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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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Editor for this Issue—John Oss



Good Morning Optimist

Don Thomson was our official greeter this morning and presented all with his winning smile. We have been blessed for a long time by two greeter enablers. **OC Larson** has been calling just a bit before each Friday morning meeting, but due to OC's medical situation, greeters need to review the schedule shown on page 3. **Robert Finkelmeier** has been appending the greeter schedule to the newsletter. Thanks to both! OC is recovering from an operation. Don was one of his visitors this week. You can bet Don herd OC's concern for a good greeting during his visit with OC. Thanks to all for our greeters and their supporters.
NOTE: If you want to be a greeter in May, please let OC or your editor know.



Invocation and Pledge

Karl Geil started us off with a prayer centered on fear. Editor: There are many ways to be all bound up with fear. The first and last lines of our creed help us. We find our prayers answered in many ways.

Then Karl lead the pledged of our allegiance to the flag with eyes fixed on the stars and stripes.

Friendly Faces Back

Prez Paul, welcomed some friendly faces back in the room today, **Robert Duvall**, **Barry Barker** and **Perry Allen** caught his eye. Perry is fresh back from butler school in England. Hopefully he will share his story with us all sometime. Perry was looking for **Fred-die Pasternack** to give him a Dime a Day check. We are up over 60, and leading in the district making it leader in the country. Fred will accept more checks.

Prez Paul Simon Comments

This past week at the MSOC Board meeting, our board approved \$300 each for the duck drop reinstatement, and Bill Hanzlik basketball camp scholarships. If you have projects, you would like to start up, speak up. Talk to Paul or a board member. The eyes and ears on the board are open.

John Young had shoulder surgery. He is home. **Gary Lehman's** wife Joyce reports Gary is doing well. Cy says, "We had him out to breakfast yesterday."

Don Thomson reported that **OC Larson** has surgery and is now home and doing well. Don visited him at home this past week.

And, **Carl Brown** is about to have his back "redone" on Monday.

Let us hope we see him at a meeting soon. Keep them in your thoughts, send them a card, or give them a call. It can help keep the Optimist candles burning.

Tamarac Optimists Club is Twenty

The Tamarac Optimists Club will be celebrating their 20th anniversary on June 18th. MSOC donated \$500 toward their celebration at the Franciscan. **Abigail Nichols** sent a note thanking our club for sponsoring and supporting them over those 20 year.



Super Citizens at Hamilton

Karl Geil honchoed the Super Citizen program last Thursday evening at Hamilton Middle School. It is a bit of family thing. Karl's wife Lesley is on the Hamilton faculty. She manages the program at Hamilton.

Twelve students were recognized. **Michael Chavez** and **John Oss** assisted. Karl presented an excellent talk. To hear it [CLICK HERE](#).

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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****

Super Citizens at Hamilton continued:



Photos John Oss

teachers had their written comments for the presentation, but expanded by referencing parts from Karl's presentation. "There is no greater complement than imitation." Carl

has been leading our supper citizen program at Hamilton for several years. His pride in the school came through in his presentation. Super Citizens tend to excel like the three who placed in the finals of the recent



State Spelling Bee. Even to the point of going on to the national competition. The students are the object of the recognition, but parents are moved as well. Scenes like

this will be repeated for over eight hundred students served by our club this year.

Denver 7th-grader wins Colorado State Spelling Bee

Three of winners made the final round. Sawyer Markham finished tied for 31st, Leora Busse tied for 4th, and Himanvi Kopuri finished 1st and will compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. **CLICK BELOW**

[Channel 7 News](#), [Denver Post Article](#), & [9 News Video](#)

Announcements

Roundup Fellowship is Forty: Jim Vander Kamp

heard about Tamarac's 20th and raised it 20. Jim is the



ROUNDUP
FELLOWSHIP

Executive Director of the program Roundup Fellowship. Roundup wants to thank supporters, so they will have a "plethora" of events to celebrate the anniversary. The

celebration will be 1 - 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 13th. It will be at the Monaco House, 2421 S. Monaco Parkway. Roundup Fellowship "has been serving people with developmental disabilities, recognizing their worth affirming their ability to contribute, and striving to promote dignity in all relationships." Jim has been an active member of our club over ten years.



Prayers for Corrections Community: Bob Avery

testified to what a decent man Tom Clements was, serving as Director of the Colorado Department of Corrections. Everyone in the department can benefit from our prayers, as well as Nathan Leon family, the pizza man who was also killed on March 17th.

Spring Ski Day at Copper: Bob Avery says he will be at hosting a Ski Copper on Tuesday, April 2nd

at 7:30 a.m. to meet participants for breakfast. Expect to ski until 3 p.m. Then enjoy après-ski @ Bob Avery's condo in Passage Point #305. Bring you swim suit to enjoy a soak in the hot tub. Sign up or call Bob at 303-550-5433.

9 Health Fair: Jack Rife for Howdy Fry shared that Monaco South will be assisting at the Schlessman YMCA on Sunday April 21st. Approximately 11 volunteers are needed to fill out forms and collect funds for blood tests. The time is from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with pizza afterwards. Sign up on the list or by calling Howdy Fry.

Duck Drop, April 21st: Mike McMahon is looking for a few good men. You will assist with a water station for the participants in the 2nd Annual Bradley 5K run. An alternative could be to run the 5K.

New Directory Pictures: Craig Eley calls for everyone to bring the your face and he will take the picture for the updated MSOC Directory. Craig will be updating old pictures and getting first ones for new members. Check the last directory and turn in any changes required to **Tom Mauro**.

Directory Information and Sponsorship: Tom Mauro wants good information. Check the last directory and turn in any changes required. You millionaires, keep on supporting in the director or ... you wanna-bees; Tom will post your card for a small donation.

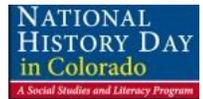
St. Patrick's Parade "Pooper Scoopers": Gary Strowbridge thanked **Ed Collins, Bryce Slaby, Frank Ross, Allen Pierce, Craig Eley, Tom Hoch, John Oss, Russ Paul, Kari Tae** (work in progress for new member), and himself for good scooping. It started at the Breakfast Inn with a repeat—great humor and service from Ursula the server.

A special thanks goes to **Curt Jefferies** for making sure we had our places in the parade and **Allen Yockey** for making sure we know where we belonged in the lineup. And to **Cy Regan** for setting the mood at Friday's meeting with the Irish music. Also to **John Young** for loaning us his truck, which **Donlie Smith** gets loaded with carts and gear. **Russ Paul** provided muscle to get the gear on and off the truck. Russ also does the clean up after the parade.

And last Gary thanked the retired or disabled Pooper Scoopers, **Don StJohn, OC Larson, and Fred Pasternack**.

Board of Director Candidates: Oscar Sorensen and his nominating committee are on the hunt for nominees. He insists that we need to elect a president, two vice presidents, and four board members. To date, **Jon Wachter** has stepped up to run for president and **Craig Eley** is running for his second term as vice president. Therefore, we have a minimum requirement for five more. The more the merrier! Oscar did bring up the name of another candidate for president but we will not print it here.

Kendra Black National History Day in Colorado



Karl Geil made the introduction of our speaker this morning, Ms. Kendra Black, State Coordinator. Kendra has spoken to the Club several times in the past on different topics, but today she addressed us as the State Director of National History Day in Colorado. National History Day, <http://www.nhd.org/>, is a nationwide academic contest sponsored by the University of Maryland. There is a Junior Division (grades 6, 7 and 8) and a Senior Division (grades 9, 10, 11 and 12). Students are provided with an annual theme. This year's theme is, "Turning Points in History: People, Ideas, and Events." Students then choose a topic related to the theme and research the topic. After conducting their research, the students must either write a historical research paper, prepare an exhibit much like you would see in a museum, create a website, produce a documentary, or write and perform an original stage performance. Students need to do more than just recite facts. They need to engage in critical thinking and analysis, and the projects need to explain why their topic is important in today's world (the all-important "so what?" factor).

Kendra showed us a documentary produced by students at Boulder's Fairview High School for last year's theme, "Revolution, Reformation or Reform in History," as an example of what students are doing for the competition. The documentary discussed the development of the polio vac-

cine and the methods used to test the vaccine. Participation in History Day reinforces all of the state and national standards for language arts education, as students need to formulate a thesis and to present arguments in an attempt to prove that thesis. Colorado has 11 regions, which are represented at the state competition, to be held on May 4, 2013 on the Auraria Campus. The top two projects in each category, in both the Junior and Senior Divisions, advance to the national competition held on the campus of the University of Maryland.



The state competition is in need of judges for the event. You do not need to be a historian or know anything about the topics the students choose. Judges will receive training and will be provided with a rubric to follow in evaluating the projects. Judges work in teams of three, and at least one of the three will be a veteran judge. Some Monaco South members have already served as a judge, and others are signed up to judge in the Denver Public Schools' regional competition on April 6th and at the state competition on May 4th. Those interested in judging obtain more information by [CLICKING HERE](#).

President **Paul Simon** presented Kendra with our usual Optimist coffee mug, but this one was particularly special, as it contained the Club's \$300 contribution to support this outstanding educational program.

Announcements Continued:

Rocky Mountain PBS Volunteer Recognition:
Allen Pierce announced that past fund raising volunteers will be treated to a party tonight, March 22nd. Milestones awards will be given for increments of 100 hours of service for the past year. The Summit Award, and special group awards will also be given.

Closing Bell

Karl Geil, Bryce Slaby, Floyd Hussey, Russ Paul, Steve Kady, Tom Hoch, and Ed Collins had winning tickets. **Michael Chavez** had his badge, but "no cigar." Nobody picked up the pot, so it continues to grow.

Promise yourself....



Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
3/29/13	Mike Short & Steve Kady
4/5/13	Frank Ross & Phil Perington
4/12/13	Terry Shroyer & Greg Young
4/19/13	Aaron Berry & George Buzick
4/26/13	Michael Chavez & Pat Bush

Super Citizen Presenters for April		
Apr 3 @ 8:30 am	Highline	Ed Collins
Apr 5 @ 1:00 & 1:45 pm	McMeen	Scott Walker
Apr 15 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Joe Marci
Apr 19 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	John Stoffel
Apr 19 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45 am	Holm	Steve Kady
Apr 26 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Howard Fry

Monaco South Calendar

Mar 29 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
 Apr 5 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
 Apr 12 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
 Apr 19 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA

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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.