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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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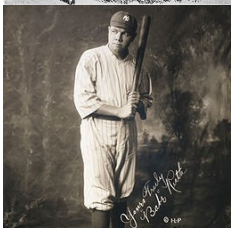
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Good Morning Optimist

Those who could make it out of bed early on this 192nd day of 2014 were greeted with handshakes and smiles by **Carl Brown** and **Paul Stratton**.



For you history buffs, on this date in 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton during a pistol duel in Weehawken, New Jersey. And, for you baseball aficionados, Babe Ruth made his major league baseball debut in 1914, pitching for the Boston Red Sox to a 4 to 3 victory over the Cleveland Naps (after Nap Lojoe), now called Cleveland Indians.

Where's the Prez?

Demonstrating his priorities, our illustrious President, **Jon Wachter**, passed up coming to the meeting in order to give his full attention to his wedding, which will occur later today. *Congratulations to Jon and to his lovely bride, Jill Dixon!*

Past Prez **Randy Marcove** showed the same style he exhibited during his own presidency by banging the gavel at exactly 7:00 a.m. and calling upon **Jim Vander Kamp** for the invocation. Jim also asked us to remember **Don Thomson** in our prayers. Don continues to battle various effects of Salmonella and will be out for some time. Joyce asks that we limit visitations and calls until Don is feeling a little better. **Jack Kitchell** will act as liaison and keep us up to date on Don's progress.

From the Prez

I will not be attending the next 2 weeks as I am getting hitched Friday evening and have a ton of family in town. **Randy Marcove** is going to be "President for the day" on 7-11. Our regularly scheduled board meeting is on for July 16th with **Craig Eley** at the helm. **John Oss** is going to run our meeting on 7-18. I get back 7-23 to be at our 7-25 meeting. Cheers! and Thank you. Jon

Congratulations!



Photo Randy Marcove
All the best to Newlyweds Jon & Jill, July 11, 2014

Guest

Lee Claymore, who has visited several times, showed up again today, with check and application in hand. Assuming The Board votes favorably (winky, winky) on his application, we welcome Lee as a new member.

Announcements

Sugar High: Randy reminded everyone that today at your local 7-Eleven, you can get a free Slurpee. He also mentioned that you can get a free dozen donuts at *Krispy Kreme*, if you buy a dozen at regular price.



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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS MONACO SOUTH NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

We need 15 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. Don't forget, for only \$100, you can make them a *Friend of Optimist*, and it counts too! See Greg Young for details.

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

Roundup Fellowship Car Show: Jim Vander Kamp reminded everyone that the 2nd annual Roundup Fellowship Car Show would be held Saturday, July 12, at Abraham Lincoln High School. (Federal and Evans), and that he still has cookbooks for sale. Let us support Jim.

No Meeting, But We Get Our GUMS: Steve Kady mentioned that Dr. Bob Finkelmeier should be given a chef's award for being able to "cook up" a newsletter last week, even though there was no official meeting. As you can read in last weeks GUMS, not knowing that the Legion Hall was closed, many MSOC members ended up at the Breakfast Inn for some Friday morning comradery.



Photo Steve Kady

Return From Scout Camp: Bob Avery talked about his adventure to Philmont Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Philmont has been operating for 73 years, during that span has accommodated 27,000 scouts each summer and will see the one-millionth camper sometime this summer. Bob accompanied six scouts on a 73 mile trek through the wilderness and confesses he would rather have ridden CO-WY MS Chapter 150 Bike Ride on his bike than hike 73 miles. Our own Keith Galloway was director at Philmont for many years and is still heavily involved in scouting. For more on Philmont see their website at

www.philmontscoutranch.org.

Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast: Paul Bernard announced that the pancake breakfast in support of Brent's Place will be held at General's Park at Anschutz Campus, Aurora, 1561 Quentin St., rather than the normal venue of Washington Park. Paul needs a few people to set up on Saturday (Not Sunday!) July 26th, at 6:00 a.m., and more to serve breakfast, starting around 7:00.



March of Dimes MUDD Volleyball: According to Cy Regan, the March of Dimes MUDD volleyball tournament will take place on Saturday, August 2, at the Majestic Commercenter, 20100 E. 32nd Pkwy (east of I-70 and Tower Rd.) in Aurora. Volunteer parking attendants are needed to direct cars for parking, and they need to be there at 6:00 a.m. Since Cy will be unavailable that date, please see Greg Hurd for details. Check out website: www.marchofdimes.com/colorado/ for further information.

Annual Officer Installation: Paul Simon put in another plug for attendance at the annual Officer Installation, which will be held Saturday, September 20, at the newly remodeled Delmonico Hall located at 3220 Federal Blvd in old North Denver. This is always one of the social highlights for the MSOC and is not to be missed. Details will follow, but save the date.

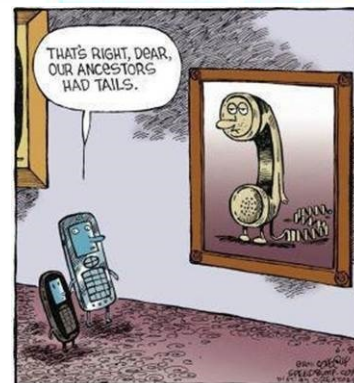
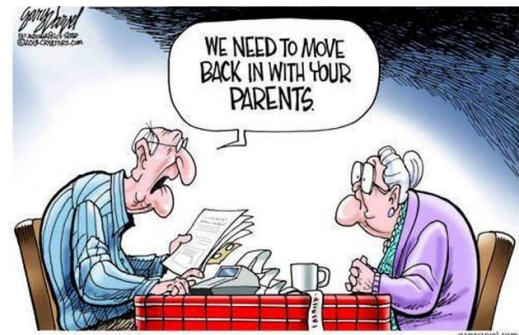


Paul Simon
Photo Don StJohn

Drawing & Final Bell

In spite of Dr. Bob's best efforts to give away \$180, it just did not happen. Although both perennial winner Karl Geil and sometimes winner Allen Yockey gave it their best shot, neither was able to come up with the required card and the other hangers on could only take their cup of money and cry. Even Brian Williams, whose name was drawn and who was wearing his nametag could not find the elusive card. Be there next week to see Karl Geil feign surprise when his name is called—it always is—and to hear Ron Cisco say, "Shake 'em up!" Editor, "At this stage of the game, you might want to buy a couple of tickets yourself. It's a lot like the lottery, if you don't buy a ticket, it's for sure you ain't gonna win!"

A bit of Humor



If we are not meant to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the fridge?

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SAVE THE DATE
COMING UP

Installation of Officers 2014-2015

Prez Jon announced MARK YOUR CALENDAR the MSOC installation of the 2014-2015 club officers will be Saturday, September 20, 2014 at **Highlands Park**

Pavilion, formally Delmonico Hall, at 3220 Federal Boulevard, across from Highland Park. The new Highlands Park Pavilion was recently refurbished and is operated by Fifty-Two-Eighty Events.

Our Speaker, Robin Wise

President & CEO, Junior Achievement

Our speaker for today was Ms. Robin Wise, President, and CEO of Junior Achievement of Rocky Mountain Inc. Ms. Wise started by explaining that 40 percent of all 8th grade students will not graduate. That is 18,000 kids in the Denver Public School system alone. Junior Achievement (JA) is the world's largest organization dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy. Through a dedicated volunteer network, JA provides in-school and after-school programs for students which focus on three key content areas: entrepreneurship, financial literacy and work readiness. The goal is to teach concepts through experiential learning, allowing young people to put their new knowledge and skills into practice. For example, students in an elementary school might learn about unit versus assembly line production by producing donuts.



Robin Wise
Photo Don StJohn

- ♦ Reached 121,155 students throughout Metro Denver, Northern Colorado and Southern Wyoming during the 2013/14 school year.
- ♦ Implements fun, educational competitions like JA Stock Market Challenge and JA Business Week.
- ♦ Celebrated 64 years of service to Colorado in 2014.



Ms. Wise concluded with a plea for volunteers and said that no special teaching talents are required, since programs are based on interaction with students, as opposed to lecturing. Volunteers serve as invaluable role models by helping students to understand the important part that education plays in their future success. Volunteering with JA is a fun, flexible and a rewarding way to directly impact the lives of local students.

For school programs, the teacher must be in the room at all times while the program is being presented and the commitment is only for six visits of 50 minutes apiece. Several of our members have participated in JA programs, either as resource people or (a long time ago) as students.

Check the website at <http://www.jacolorado.org/> for details on how to volunteer or call Robin at 303-628-7360. The JA office is located at 1445 Market Street, Suite 200 Denver, CO 80202.

According to the official JA website the following are the facts about JA Rocky Mountain Inc.

- ♦ Builds young people's capacity to spur economic development and contribute to America's global competitiveness.
- ♦ Inspires students to stay in SCHOOL by demonstrating relevant benefits to education and work readiness.
- ♦ Partners with local businesses to provide rewarding employee VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS.
- ♦ Trains 5,000 volunteers to teach students through relevant, responsive, innovative programs in approximately 500 participating SCHOOLS.

Weekly Greeters	
7/18/14	Bob Avery & Rod Winget
7/25/14	Jack Kleinheksel & Casey Funk
8/1/14	Frank Middleton & Lynn Jones
8/8/14	Tom Glazier & Allen Malask
8/15/14	Elton Strong & Howdy Fry
Need Friday morning greeters, see O.C. Larson, 303-797-7432 or larson1942@comcast.net	

Update on Don Thomson



As of today, Joyce reports that Don is back in his room at Skyridge Hospital and recovering from surgery for his spinal infection. He is in good spirits and is schedule to start physical therapy in the next few days. Again, anyone who wants to visit Don should contact Joyce prior to planning a visitation.

July 16	Wed	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
July 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Paul Simon & Donna Priester, "You are a Leader"
July 26	Sat	7:00 am	Brent's Place Kid's Cure for Cancer pancake breakfast - See Paul Bernard <i>New Location: General's Park, 1561 Quentin Street, Aurora (NE Corner of Colfax and Peoria)</i>
Aug 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Pending
Aug 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

**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 Stowbridge	1993-94	Paul Simon	2012-13
Mark Metevia	1994-95		

2013 - 2014 Officers

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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.