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Good Morning Optimist

It is a beautiful spring morning as the group assembles and **Jim Vander Kamp** and **Al Gapuzan** greet us this morning. This day marks the halfway point for President **Jon Wachter** and our 2013-2014 board of officers.



Invocation & Pledge

Chaplin **Bob Coulson** delivers the invocation this morning asking us to consider the homeless and disadvantaged youth in our community. He then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

From the Prez

President **Jon Wachter** asks for any guests this morning and there several. Harry Arkin, our visitor from last week has brought his application and two guests—Max Kern and Peter Haber are here and say hello to the crowd. **Jack Kleinhessel** introduces Storm Gloor. Storm is on the board at Glendale YMCA and is an Associate Professor of Music and Entertainment at the University of Colorado Denver campus. In addition, **Curt Merrill** Zone 8 District Lt. Governor and member of the Denver Tech Center Optimist club was in attendance. **Ralph Pedersen** introduces his brother Steve, who is in Denver to celebrate Ralph's 85th Birthday. Steve is from Sheboygan, Wisconsin and gives a warm Midwestern hello to the crowd. In addition, Happy Birthday to you Ralph, a Charter Member of our Club! You can feel a very positive optimistic vibe in the room this morning.



Ralph Pedersen
Photo Craig Eley

March Birthday's

Speaking of birthday's here are our March birthday celebrants, **Paul Bernard, Carl Brown, Bill Carpenter, John Oss, Ralph Pedersen, Michael Short, Mike Snipes, David Telpner, and Woody Thibodeau.**

Memorial Service for Richard Daly

President Jon reminds us of the Memorial Service for **Dick Daly** this morning starting at 10:30, to be held at Most Precious Blood. Dick was a Charter Member of MSOC and passed on Friday, March 21st.



Three Super Citizen Programs

In an optimistic spirit **President Jon** announces three Super Citizen assemblies today—Bradley, Holm, and McMeen. Fifty-one kids will be recognized for the good they do and who are encouraged to spread that attitude in their schools. This is a theme that carries Dick's memory with meaning.

Club Announcements

Copper Mountain Ski Day: **Bob Avery** makes the correction on the Optimist Ski Day at Copper Mountain. Please call him to confirm you are coming and he will make breakfast. A fun day for sure.

Directory Updated: **Craig Eley** is once again taking pictures for the updated member directory after the meeting, if you have not had your picture taken or want another more flattering image, see Craig after the meeting. Craig also says a few words for Dick Daly, who he knew as a friend and colleague.



Tri Star Basketball: **Jack Rife** recaps the recent regional competition of the Tri Star Basketball skills contest. They had a great turn out at the East Denver Metro regional held North High School with winners advancing to the finals that will be held on Saturday, April 12th, starting at 12:30 p.m. again at North High School. The first place winner will be announced at the Nuggets vs Utah game, that same evening. Additionally, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Winners will participate in a Nuggets Fan Tunnel at the beginning of the game. Members who helped at the regional soirée include **Al Gapuzan, Bryce Slaby, Don Thomson, Donlie**

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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

Smith, Howdy Fry, Phil Perington, Michael Chavez, and Fred Pasternack. Jack Rife has discount tickets available for the game for those interested in helping with the finals. Before Jack is able to exit the stage, President Jon presents him with the Secretary of Distinguished Club watch that was awarded by Optimist International. *Congratulations Jack!*

Oratorical Contest: Lt. Governor **Kurt Merrill** congratulates the club on the Oratorical Contest and the positive impact it has on students. This year, every Optimist Club sponsored an Oratorical Contest, and one school, Prairie Middle School had over 100 students participating. This number is a confirmation of the popularity and value this event holds for young people in our community. Speaking of which, **Frank Rowe** Chair of MSOC's Oratorical contest presents Kurt with a check and thanks those members who helped at George Washington High School this past Thursday—they were **Joe Marci, Greg Young, Randy Marcove, Phil Perington, Cap Hermann, Robert Wardlaw, Ed Collins, and Keith Gallaway.**



Photo of Monaco South's Oratorical winners.
Photo Greg Young

Duck Pluck: **Paul Simon**, immediate past president of Monaco South and currently Lt. Governor of zone 7 for the CO-WY district, wants to talk more about the Duck Pluck event to be held at the District Meeting, which is fast approaching (May 3), and will be at the Denver West Marriott hotel. Funds raised go the Childhood Cancer Campaign. There are also opportunities for those interested to be official Pluckers, sounds like getting wet for a good cause. See Paul for details.



Do we have a drawing?

Yes we do and there is/was \$120 in the pot with less than a full deck of cards. Lucky ticket holders this morning included **Jack Kleinheksel** (editor note: I believe Jack has won an opportunity to draw or cup at each meeting this



month; can an investigation be far behind?), our welcomed guest, **Storm Gloor**, with a ticket presented to him by Jack, takes a shot and PULLS the Winning Card! Are you serious? Well done and “woo-hoo” Storm — I would go out and buy a lottery ticket if I were you! The remaining tickets are called but a slightly deflated audience leaves shaking their head about what might have been. Nothing left to do but to go out and spread the word of Optimism.

OI PGI Program: A Tip from Phil Perington



Once you have completed the first two levels of PGI the third and fourth levels offer some new and interesting opportunities for helping grow your Club with fellow members.

Level 3: Activity, Growth, and Knowledge of the Organization are both easy and fun to accomplish. By participating in our Respect for Law or any other youth/community program and reading “The Power of the Creed” while helping Sponsor a new member you have hit a triple.

If you want to turn that three-bagger into a home run, all you need to do is a **Level 4 Attendance Requirement** by visiting another Club. Inter Club visits create a tremendous amount of goodwill and offer great camaraderie.

PGI can be rewarding and exciting for everyone. Next time we will talk about new club service programs and bringing out the best in Kids!

Meeting Humor

THE RAISE

Employee: “Excuse me sir, may I talk to you?”

Boss: “Sure, come on in ... What can I do for you?”

Employee: “Well sir, as you know, I have been an employee of this prestigious firm for over ten years.”

Boss: “Yes!”

Employee: “I won’t beat around the bush. Sir, I would like a raise. I currently have four companies after me and so I decided to talk to you first.”

Boss: “A raise? I would love to give you a raise, but this is just not the right time.”

Employee: “I understand your position, and I know that the current economic down turn has had a negative impact on sales, but you must also take into consideration my hard work, pro-activeness and loyalty to this company for over a decade.”

Boss: “Taking into account these factors, and considering I don’t want to start a brain drain, I’m willing to offer you a ten percent raise and an extra five days of vacation time. How does that sound?”

Employee: “Great! It is a deal Thank you, sir!”

Boss: “Before you go, just out of curiosity, what companies are after you?”

Employee: “Oh, the electric company, gas company, water company and the mortgage company!”



Our Speakers Ken Broermann and Linda Fuller Aurora Youth Options

Paul Bernard introduces our speaker this morning. Ken Broermann, Mentor Program Coordinator, and Linda Fuller, Mentor Specialist, are here this morning from Aurora Youth Options (AYO) looking for mentor material.



AYO works with middle and high school-aged youth and their families to navigate, connect and provide positive, individualized resources to help youth thrive.

Ken played a short video that showed the impact these mentors make. A high school aged young man told his story of how his life had been turned around by his mentor. The adult mentor recalled his story of growing up and making poor decisions without the guidance of a positive role model. His attempt to give back and support is the spark that the high schooler needed and one that continues to provide him the path to success, in life and in school.

Ken talked about what a mentor means to AYO, a caring adult friend who they need to listen and offer support. What young person growing up with little opportunity for that in their world would not thrive with positive reinforcement and a nurturing environment? Ken is looking to add 20 Mentors in the coming year, with most of that being a male mentor. He has come to look for a few good men and any interested members are asked to contact Ken directly.

The time needed for this program is only two meetings per month and these meetings can be as simple as taking a young man fishing, to the park, showing him your stamp collecting, or anything else you enjoy in your recreation time. Therefore, if this idea appeals to you and you have time to change a life, consider Aurora Youth Options, and make an impact on a young man in our community. Another great example of an optimistic opportunity for members.

More can be learned at AYO's website at <http://www.aurorayouthoptions.org/>.

Math Teacher Arrested At JFK Airport. Suspected Of Belonging To Secret Terror Society

A public school teacher was arrested today at John F Kennedy International airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, a slide-rule and a calculator. At a morning press conference, Attorney General Eric Holder said he believes the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement.



He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction. "Al-Gebra is a problem for us," the Attorney General said. "They derive solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values." They use secret code names like "X" and "Y" and refer to themselves as

"unknowns" but we have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country. As the Greek philosopher Isosceles used to say, "There are 3 sides to every triangle."

When asked to comment on the arrest, President Obama said, "If we are to have better weapons of math instruction, we would have been given more fingers and toes."

White House aides told reporters they could not recall a more intelligent or profound statement by the President. It is believed that another Nobel Prize will follow.

Super Citizen Presenters for April

Apr 16 @ 2:30	MPB	?
Apr 18 @ 8:30	Slavens	?
Apr 22 @ 1:30	Samuels	?
Apr 25 @ 9:30	Holm	?
Apr 25 @ 12:45	McMeen	?
Apr 25 @ 3:00	Bradley	?

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

Weekly Greeters

4/4/14	Nick Newey & Tom Hoch
4/11/14	Barry Barker & Michael Chavez
4/18/14	Jack Kleinheksel & Dave Peck
4/25/14	Don Thomson & Greg Young
5/3/14	Russ Paul & ?

Need Friday morning greeters,
see O.C Larson, 303-797-7432 or
larson1942@comcast.net

Mar 31	Mon		Winter Park Ski Day - See Bob Avery
Apr 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - John Young, Optimism in our Lives
Apr 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
Apr 12	Sat	12:30 pm	Tri-Star Basketball Finals - North High School, 2960 N. Speer Boulevard
Apr 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
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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.