with Roundup Fellowship. Jim joined the organization in September of 1974 as Executive Director. The Fellowship has since grown to run six homes for people with developmental disabilities while recognizing their worth, affirming their contributions and promoting dignity in all relationships. Their needs are many and we can support them in any number of ways. The maintenance crew is getting up in age and they are in need of volunteers to help with repairs. However, they can use people with a variety of talents and expertise. Just give them a call at 303-353-8312. If you do not have time, you can help financially. They are selling cookbooks with 400 favorite recipes from friends, family, and staff. The cookbooks are only 12 dollars. They will also have a car show on Saturday, July 12th to be held at Lincoln High School, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. You can enter a car or bike for only \$20 or just attend the show and enjoy the cars, food, and activities. Call Jim for details.

Drawing & Closing Bell

Drawing winners were **George Buzick**, **Jack Kleinhessel** (3 times), **Kent Gloor** and **Allen Malask** took home the cash cups. **Greg Young**, **Pat Bush**, and **O.C. Larson** took a stab at the cards for the \$60 pot but all came up short. And the pot keeps growing once again.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS
MONACO SOUTH NEEDS NEW MEMBERS
We need about 10 new members to achieve honor club. So bring your friends, neighbors, sons or grandsons... get them to join and receive a discount on your next year's dues. See Greg Young for details.

Super Citizen Presenters for April

Apr 22 @ 1:30	Samuels	Joe Marci
Apr 25 @ 9:30	Holm	Fred Pasternack
Apr 25 @ 12:45	McMeen	?
Apr 25 @ 3:00	Bradley	Jon Wachter
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 gardnerrb@gmail.com		

Weekly Greeters

4/25/14	Don Thomson & Greg Young
5/3/14	Russ Paul & Ralph Pedersen
5/9/14	Terry Shroyer & ?
5/16/14	Gary Strowbridge & Keith Gallaway
5/23/14	Robert Wardlaw & ?
Need Friday morning greeters, see O.C. Larson, 303-797-7432 or larson1942@comcast.net	

Apr 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado Alliance for Retired Americans
May 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
May 2-3	Fri-Sat		CO-WY 3rd Quarter Conference Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd., Golden
May 3	Sat	7:00 am	Know Brainer, Hamilton Middle School, see Michael Chavez
May 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Stan Moore, What Adolph Didn't Do
May 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TJ High School Sullivan Scholarship Winners

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Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
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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
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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.