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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 37 Years
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Editor for this Issue—John Oss



Good Morning Optimist Welcome

This morning we were greeted by **Frank Middleton** and **Bob Coulson**. Joe Marci was on the floor with His two-dollar "Bronco Pool" to support the junior golf program. It may be a 7 a.m. meeting, but the place is already hoping a half hour early. Somebody must be selling something!

First Bell



President Jon Wachter opened up with an optimistic greeting. Your editor went straight for **Bob Hugo**, to welcome him with an Optimistic handshake, before he conducted his dash over my way. Everyone started the meeting with a smile.

Invocation & Pledge

Chaplain Bob Coulson asked for our creator's help in developing character — character of members and of the children, we seek to serve. As Optimist we can be thankful for our creed and our camaraderie as tools for building character.

Wives and Sweethearts to Breakfast

Friday, February 14 is Valentines Day

Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite

The cost is \$18 each, bring your check to next Friday's meeting. Even if your wife/sweetheart is unable to attend, all singles are welcome to join in the festivities. Sign up at a meeting or email your reservation to Craig Eley at craigceley@gmail.com.

There will be no meeting at the Legion Hall.

Guests

Bob Avery introduced **Bud Ayres**. Bud is visiting after moving to Arizona. He contrasted the 78 degree weather versus the 16 degree temperatures.

Activity List

Prez Jon ticked off some upcoming projects and dates, Cancer Club Chili Cook-off, this Sunday; Eagle Scouts Dinner, Feb. 21, see **Donlie Smith**; 2nd CO/WY District Conference at Estes, Feb. 14-16, Lunch on the club, Monaco may be recognized, and **Phil Perington**, past governor, broke in reporting we are a distinguished and honor club this year. **John Young** and his wife Claire support the 501c Denver Works Clothing Closet, which needs shoes and neckties for men coming out of prison and interviewing for jobs. Other items are welcome too. Please support John with articles before his delivery run on Jan. 31. Drop them off at his home or bring them to our next Friday.

Announcements

Eagle Scout Board of Review: **Donlie Smith** said **Bob Avery**, **Kent Gloor**, **Greg Hurd**, **Jack Kleinheksel**, **Doug Morton**, **Tom Overton**, **Phil Perington**, **John Young**, and **Donlie Smith** participated in a board of review for seven candidates. One project included 3,997 hours of work. The boys were impressive. Eagle awards will be given before a group of 600 scout supporters.



White Elephant Legacy: **Perry Allen** reported this is his first time back after getting an empty box for his Optimist White Elephant Christmas gift. Do not take the implied message wrong. Perry was telling another club in his wife's hometown about our club. He circulated a newsletter they publish. *Editor: It is good to have Perry back. As I remember, he got the biggest laugh of the white elephant gift morning for his comments about his gift.* Welcome back Perry!



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******

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Announcements Continued



Tri Star Basketball is Coming: Michael Chavez is recruiting people to help with the Local Competition, to be held on Tuesday, February 25. Sign up. The Regional Competition will be March 22, starting at 4 p.m., North High School, 2960 N. Speer Blvd. Dribbling, passing, and shooting skills will be demonstrated for three age groups. We support the local, regional, and championship competitions. The final presentations will be at the Pepsi Center. See the website for more details @ <http://www.tristarbasketball.org/Index.php>.

Brain Bowl is Here: Paul Simon reports that the next tournament is the Central Region on February 1, 2014 at Heritage High School in Littleton. Sign up or contact Paul. There are three tournaments left. Help is needed for each, namely:

- ⇒ Central Region Tournament - Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014.
 - ⇒ South Region Tournament - Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014.
 - ⇒ Championship Tournament - Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014.
- More information available on line @ <http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org/>.

Junior Golf Booth at Golf Expo: Joe Marci shared, this year's GOLF EXPO will be at the Denver Mart starting Friday, February 7th - Sunday, the 9th. Attendees will be able to test the new 2014 model clubs, win golf vacations, and participate for over 100 door prizes. The Optimist Junior Golf program will have a booth to share this year's information about our District Golf Tournaments. Anyone wishing to help share junior golf info with the attendees should contact **Ron Cisco** at 303-794-0749. There are 50 discount (\$2 off) tickets available from Joe. We can use more volunteers. Come and join them!

Wives, Sweet Hearts to Breakfast: Craig Eley announced that Friday, February 14th Monaco South will be celebrating with Wives and Sweethearts to Breakfast. We will meet at 7 a.m. at the Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite (near Yosemite & Hampden) for good food and fellowship, followed by a revival of the popular "Oldyweds Game." The cost is \$18 each, and even if your wife/sweetheart is unable to attend, all singles are welcome to join in the festivities. Bring your checks next Friday's meeting to save postage. Sign up at a meeting or email your reservation to Craig Eley at craigceley@gmail.com. There will be no meeting at the Legion Hall that morning.

Decathlon Coming: JR Gieck has conducted fund raising "decathlons," and is promoting that idea for MSOC. If you have ideas for events, please contact JR. **John Swick** came forth last week with an idea to do a carnival event. JR outlined his proposal at the last board meeting.

Congressional Youth Awards: Bob Coulson passed out some information/recruiting materials to promote the Congressional Youth Award program, saying we need to connect with key decision-makers at our local high school, middle school, and youth groups, e.g. Scouts, YMCA, PTOs, churches, etc. See

Adviser Flyer, Youth Flyer, and Program Brochure for details on the GUMS distribution email. If you know of youth or parent groups that might like a presentation about this program, please let Bob or **Pat Bush** know.

Bob Coulson
Photo John Oss



Pack 205 Pinewood Derby: Frank Middleton, Jack Kleinheksel, JR Gieck, and John Oss attended, the Highline Academy Cub Scout Pack 205 along with the Bethany Lutheran Pack 711 for their Pinewood Derby event. The boys had the usual grand time racing. Pack 711 track is something to behold. Event placing's are based on the times when light beams are tripped at the finish line. The entire race is pictured, and projected on the wall above the starters. The camera is looking from the finishing end with "piano key" looking black foam slide strips. Of course, many "dad's had their laptop computers" to track the races.



Cub Scout Packs 205 & 711 hold Pinewood Derby

Photo John Oss

JOOI Club Starting at Bradley International: Jon Wachter, Mike McMahon, Steve Wera, and John Oss were present as Jon led the charge this last Thursday, January 23rd to establish this Junior Optimist Club at Bradley International School. Our new member and Bradley Principal, **Steve Wera** was a very supportive enthusiastic supporter for this new club. Past CO-WY Governor Donna Priester presented the JOOI program to an end of day assembly of Bradley students. Donna has been instrumental in promoting and building JOOI clubs in Colorado Springs. After her presentation students took home materials and fifty came back the next day with dues and applications in hand. Wow!



Pictured from left, Jon Wachter; Ruth Oss; John Oss; Donna Priester; George Mills; Steve Wera; Melissa Capozza, Bradley JOOI Advisor; and Mike McMahon.

Our Speaker, George Brauchler

District Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial District

Frank Middleton introduced George Brauchler. George explained that Colorado has 22 judicial districts. The 18th Judicial District is comprised of four counties: Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln. There are 44 judicial officers in the 18th Judicial District and five court locations.

Mr. Brauchler shared his biographical information, stating when he was a CU Boulder law school graduate and an ROTC participant. His military service took him to be Chief of Military Justice for the Fourth Infantry Division, at Tikrit, Iraq and Fort Carson, Colorado Springs.

In regard to the Chuck E Cheese, Nathan Dunlap case he shared the history of that case. As reported by *The Denver Post*: "In an impassioned, at times angry, rebuttal to Nathan Dunlap's petition for clemency, Arapahoe District Attorney George Brauchler called on the governor to "take the



George Brauchler

courageous step" and reject the condemned killer's appeal." George Brauchler called on the governor to "take the courageous step" and reject the condemned killer's appeal," which of course did not happen. A clip of Brauchler's outrage at Gov. Hickenlooper's decision on Nathan Dunlap can be found at <http://photos.denverpost.com/2013/05/22/video-da-george-brauchler-expresses-outrage-at-gov-hickenloopers-decision-on-nathan-dunlap/>

Members did not ask him any questions about the more recent Aurora Colorado theater shooting case because the trial is still in progress.

Editor: Those who write about Mr. Brauchler seem to pull down their postings to the web.

To listen to Mr. Brauchler's presentation [Click Audio](#).

Weekly Drawing

There was \$30 in the pot, and the King of Hearts was the one to find. **Jack Kleinheksel, Steve Kady, Allen Malask, Ron Cisco, John Stoffel, Barry Barker, Lynn Jones, and Al Gapuzan** all had lucky tickets. **Craig Eley** drew himself to draw for wearing his name badge. The pot lives on!



Update on Doug Morton

In an email from Marylyn of this date, Doug is going to have surgery on his left eye on Monday because of glaucoma. It seems that the pressure is building fast in that eye and they want to operate before it hemorrhages.

He still cannot drive and will have more dementia testing at CU Medical Center after his eye heals.

Keep them both in your thoughts!

Super Citizen Presenters for January

Jan 31 @ 9:30	Holm	Jim Easton
Jan 31 @ 12:45	McMeen	Joe Marci
Jan 31 @ 3:00	Bradley	Aaron Beery

Super Citizen Presenters for February

Feb 12 @ 8:00	Highline	?
Feb 12 @ 2:30	MPB	John Oss

A Bit Of Humor



"Sorry about the odor. I have all my passwords tattooed between my toes."

Weekly Greeters

1/31/14	Bob Avery & Jon Wachter
2/7/14	Les Larson & Rob Fries
2/14/14	♥♥ John Oss & Jack Kitchell ♥♥ No meeting at the American Legion Hall
2/21/14	Pat Bush & Joe Marci
2/28/14	Ron Carlson & Phil Perington
3/7/14	George Buzick & ?
3/14/14	Tom Glazier & Mark Metavia

Monaco South Calendar

Jan 31 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Pat Rogers, Golden Retriever Rescue
 Feb 1 Sat 7:00 am Central Region Brain Bowl, Heritage High School, 1401 W. Geddes Ave., Englewood
 Feb 7 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker 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
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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.