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Good Morning Optimist

On this last Friday of June, smiles and handshakes were the order of the day. **Joe Marci** and **Barry Barker** greeted those members who decided to share this Friday morning with their fellow Optimists.



Joe Marci



Barry Barker
Photos Craig Eley

First Bell

President **Jon Wachter** asked us to *"Promise yourself to give every living creature you meet a smile, please stand, and with a smile, greet the living creatures next to you."* Editors note: *What a variety of creatures. Jon has been resourceful in wording the invitation for our hearty greeting a bit differently each week, but he always starts with a broad smile. Now that you are on your feet, it is natural to move about a bit to greet. It also wakes up any sleepy heads.*

Invocation & Pledge

Chaplain **Bob Coulson** delivered the invocation which called our attention to the blessings that spring from a simple handshake. Editor: *It seems like Jon and Bob are coordinating their openings. It evoked a warm response this morning. By the way, Bob reminded us that it was National Handshake Day, see above.*

Excellence in Education Award

Tom Mauro, our Excellence in Education committee chair introduced Lesley Meyer. Lesley is the Monaco South Optimist Club Partnership in Education Educator of the Year. Her husband, **Karl Geil** beamed as Lesley was introduced. Lesley and Karl, sat together at the speakers table. Karl liked



June 26, 2014 was

National Handshake Day

Happy National Handshake Day! Today, we celebrate one of the most common greetings between two people.

Did you know that handshakes have been practiced since at least the 2nd century B.C.? Many researchers believe that the handshake originated in the Western world. It was a gesture of peace, demonstrated by the fact that the hands held no weapons.

Today, a handshake is offered upon meeting or parting. It is an expression of goodwill, gratitude and congratulations. Many people believe that a handshake reveals something about the character of the person who gives it. A firm handshake reflects a confident personality while a floppy handshake reveals a shy one.

Today, go ahead and give some nice, strong handshakes. Make sure not to grip too tight!

some of the glow from the kind words of Tom for Lesley. Lesley has been the contact person for the Hamilton Middle School, Super Citizen Program. Karl has been on the MSOC side of the operation. Between the two of them they have kept a strong Super Citizen Program up and going. That was a piece of what inspired some of the club's accolades.

Leslie has been working at other areas beyond the Super Citizen Program. She has supported involvement with National History Day, Debate Club, and the Spelling Bee contest, with winners at the state level and completion at the national level. Her work in those arenas has been excellent. The principal coordinator of the spelling bee sent a very nice email extolling her virtues. It was her efforts that helped inspire and lead the program at Hamilton. Hamilton has a very strong spelling bee success

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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******

Excellence in Education Continued

record, with a long list of victories which Tom read.
[Listen to the list along with the full presentation with a CLICK.](#)

Leslie shared that teachers have three principal roles. First modeling good behavior, second the role of a psychologist, and third the role of a parent. Editorial comment: *The parent role is likely the strongest role. Leslie obviously gives agape love. She is clearly giving the kids such love. We are all blessed in this community with teachers such as Leslie. Modeling good behavior can be a challenge.*



Tom Mauro, left, recognizes Leslie Meyer, OCMS Education Educator of the Year.
 Photos Don StJohn

Leslie commented about how a boy told her that she stands on her toes when she speaks. That brought her into a comment about Karl being the reason she stands on her toes. You see Karl and Leslie love to dance. Karl keeps her on her toes. She then diplomatically went off to comment about her first and second best decisions in life. Now that was a bit of a trick. She had moved from the lawyer roll to the teacher role. And, she had married Karl. Editor: *Of course you know how she made that one come out. It's clear that she is very good as a teacher and as a wife.*

The accolades for Leslie were capped off with a special treat. Her principal came to comment about her work. Nicholas Dawkins brought the pitch of the accolades to a crescendo. He finished all of his comments by saying that she is impacting the entire Denver area educator community. She is truly a role model. She is a role model to the teaching community as well as to the students.



Hamilton Middle School principal Nickolas Dawkins, right, comments on the accomplishments of Leslie Meyer, recipient of the OCMS 2014 Educator of the Year Award.

Everyone present gave their accolades to Leslie by getting on their feet and putting their hands together again and again.

Announcements

Recruiting Friend of Optimists Members: Both **Tom Mauro** and **Phil Perington** brought forth an idea for getting new members. Tom suggested making all of the Principles that are in our Super Citizen Program School's *Friend of Optimists* Members. That's a challenge. It would seem that we do have a very important benefit from having a strong relationship with our school principals. Super Citizen Program school coordinators could each sponsor the principle of their school. Tom volunteered that he will beat Karl to the finish line with sponsoring Nicholas Dawkins, principle of Hamilton Middle School.

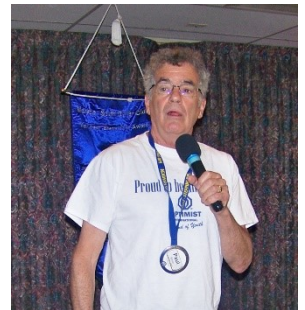
CO-WY MS Chapter 150 Bike Ride: **Michael Chavez** reminded us about the hydration station

for the MS 150 Bike Ride on Sunday. Volunteers are needed from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Longmont. Bring your signed release form. **Howdy Fry** is riding and looking for sponsor checks. Mail them in with the envelope Howdy gave out.

Optimist Jr. Gulf Tournament Funding: **Joe Marci** reported that over \$15,000 has been collected within the district. Nineteen of the twenty golfers going to Florida are registered with Optimist support provided. Joe allowed that **Ron Cisco** is working on insuring hole sponsors receive pictures of their sponsorship signs as posted. **Don Thomson** was in the middle of all that before falling ill. Sponsors will get a great picture and "all that other good stuff." Editor: *Joe does a great job with giving recognition each year.*

Robotics Challenge: Boys & Girls Club Partnership: **Greg Hurd** shared news about this program last week. There is more. His company ponied up over four thousand dollars to put computers in the hands of these kids. Ball Aerospace weighed in with help. **Tom Mauro** spoke about how we partner with schools to help kids. The Boys and Girls clubs can be seen in the same light. Thanksgiving would not seem right without serving kids and families meals each year. See the letter from Kenneth Debacker, Technology Director at the Wm. E. Cope Branch-Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver attached to the GUMS distribution email.

Installation Dinner: **Paul Simon** highlighted the September 20th event. It will be held at former Delmonico Hall, located at 32nd and Federal. Be careful how many drinks you buy for the president. Precedent suggests there may be a limit. Our very own cater, Curtis Terry, is leasing the hall. As the most recent past president, Paul has made the arrangements, we can thank him for his efforts, and thank the board members past, present, and upcoming by attending.



Past president Paul Simon encourages us all to save the date and attend the 2014-2015 Installation of Officers.

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.

Announcements Continued

Roundup Fellowship Cook Books: Jim Vander Kamp said \$12 gets you a cook book, and sat down. Did anybody notice? Jim is a president's favorite for keeping things moving. Editor: *He didn't stand on his toes like Lesley, but then Karl doesn't dance with just anybody.*

Reading Together Hero: Your editor, John Oss allowed that he would like to bring Grayson, his second grader reading partner, to the installation banquet. Grayson and his family would be John's guests. John asked if that was OK? The response was mixed. There is enthusiasm for meeting Grayson, but some were concerned for the family traveling so far in the evening and that alcohol is served. Perhaps a visit to the club would give even greater exposure to Grayson and the impact of the reading program. Some suggested that John invite the family to one of our breakfast meetings.

Remember Don Thomson: Gary Strawbridge



has contact information. Don is currently in a rehabilitation setting. Details on how to visit or contact Don were not available at press time.

Weekly Drawing

There was \$160 in the pot this week and the nine of hearts was the card to find. **Lynn Jones, Karl Geil, Allen Yockey, George Buzick, Eldon Strong, Russ Paul, Mike McMahon, and John Walsh** all held lucky numbers. They just could not find the winning card. So the beat goes on! Stay tuned.

Enjoying the Activities



Would someone wake Russ Paul?



Prez Jon, left, takes a seat in the back of the room to make Oscar Sorensen smile.



At left Steve Kady tries to convince everyone at his table that they should be buying tickets for the weekly drawing. Of course Allen Yockey did and won a cup of money.

For those who love the philosophy of ambiguity, as well as the idiosyncrasies of English

1. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.
2. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
3. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
4. The main reason that Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.
5. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
6. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
7. If a deaf child signs swear words, does his mother wash his

hands with soap?

8. If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
9. Is there another word for synonym?
10. Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
11. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
12. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
13. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
14. Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will break-in and clean them?
15. If a turtle does not have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
16. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
17. If the police arrest a mute, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent.
18. Why do they put braille on the drive-through bank machines?
19. How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
20. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
21. One nice thing about egotists: they do not talk about other people.
22. Does the little mermaid wear an algebra?
23. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
24. How is it possible to have a civil war?
25. If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?

Weekly Greeters

7/4/14	Jon Wachter & Russ Paul
7/11/14	Paul Stratton & Carl Brown
7/18/14	Bob Avery & Rod Winget
7/25/14	Jack Kleinheksel & Casey Funk
Need Friday morning greeters, see O.C. Larson, 303-797-7432 or larson1942@comcast.net	

July 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
July 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Robin Wise, President & CEO, Junior Achievement
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 - Speaker Pending
July 26	Sat	7:00 am	Brent's Place Kid's Cure for Cancer pancake breakfast - See Paul Bernard

New Location: General's Park, 1561 Quentin Street, Aurora (NE Corner of Colfax and Peoria)

**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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Gary Stowbridge	1993-94	Paul Simon	2012-13
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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.