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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimists

A good turnout this morning, but no it was not a political caucus ... seventy-nine people were greeted by **John Young** and **John Bamford**, one of the highest turnouts in recent history!

Guests

Among those was Bryan Hyatt, guest of **Bob Avery**. Bryan is the District Director at Boy Scouts of America, Denver Area Council; and Alan Magnuson, an Eagle Scout and Past (Long Past) Distinguished Lt. Governor in the CO/WY District. Alan was extremely active in the District in the mid 1980's and can probably be convinced to rejoin us. **Allen Malask** also had a guest, his neighbor, Dave Pierce. Welcome!

Invocation & Pledge

Joe Marci provided the invocation this morning and led us in the Pledge. As is the seasons, we heard the call, Play Ball!

From the Prez



Prez Michael Chavez
Photo Don StJohn

Prez **Michael Chavez** mentioned that the 2nd Quarter CO/WY District Board of Directors meeting, held last Saturday was a great success and that the District has added 100 members since October 1st, the start of the Optimist New Year. Michael also mentioned that anyone who recruits three new members will receive \$50 from the District.

Announcements

Club Oratorical Contest: This year the Oratorical contest will be held at Prairie Middle School on Wednesday, March 23. The Oratorical Contest is open to students under 18 years of age, as of October 1, 2015 and who are educated in the United States, Canada, or the Caribbean. Students are required to prepare a 4 to 5-minute speech on a pre-assigned topic. The topic this year is *"How My Best Brings Out the Best in Others."* This contest is designed to assist

youth in gaining public speaking experience and provide them with an opportunity to compete for a scholarship. The finals will be on April 30, 2016 at All Saints Lutheran Church.

CO-WY Tri-Star Basketball Regionals: **John Bamford** reported that the District Regional Tri-Star Basketball playoffs will be held at North High School, 2600 Speer Blvd., on Saturday March 19. Finals will be on Saturday, April 2, before the Nuggets game.

JDRF Gala Wine Cork Pull: **Dick Cohen** reminded us to donate a bottle of wine—value at least \$25—for the Juvenile Diabetes fund raiser, See Dick if you have any questions.

OCMS Directory Update: **Craig Eley** has been taking photos for the Club Directory and will continue to do so for the next couple of weeks. If you are a new member, or an old member who does not like your current photo, please see Craig.



Smarter than Brain Bowl Chair: **Craig** also said he is recruiting members for the *"Are you smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair"* contest, which pits 5 club members against **Karl Geil**. See Craig if you don't mind embarrassing yourself in front of other club members. **Note:** *Rumor has it that there are a number of questions about Leo L. Leyden, Marcellus H. Chiles, and John H. Wickersham. All of whom are associated with our meeting place.*

Upcoming 9Health Fair: **Jon Wachter** graciously volunteered to head up the "9 Health Fair" to be held at the Schlessman YMCA on Sunday April 17 from 7a.m. to Noon. Details to follow.



TJHS Production of Hello, Dolly: **John Oss** reminded us of the TJ High School, 3950 S Holly Street, production of "Hello Dolly," which will run March 16-19, 2016 at the school starting at 7 p.m. each evening. General admission is \$10 per person. Tickets are available by [Clicking Here](#). John's granddaughter Anja Oss is Dolly Levi.

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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*****

Announcements Continued

History Day: Karl Geil mentioned the need for help at Colorado History Day on Saturday, April 30. Karl and **Tom Hoch** helped judges the preliminary contest, last week. To be a judge go to the Colorado History Day website, [CLICK HERE](#). April 30 is also the date of the "Know Brainer." This is the 5th grader event we sponsor to get students interested in the big Brain Bowl competition. Please watch for details and volunteer as a reader, timer or scorekeeper if you can.

OI Foundation Dime-A-Day: Phil Perington announced that the OI Foundation is forgoing the extra dime (since this is leap year); however, you can still become a member of the "Dime a Day Club," for only \$36.50 or \$36.60, if you want to splurge. See Phil.



Monaco South Ski Day: The long awaited Ski Day at Copper Mountain will happen on Monday, March 14, according to **Bob Avery**. Bob also said he is still working on a visit to Colorado Correctional Industries at Canyon City and asked that those who have already been on this excursion allow those who have not to have first choice on this trip.

Golf Anyone: Donlie Smith announced that he is looking for golfing couples for this summers Optimist golf group. He said, "We are looking for couples and singles that may want to join for a summer of fun. We play once a week and have dinner at a distinguish players home afterwards. This year, we are open for new golfers and scheduling depending on our group size." Those interested, please contact: Sharon Young, 303-489-6477 or email, syoung7@msn.com.

Looking for 40 Years of History: Ralph Pedersen has been contacting all OCMS presidents as he is in the process of updating our club history to include the second twenty years of service to our community. This update will be presented at our 40th anniversary banquet and awards celebration in September 2016. Other Board officers, may also respond by email with recollections of your year(s) as president and or officer. He would like to hear from you by March 31, 2016. Some ideas may included:

- Accomplishments
- Activities, social and community projects, conventions
- Members/officers of encouragement and help in attaining accomplishments
- Stories of interest to the club
- Personal reflections on what the year meant for you. Things learned about yourself and the club
- Installation dinner details; and New projects/activities instituted.

Ralph may be contacted via email at r.pedersen2658@comcast.net.

Member Update

Don Thomson brought the news that **Doug Morton** is doing as well as can be expected and that he can have visitors. He now is at Highland Place assisted living, 6767 S. Broadway. It is probably best to visit

around 10 a.m.

Paul Bernard wrote in an email, "I thought I would back by now. The PT is going slow for my knee replacement and I still can't drive yet—unfortunately it's my right leg. I have my 6-week checkup on Tuesday and will see what the doctor advises. Say hello to all."

Ricardo Ortiz shared, "Hope all are doing well! I have been missing the last couple of Fridays because of travels with work. I am hoping I can make it for the meeting on the 18th. I have a meeting in Atlanta with Corporate this coming Friday! Please let me know if I can be of any assistance. Thanks, Ricardo Ortiz"

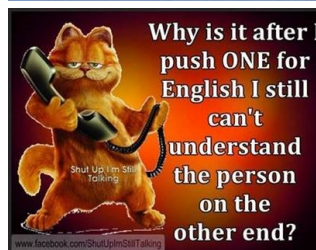
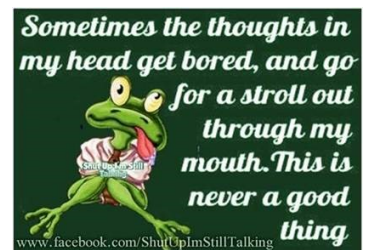
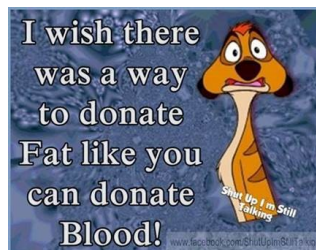
Drawing

Do we have a drawing! With \$110 on the line, quite a few tickets were sold, but there was no big winner. Lucky **Robert Duvall**, managed to draw his own number, thus winning two cups, **Terry** "The usual suspect, know for his 'wild and crazy' routines" **Shroyer** was, once again, a winner. Although **Robert Wardlaw** was wearing his name badge, it didn't do him any good, as he too came up empty. The pot continues to grow.

A Bit of Humor

Things you desperately need to know ...

- ♦ Stealing someone's coffee is called mugging.
- ♦ Pasteurize: too far to see.
- ♦ The other day I held the door open for a clown. It was a nice jester.
- ♦ No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- ♦ Energizer bunny arrested: charged with battery.
- ♦ Whoever invented "knock-knock" jokes should get a "no-bell" prize.
- ♦ I put my grandma on speed dial. I call that Instagram.
- ♦ When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.
- ♦ In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism, it's your Count that votes.
- ♦ When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
- ♦ The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- ♦ To write with a broken pencil is pointless.



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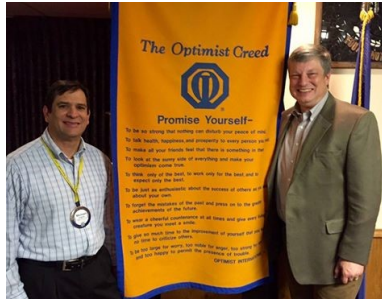
Wayne Williams Colorado Secretary of State

Introduced by **Frank Middleton**, our speaker today was **Wayne Williams**, Secretary of State for the State of Colorado. Also in attendance was his Communications Director, **Lynn Bartels**.

Mr. Williams, who graduated with honors from Brigham Young University and earned his law degree from the University of Virginia has worked his way up to his current position, serving in various capacities in El Paso County and was elected to his current position with more votes than any Secretary of State in the history of Colorado. In addition to his position with the State of Colorado, he operates a law practice specializing in small business issues and teaches employment law seminars across the country.

Wayne Williams said although most people know that the Secretary of State's office is involved with elections and business licensing, *"...few realize that we also certify candidates, track political contributions, help state agencies implement new laws, regulate lobbyists, certify and oversee notaries, regulate bingo and raffles, license and advise non-profits, and more."* All this is accomplished with a staff of 130 employees.

From the pamphlet distributed by Mr. Williams' office, it states. *"In a nutshell, the Colorado Secretary of State's office protects the rights and services the dreams of Coloradans. We do this by focusing on citizens, business owners and nonprofit managers—answering their questions and*



Left, MSOC President Michael Chaves shares the picture with Wayne Williams, Colorado Secretary of State.

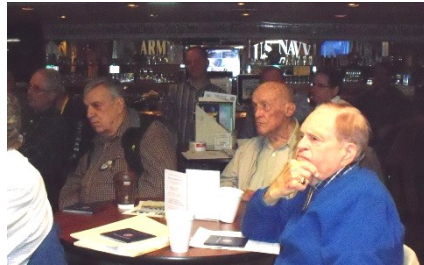
Photo Lynn Bartels

solving their problems with personable and innovative customer service. Our purpose is to protect Colorado elections and to make this state the friendliest in the country to non-profits and businesses."

During a Q&A session following his formal presentation, Mr. Williams answered questions about the caucus system in Colorado and said that not having a primary election saves the state about \$5 million. He also explained that, in order to ensure people, vote appropriately, his office purges the records through information obtained from various agencies, including Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles, Social Security, US Postal Service, Department of Corrections and others.

He is proud of the fact that it is easy and convenient to do most business in an online environment, including iPhone applications, and the fact that he has made it easier for the armed services to vote and has extended the voting deadline for those troops stationed outside of the state. For some pictures of Wayne Williams visit, furnished by Ms. Bartels, go the Colorado Secretary of State's Office Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoSoS/>. The official webpage of the Secretary of State is located at <http://www.sos.state.co.us/>. Here you may find information on programs and services, and sign up to choose topics and receive Secretary of State for the State of Colorado email newsletter updates.

Pictures of Wayne Williams and his interested audience, photos Don StJohn



March Super Citizen Presenters

March 11 @ 8:15	Holm	?
March 16 @ 2:30	MPB	Don Ross
March 16 @ 1:00	McMeen	Bob Avery
March 24 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Curt Merrill
March 25 @ 3:00	Bradley	Aaron Beery

Be a Super Citizen Presenter
See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203
gardnerrb@gmail.com

Weekly Greeters

3/11/16	George Buzick & Keith Galloway
3/18/16	Matt Spampinato & Jack Kleinheksel
3/25/16	Dick Zolman & Ricardo Ortiz
4/1/16	Bob Trout & ?

Help, Help, Help — we need
Friday morning greeters,
see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or
jon_wachter@msn.com

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40th Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Mar 11 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Jeff Shoemaker, Colorado Parks Foundation
Mar 17 Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Mar 18 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Mar 19 Sat	10:30 am	Tri-Star Basketball Regional Competition, North High School, 2960 N. Speer Blvd.
Mar 23 Wed		Oratorical Contest, Prairie Middle School, 122600 E. Jewell Ave., Aurora



**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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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.