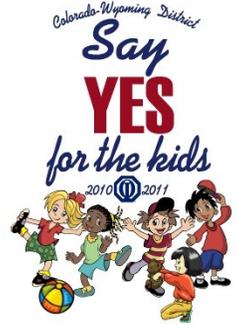




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Good Morning Optimists

Camaraderie Day at Monaco South

It was just another beautiful morning in Colorful Colorado with Greeters **Bob Hugo** and **Tom Wos** merrily waved the crew in. Breakfast was delicious as usual, featuring fluffy buttermilk flapjacks, juicy, sausage, scrambled huevos, salsa, freshly diced fruit, orange juice, assorted doughnuts and hot steaming coffee. It was good to see **John Marinos** back after having attended his meager family reunion in Utah. According to John only 52 people showed up. Wow! Can you imagine what that buffet looked like.\

First Bell

President-elect, **Randy Marcove** standing in for our travelling President **Ed Collins** briskly gaveled the collected at 7:05 sharp. Ed, who was in Eagle visiting with family and friends, is also working with his daughter in Vail in hope of building a new club in the Eagle-Vail area. According to Governor **Ron Benson** and Zone-4 Lt. Governor **Phil Perington** this is an area prime for a new Optimist Club. Randy asked birthday boy **Donlie Smith** to present the invocation, "To happy to present the presence of trouble," and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. The shouts of "Play Ball!" were much more energetic due in part to The Rockies Thursday night trouncing of the Brewers 12-3. Now that's what we're talkin' about!! Randy then informed us he was soon going to L.A. and would have good stories when he gets back.

Guests

Paul Graves, who was hanging out with our Greeters announced he was the guest of **Eldon Strong** but didn't see him anywhere, to which Eldon popped up like a jack-in-box on the other side of the room and waved good morning. It was a "*Pasternack Moment*" to be sure. Eldon then went on to explain that he and Paul had met through their involvement with the Boy Scouts and Knights of Columbus

and was pleased to see Paul had stopped by. Come back anytime Paul, we would love to see you as a member!

MIA's Returning

Tom "Mr. Baseball" Mauro was back from New York City looking dapper and ready for Rockie-Ball in his royal purple shirt and black pants. He attended the game the Rocks won and had a great time, reporting that the new Yankee Stadium has kept the feel and look of the old digs.

Andy (Liberty Day) McKean showed up 30 pounds lighter than his last visit and looked great. He was happy to inform us that Liberty Day recently conducted a major Constitutional teaching event in Wyoming involving more than 7,000 5th graders. Assistance was provided by the Governor's Office and 270 young attorneys from the Wyoming Bar Association. It was so successful that a similar event is being planned in Colorado with help from the Colorado Bar and their Young Attorney's group as well. Please contact the MSOC Liberty Day Committee for more information.

Fred and **Karen Pasternack** have been travelling. They discovered many new things including an Optimist Club in Leon Iowa, in addition to how much different life is "down on the farm." Fred also thanked MSOC for sponsoring two holes at Gateway's Golf Tournament. According to Fred, Karen is now gardening so well she wants him to stay completely out of the way, except when she needs a chainsaw.

Paul Simon has also been travelling, but decided on Costa Rica, the Land of the Tico's. Parasailing topped the excitement. Upon his return he declared he had secured a new full time job maintaining Websites for a major Company. Also, his son **Jeremy** is moving to Israel



Paul Simon does his Tarzan imitation, swinging through the Costa Rica rainforest on a zipline near Manuel Antonio, on his July 9th birthday.

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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****

MIA's Returning Continued

Howard "Howdy" Fry is getting married this next week. Congrats Howdy, we all wish you good fortune and will report to the Tamarac Club a new member might be available.

July Birthdays

Before commencing the announcements Randy introduced the July birthdays: **Bill Anderson**, Past President **Kent Gloor**, **John Greene**, **Don** (The Hat) **Iley**, **Lynn Jones**, **Steve** (Thumper) **Kady**, **Jim** (Never see) **Leuschner**, **Randy** (himself) **Marcove**, **Wyatt** (Don't call me Earp) **McCallie**, Vice President **Paul Simon**, Past President & Optimist of the Year **Donlie Smith**, **Pat Sullivan**, and **Rich Wagner**. The birthday serenade that followed was, as usual, breath taking.

Announcements

Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast: **Paul Bernard** re-minded everyone of the July 24th, 6 a.m. pancake breakfast were we serve for the Brent's Place fundraiser at Washington Park. If you can flip pancakes you qualify to volunteer. To which Uncle **Bob Avery** led a brief "Flipper, Flipper," songfest that included **Mike Strong**, **Al Gapuzan**, **Ron Gustas** and **Greg Young** among others.

Channel 6 Auction: **Bryce Slaby** reported that the Channel 6 Auction needs 12 volunteers and he had 16 signed up. Please make sure you can actually be there and verify with Bryce. No joke!

A Joke: **Oscar Sorensen** told a joke involving late night drinking and an angry wife that resulted in a mutual request for the Sgt. at Arms to administer a large fine. Other attempts at humor were presented by **Craig Eley**, **Steve Kady** and **Bryce Slaby's** evil twin, Bippy.

March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball Tournament: **Cy Regan** again announced the up-coming March of Dime's Mudd Volley Ball Tournament, whereby we supervise and coordinate all the parking in a huge dusty hot field. It starts at 6 a.m. and since Cy is going to his sons wedding, **Joe Marci** will be in charge this year. He certainly will miss all the fun and bikini action this year. But as a bonus, after parking is finished—9 a.m. or so—breakfast will be served at the nearby Village Inn compliments of the Club.



Happy Bucks

Karl Geil is happy his son is getting married.

Paul Simon is happy to be working full time again.

Bryce Slaby is happy his son is playing Rugby for the Raptors overseas.

Ron Gustas is happy because he now has 6 grand kids instead of 3. His daughter recently adopted 3 small orphans who are now with those who love them all dearly.

Ron Cisco is happy because a new Club organized by Governor **Ron Benson** and him has been established in Cheyenne. It should be noted that if this had not occurred the CO/WY District would probably have been folded into another District. However, now we may be receiving an award as a Distinguished District in 2011. This is good news! Good going!

Kent Gloor is happy his daughter has been offered a job teaching in Douglas County.

Mark Matevia is happy about climbing another 14'er.

Leo Hagele is happy he might be getting a job at the Cherry Creek Chronicle.

Harry Johnson is happy to be going to Washington D.C. honoring WWII Flying Vets.

Eldon and Roxie Strong with **Jack and Kathy Rife** are happy they could be Marshall's at the LPGA Tournament in Colorado Springs last week. Eldon's also happy the family clan is in town for a visit.

Randy Marcove is happy because he has a potentially great job interview after the meeting. Someone suggested he change out of his bright morning casual attire. Good idea you never know who'll you will meet!

Camaraderie Day

Randy then announced Camaraderie Day was in session and the room came alive.

Stories From Ralph Pedersen

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Maria that's correct. Now class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell, "crocodile?"

GLENN: K - R - O - K - O - D - I - A - L

TEACHER: No, that's wrong.

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water

DONALD: H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with "I."

MILLIE: I is....

TEACHER: No, Millie... Always say, "I am."

MILLIE: All right... "I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."

TEACHER: Louis, George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand....

TEACHER: Now Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

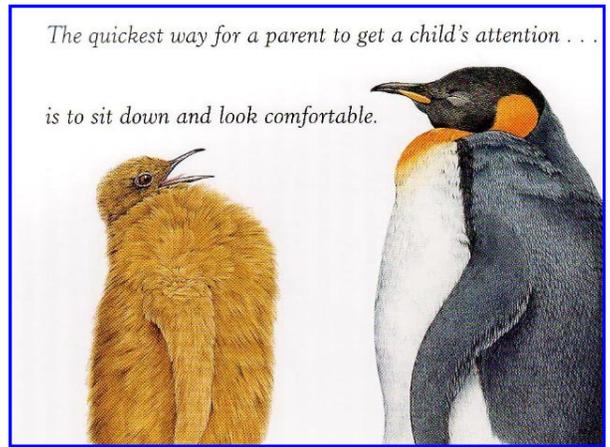
SIMON: No I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No...It's the same dog!

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher!



Final Bell

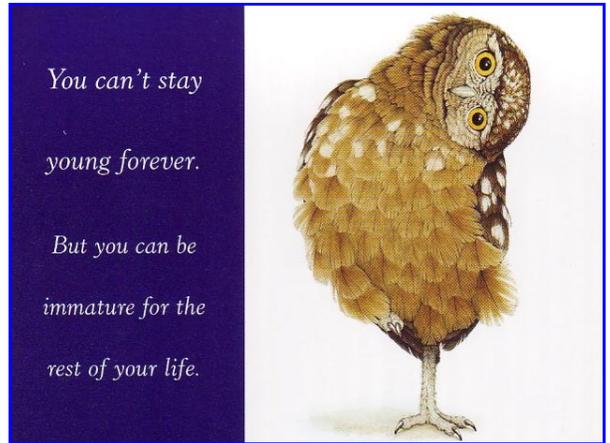
The drawing for today was the Queen of Spades for \$30.00. The cup winners were: **Don Iley, Ron Carlson, Randy Marcove, Ron Gustas, Craig Eley** and **Lucky Harry Johnson**.

Luck of the Draw: **Harry Johnson** and **John Oss** both won a chance but couldn't find the Lady.

The Wooden Nickel Chip Drawing, that is if you had your name tag on, was **Les Larsen**. He too couldn't find the Lady. Sorry gentlemen, better luck next week!

Closing

Creed led by **Mike Prete**, "...to wear a cheerful countenance at all times...."



Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
7/22/11	Terry Shroyer & Tom Charters
7/29/11	Greg Young & Jon Wachter
8/5/11	Phil Perington & James Riley
8/12/11	Fred Pasternack & Doug Arnold
8/19/11	Phil Perington & Les Larson
8/26/11	Kari Tae & Gary Strowbridge

Colorado/Wyoming District Convention
Breckenridge, Colorado
August 26-28, 2011
For Convention Registration, see cover email
For Convention Agenda, see cover email

Monaco South Calendar

July 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

July 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Andrea Mauro, Legacy Videos, A Gift for Your Family

July 24 Sat 6:30 am **Brent's Place Fund Raiser - Pancake Breakfast at Washington Park**

July 29 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA

August Events

Aug 6 Sat 7:00 am **March of Dimes Annual Mudd Volleyball Tournament, Commercenter in Aurora (east of I-70 and Tower Road) NE side**

Aug 26-28 **Colorado/Wyoming District Convention, Breckenridge, Colorado**

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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bob Safe	1995-96
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Tom Overton	1996-97
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
John Young	1982-83	Cy Regan	1999-00
Pat Bush	1983-84	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Don St. John	2001-02
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Jack Rife	2002-03
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Karl Geil	2003-04
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bob Avery	1989-90	Paul Bernard	2006-07
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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.