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Good Morning Optimists VALENTINE'S DAY WEEKEND Wives & Friends to Breakfast

Rather than a regular meeting, the morning began at the Citron Bistro with **Cindy Eley** happily checking in the break-fast crowd of smiling wives, members, and other guests for hubby **Craig**. Everyone was greeted by smiling **Frank and Sandy Middleton** with **Robert Wardlaw**, our assigned greeter, who had made a special trip to be there. Lots of folks were dressed up and looking good for this very pleasant morning. **Greg**



Cindy & Craig Eley
File photo

Young just back from the Super Bowl, with his wife **Di-ane**, had a hint of gold confetti in their hair. **John Greene** admitted he was thinking about taking up miniature golf this year. **John Young** was definitely the GQ Optimist winner as the best dressed guy (his tie was the winning touch). **Tom Mauro** was busily delivering Girl Scout cookies and collecting the big bucks. Event coordinator **Craig Eley** was in excellent paparazzi mode, snapping and coaxing at break-neck speed. Bronco talk was animated and filled with post game comments and reflections. Someone pointed out the Bronco's will host the wounded Panthers and petulant Patriots this year ... the rematches should be great fun and put a big maraschino cherry on top of the HUGH Bronco Parade Float.

Members in attendance included: **Harry Arkin, Bob Avery, Curt Boell, Pat Bush, Michael Chavez, Ed Collins, Peter Dimond, Jim Easton, Craig Eley, Keith Gallo-way, Al Gapuzan, John Greene, Noel Hasselgren, Jack Kleinheksel, Tom Kramis, OC Larson, Allen Malask, Tom Mauro, Wyatt McCallie, Curt Merrill, Mark Metevia, Frank Middleton, Gary Miller, Dick Nickoloff, John Oss, Tom Overton, Ralph Pedersen, Phil Perington, Allen Pierce, Don St. John, Oscar Sorensen, Don Thomson, Jon Wachter, Greg Young, and John Young.** Some had their wife and some came solo, but all had an enjoyable time.

The Citron Bistro, with owners George and Tom, plus staff, delivered an excellent buffet with many delicious choices including, a large pastry tray, perfect French toast,

scrambled eggs, plump sausages, extra thick bacon rashers, country style hash browns, assorted fruit and juice, tea and coffee choices. Everyone's plate looked full and smiles abounded.



Al & Donagene



Jack & Georgia Kleinheksel, John & Ruthie Oss,
with GUMS Editor Phil Perington in the
background wishing someone would sit with him.



Jan & Dick Nickoloff
Photos Craig Eley



Wyatt McCallie & Oscar Sorensen
batchin' it.

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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Wives & Friends to Breakfast Continued

President Mike Chavez welcomed everyone and announced there would be no announcements and that Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** had sent an email affirming there would be no drawing, but the pot will keep growing.

It was a morning filled with lots of good food, love and a few magic moments. **John Young** followed with an ode to hugs and offered a pocket full of bright magic bubbles in a tube to everyone. **Craig Eley** then shared a touching and tender poem written by *William Cartwright* in the 1600's.

Magician and motivational speaker **Brad Montgomery** and his magic suitcase, was in the house. Brad is not only an accomplished magic man, but also a member of the Speakers Hall of Fame. Some of the organizations he has spoken to include major corporations, non-profits plus the FBI and CIA. Go figure (no pun intended). Brad has been a guest of the Optimists on three previous occasions throughout the District and commented that, *"It's always cool to be with the Optimists."*



Brad Montgomery
Photo Phil Perrington

The show began with a pack of cards moving fast and furious all over the place, including a double shuffle behind his back and a card trick involving a very stubborn Eight of Clubs that eventually produced an elusive Seven of Spades in his pocket. **Ruthie Oss** laughs so hard she becomes his volunteer for our next moment of magic. We were all treated to coins in the bucket routine that reached epic proportions.

Brad then added, *"If I did real magic I'd have hair on my head!"* This was followed by a hand rabbit turning into a giraffe.

Not to overwhelm the crowd and hoping to lower the bar.

Sheryl Overton secretly cuts the cards and Brad then draws an image of the wrong card drawn, but to everyone's amazement Sheryl's card magically appears from the image he has drawn. It was a great ending to an entertaining and humorous show. Brad thanked us for having him to breakfast and then shared his son has diabetes and he was donating his fee to JDRF, only to discover we have a T1 Diabetes Club for Kids! *Looks like a new member might be in the works.* See more of Brad at his website, [CLICK HERE](#).



Photo Craig Eley

Announcements

MSOC Super Bowl Winners: **Joe Marci** reports that six members of Monaco South were winners in last week's Super Bowl Pools. All winners will receive their money on Friday the 19th at the club meeting. The lucky guys are **Matt Spampinato, Karl Geil, Bob Meyer, Frank Middleton, Greg Young** and **Joe Marci**. Another Optimist winner is **Ron Benson** who bought his entry at the Brain Bowl. The big winner in all of the pools and there were 5 of them is Optimist JR Golf as \$200 has been raised for this year's program. Thanks to all who participated!

CO-WY Optimist at Denver Golf Expo: **Joe Marci** also shared the volunteer schedule for next week's GOLF EXPO at the Denver Mart, 451 East 58th Ave.

Friday, Feb. 19: Bob Meyer & Joe Marci

10am - 1pm Don & Joyce Thomson Sewell Black Jim Davis	1pm - 5pm Noel Hasselgren Gary Miller
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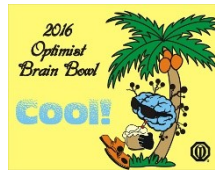
Saturday, Feb. 20: Bob Meyer

9am - 12pm John Greene Verlee Greene	12 - 2:30pm Sam Pegues Jo Pegues Cheryl Pegues	2:30 - 5pm Frank Middleton Sewell Black
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Sunday, Feb. 21: Joe Marci & Bob Meyer

10am - 1pm John Stoffel Russ Paul Bob Krech	1pm - 4pm Don Roth Nan Belme
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Brain Bowl: Karl Geil reports that the South Region



Optimist Brain Bowl was held on February 6, 2016 at Horizon Middle School in Colorado Springs. Of the 78 volunteers participating, 9 were from Monaco South:

Allen Pierce, Craig Eley, Michael Chavez, Don Iley, Paul Simon, Phil Perington, Curt Merrill, Randy Marcove and Karl Geil.

The top 4 winners can be found on the Brain Bowl webpage, [CLICK HERE](#); the big winner was Challenger Middle School, which will have all 9 of its teams at the District Championship tournament. **Next up is the CO-WY District Championship tournament on February 20, 2016 at Hamilton Middle School.**

Monaco South Ski Day: Via an email, **Bob Avery** was said the MSOC ski day at his condo in Copper Mountain is now on Monday, March 14th. See Bob for details and directions to his condo.

Dime-A-Day: A reminder from **Perry Allen**, he is still seeking \$36.60 for the Dime-A-Day program, which is a donation to Optimist International Foundation. The extra dime is for February 29th, a leap year! Perry remind us to give treasurer **Greg Young** a checks or credit card number.

Season of Giving Ending: **Dave Bruns**, 2015-2016 Optimist International president, sent a email saying that the "Season of Giving" membership incentive ends at midnight on February 29, and will not be offered again during the current Optimist year. He says, "let's take full advantage of our 'last chance' to bring in New Members to strengthen our Optimist Clubs while the \$15 application fee is waived." His message can be seen here, [CLICK HERE](#).

Secretary of State for Colorado: **Frank Middleton** reminded us to mark our calendar's since Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams will be our guest speaker on Friday, March 4th. This would be a good time to invite a prospective new member.

Wives & Friends to Breakfast Humor

In the reams of material sent-in by this months editor to fill these *Grandiose Utterings* was this picture, shown below, associated with those in attendance for this event.



The included caption was, *"Hillary being told Bernie prepared her breakfast."*

Windows 7 & 8 computers AUTOMATICALLY getting Windows 10 Feb. 9th

Frank Middleton suggested that we share this message from a former member, **Scott Henke**, [OnSite Consulting](#), regarding "How Microsoft has aggressively pushed Windows 10 to everyone."

Microsoft is going to automatically download, install and switch you from Windows 7 or 8 to Windows 10 starting Tuesday, February 9 unless you are prepared. Here's a [news article](#) and [another](#).

They are changing Windows 10 from an "OPTIONAL" update where you have to intentionally click it, to a "RECOMMENDED" update which is usually installed automatically.

Though Windows 10 itself is stable, problems occur with all the NON-Microsoft software and hardware attached to your system including:

- Monitor Not Working
- USB Ports Not Working

- Wireless and Network Not Working
- Quicken and QuickBooks Not Working
- Printer Not Working; you have to buy a new \$5,000 office printer
- Automatically sharing your Wi-Fi access with all your contacts
- Not to mention it doesn't look or feel like your old Windows 7/8

We foresee this as a major, worldwide issue. All we can do is to protect our 7,000+ customers as best as we can.

Windows 8 is VERY similar to Windows 10, so we don't think the update will be a problem at all. In fact, it is easier than Windows 8.

We KNOW you can do the change yourself.

You need to change your update settings by unchecking "Give me Recommended Updates".

How the Humble Index Card Foresaw the Internet

See the history of a the 3" x 5" card that helped catalog all of human knowledge in a way anybody could use. An article by Jonathan Schifman in a recent edition of *Popular Mechanics Online*. [Click Here](#) or <http://www.popularmechanics.com/culture/a19379/a-short-history-of-the-index-card/>

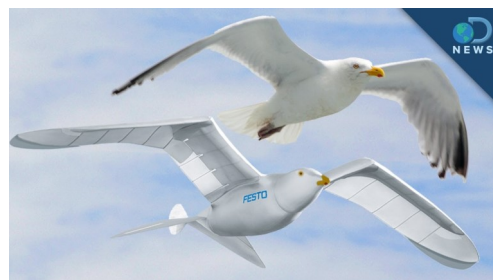


A Robot that Flies Like a Bird

Steve Kady shared this webpage regarding a robot that flies like a bird, but he had to be reminded that the lead inventor did a TED Presentation back in July 2011. See both video clips:

A robot that flies like a bird @ https://www.ted.com/talks/a_robot_that_flies_like_a_bird

SmartBird, RoboticBird, Festo Engineering @ <https://www.facebook.com/GiridharTalla/videos/1668773730065611/?fref=nf>



February Super Citizen Presenters

Feb 17 @ 8:00	Highline	Cancelled
Feb 17 @ 2:30	MPB	George Buzick
Feb 18 @ 2:15	Univ. Park	Bob Trout
Feb 24 @ 1:00	Samuels	Everett Gardner
Feb 25 @ 1:00	Lowry	Bob Avery
Feb 25 @ 1:00	McMeen	John Oss

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

Weekly Greeters

2/19/16	John Oss & Ralph Petersen
2/26/16	John Stamford & Jim Vanderkamp

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

Feb 17 Wed	4:00 pm	Monaco South TriStar Basketball: Cope Boys and Girls Club, 808 Inca St.
Feb 18 Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Feb 19 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Dianne Tramutola-Lawson, Colorado-CURE
Feb 20 Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl Championship, Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E. Dartmouth Ave.
Feb 26 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 27 Sat	8:00 am	CO-WY 2nd Qtr. District Conference, Denver Bookbinding Event Ctr., 1401 W. 47 th Avenue
Mar 4 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Wayne Williams, Colorado Secretary of State
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



**Past Presidents of the
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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 Stowbridge	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.