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Serving Youth and the Community for 39 Years
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Good Morning Optimist

Good morning Optimists, on this special June week-end—Father's Day and Summer Solstice! **Tom Glazier** and **Allen Malask** do a great job of greeting everyone as they enter the meeting. Next to them, is **Frank Middleton** handing members a playing card to give them a random, new spot seating to highlight this morning's Camaraderie Day.

First Bell

President **John Oss** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. Soon to be CO/WY Governor, **Curt Merrill** delivers the invocation this morning reminding us to look at the sunny side of everything. As difficult as that may be some days, it is one of the principals of Optimism. It is days when this seems hard that requires us to redouble our efforts and be Optimistic.

Curt then leads us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. **Prez John** encourages members and guests to greet one another with a handshake and a smile.

A Moment of Silence



In light of the recent tragedy in Charleston, South Carolina, **Prez John Oss** asks for a moment of silence. After which he notes that in our daily lives, it is possible for something posi-

tive to come out of something so bad.

From the Prez

Prez John then talks about a "Thank You letter" received from Sarah Thomson a Hamilton Middle



School student who recently competed in National History Day competition in Washington, DC. **Karl Geil** takes the microphone to talk a little bit about National History Day.

He shares, the chaperone who was to accompany the students from Hamilton was unable to make the trip; so Sarah's parents stepped up and made the trip. Monaco South supported the students with a donation. Sarah and her teammate made it to the finals of the competition and placed 6th overall. Sarah is a multiple recipient of our Super Citizen award. Well done Sarah!

Prez John then tells us that there was a very special birthday recently. He gives the microphone to **Gary Strowbridge** who tells us that yesterday Dr. **Ed Fankhauser** celebrated his 91st birthday. John asks any other members celebrating a June birthday to stand—**Perry Allen, Ed Collins, Dr. Bob Finkelmeier, Greg Hurd, Bill Morgan, Mike Prete, Terry Shroyer, Bryce Slaby, Jason Sunahara, Bob Interfield, and Allen Yockey**—and allow us to serenade them with the special BD sound. **Prez John** noted that Dr. Ed. was the founder of Monaco South Optimist Club and next month we will be celebrating our 39th anniversary as a club. The Club was officially chartered on July 20, 1976 as Club #25164. And, we will be moving into our 40th year.



It Should Be Noted

In these 39 years Monaco South has reached the **Top Ten in Membership** within all of Optimist International. Bring a guest ... we need to stay there! Sign up for the National Convention! See OI president, Ken Garner's message by clicking the [Top 15 Clubs by Membership](#).



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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******

Guest

There is no napping when CO-WY Governor **Abigail Nicholas** visits us. As we stand, we are recognized as the tenth largest Optimist club in OI.

Kevin Grierson who is new neighbor to **Les Larson** also joins us today. Kevin is a retired Middle School teacher, has two grown daughters, and still maintains an active role in the community. He is a Goodwill Mentor at TJ High School and has recently taken the position as Executive Director of City Square. City Square is a one-stop shop for Denver neighbors in need.



Abigail Nicholas
Photo Don StJohn

Guest to Member

Don Thomson is invited to the stage for the induction of **Mike White**. Don tells us that he has known Mike for many years; Mike was the center on the West High School football team that Don coached



Prez John reads the Optimist induction to Mike White center, as Don Thomson, right, shares the celebration.

Photo Don StJohn

way back when. Don is delighted that a man of Mike's character is joining us and that Mike has already participated in several club activities. John presents Mike with a phot of his 90-year-old father holding his great granddaughter as a reminder of the role the club plays in the lives of its members. Welcome to the club Mike!

Announcements

HOBY Leadership Conference: **Paul Bernard** thanks the volunteers who helped at the HOBY Leadership Seminar this past weekend at Denver University. The Hugh O'Brian Leadership Seminar (LS) works with high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become ethical and effective leaders in their home, school, workplace, and community. Members who helped include **Greg Young, Tom Kramis, Michael Chavez, Phil Perington, Donlie Smith, and Scott Walker.**

2015-2016 Officer Induction: **Jon Wachter** tells us about the upcoming Officers Induction Ceremony to take place Saturday, September 19 at Piccolo's Restaurant starting at 6 p.m. The event will install new president **Don Iley**, vice presidents, and board members. The maximum number of attendees is 80 so please sign up early.

Need Morning Greeters: **Jon** also shared that he is sending around the Greeter Sign-up Sheet so take a look and plan accordingly to act as a greeter for an upcoming Friday morning meeting. New members, this is a great way to get to know members of the club, so please try to get yourself on this list.

Sponsoring a New Club: District Governor **Abigail Nicholas** thanked Monaco South, and in specifically, **Mike Chavez** for sponsoring a new club. The Stapleton Optimist Club is currently going through the documentation process and will be meeting soon. Abi-

gail herself was involved in the creation of a new club and knows well, the challenges and rewards that come with this experience. She then leads us in a cheer and encourages each of us to do all we can to grow and sustain our own Monaco South Optimist Club, which ranks as one of the largest on the Optimist International roster.

Update on Noel Hasselgren: **Gary Miller** provides an update on **Noel Hasselgren**. Noel is recovering at home from his surgery last Tuesday to screw his two lower right leg bones back together following a severe break of both bones just above his ankle. Surgery went well, but he will not be able to weight bare or drive a car for several weeks. He is learning how to get around the house on one leg. His wife, Karen closes her eyes when he tries to get up! Best of luck for a quick recovering Noel!

Tree Lot Planning: **Gary** also mentions that Haselden Construction has once again committed to providing a generator for our tree lot this coming Christmas season. **Joe Marci** added, that he is working with the real estate company to see if we can get back to our old spot along South Monaco Parkway.

Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride: **Michael Chavez** is still in need for more volunteers to staff the lunch stop for the MS Bike Ride on Sunday, June 28. Volunteers will be rehydrating riders, filling water bottles, photos of the riders will be taken, and supporting this event that raises money to help those suffering from MS. Mike needs more volunteers to staff this event. Arrangements are being made to carpool up to Longmont for those interested, please contact Michael.

David Bruton Reading Program: **Steve Kady** had a moment of inspiration recently after watching this TV report, [CLICK HERE](#). He noticed that Denver Bronco David Bruton, you may recall during the lock-out of 2011 he became a substitute teacher in the Mi-amisburg School District, his hometown. His community service here in Denver, includes a foundation for Reading for Literacy. He is focused on creating a "turn page on illiteracy." Steve's idea is to collect as many children's books as possible and present to this foundation at our Boys & Girls Clubs Thanksgiving Dinner in November, an assortment of children books. Steve is currently setting up a meeting with David Bruton to finalize exactly how the books could be distributed. Steve shares, "This is the sort of "Friend of Youth" activity that seems well aligned with our club's charter. So start collecting books."

Classic Car Optimist Club of Colorado: **Phil Perington** shared that CCOCC, will convene their first Official general meeting at their new Club House, Wednesday, June 24th at 6 p.m. Monaco South has many Charter Members in this club that include **OC Larson, Ed Collins, Scott Walker, Dr. Bob Finkelmeier, Dr. Ed Fankhauser, Robert Duval, Dave Peck, Al Gapuzan, Fred Pasternack, Kent Gloor, Phil Perington, Michael Chavez, and Allen Yockey**, who are urged to attend. Other Monaco South members are encouraged to attend and enjoy a

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complimentary BBQ buffet; however, please RSVP with Marc Wheeler, club vice president @ 720-289-2976. The address is 9335 Commerce Center St., Unit B-4, located just south of the intersection of C-470 and South Santa Fe Drive, in Highlands Ranch.

The Club House is decorated in the style of an old fashioned diner with attached warehouse filled with classic cars that are available to members and other Optimist Clubs for fundraising events and membership "drives." Gov. **Abigail Nicholas** and Gov. Elect **Curt Merrill** will be present to help kick off this exciting get together.

Junior Golf: Joe Marci reported that we had great volunteers at both tournaments. Thanks to **Don Thomson** for taking pictures of the golfers and the hole sponsor signs at the two tournaments. **Tom Hoch** was the photographer for the awards presentation at Fitzsimons. **John Greene** ably measured off yards to



Joe Marci & Gary Miller share the story on Junior Golf.
Photo Don StJohn

adjust the tee boxes for the 10-12 girls. **Eldon Strong** along with tri-chairmen **Bob Meyer**, **Ron Cisco**, and himself were all over the course doing what was needed. **Verlee Greene** who recruited 13 of their members to be scorers for the young golfers led the Tamarac Optimists ladies.

The Flatirons tournament required members to be there for a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start. Those arriving before 6 a.m. included **Lynn Jones**, **Gary Miller**, **Barry Barker**, and **Sewell Black** along with the tri-chairmen. We also had several Boulder Optimists assisting us with registration as many golfers also showed up to practice right at 6 a.m. **Governor Abigail** presented the trophies to the 1st - 3rd place winners. Thanks also to all the members who supported the junior golf program with financial assistance. We could not have done it without you.

Weekly Greeters

6/26/15	Nick Newey & Dr. Jeff Johnston
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Help we need Friday morning greeters,
see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or
jon_wachter@msn.com

Joe then asked members who worked at the recent tournaments to come up to the stage and share some of their memories from the events. **Gary Miller** talked about what a great group of kids each event showcased. They could not have been more polite and engaging, even to check on the welfare of those working the event as the hot weather wore on. Abigail talked about the positive attitude at the Fitzsimons event. Lynn Jones was very impressed with the skill of the young players; they knew what they were doing on the course. John Greene was helping score players and noted a 12-year-old boy who drove the ball over a tree and the shot measure over 300 yards. Don Thomson noted Joe Marci, Ron Cisco, and Bob Meyer for their work with this project all these past years and the opportunity it has afforded these young people. Joe then asked members who were hole sponsors and donated to the event. A great event to support young people in this environment

Let's Share in Comradery



Photos Don StJohn

Drawing

President John asks, "Do we have a drawing?" Yes and there, is a pot totaling \$30 this morning? The lucky card is the Nine of Spades. Members who hold winning tickets this morning include **Ed Collins** (two weeks in row for lucky tickets), **Dick Zolman**, **Tom Hoch**, **Phil Perington**, and **John Stoffel**. **Craig Eley** draws **Allen Malask** to take a card another card from the deck, but he "sticks out."

Close

Go out to this beautiful day and spread the word of Optimism!

June 26 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Fiduciary Standards for Financial Advisors, Ben Moultrie
June 28 Sun	7:00 am	Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride, Trail Ridge Middle School, 1000 Button Rock Dr., Longmont
July 3 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
July 10 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Flamenco Guitarist Extraordinaire, Miguel Espinoza
July 16 Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
July 17 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
July 20 Mon		Optimist Club of Monaco South 40 th Birthday! Chartered in 1976
Aug 27-30		CO/WY 4th Qtr. Convention, Glenwood Springs, CO
Sep 19 Sat	6:00 pm	MSOC Installation & Celebration, Piccolo's, 3563 South Monaco Parkway

**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
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Paul Simon	2012-13
Mark Metevia	1994-95	Jon Wachter	2013-14

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T H E O P T I M I S T C R E E D — 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.