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Good Morning Optimist

Greeting the gathered this beautiful Fall morning was the effervescent duo of **Ron** “the post-man” **Cisco** and **Bryce** “don’t call me Bruce” **Slaby**, wearing his tree lot apron, and in pre-holiday high spirits. While Ron was busy telling Junior Golf stories and urging everyone to



Greeters, Bryce Slaby & Ron Cisco.
Photos Noel Hasselgren

use the U.S. Mail Service this year instead of another shipping service.

Camaraderie Day

Since this was a camaraderie day, **Frank Middleton**, with his grandson, “Junior Spiderman,” were handing out playing cards for table assignments.

Right, Frank Middleton and his grandson, handout table assignments for camaraderie day. Ron Cisco also shares his greeting skills.



Morning Conversations & Activity

Thirty-three year member **Constantine** “Dean” **Sotiriou** was making the rounds and renewing friendships. **Tom** “Mr. Baseball” **Mauro** was immersed in hawking and confirming season tickets for the Rockies 2018 season. **Donlie Smith**, **Jon Wachter**, and **John Swick** were all proudly wearing their new blue Monaco South baseball caps. **Scottie Walker** was passing around a cool picture of a 1959 corvette, being admired by members of the Classic Car Club including **Kent Gloor**, **Allen Malask**, and CCOCC President **Dave** “T-bird” **Peck**. **Evan Easton** was making his second consecutive visit talking about the virtue of having a poinsettia in every members home this holiday season. **Harry Arkin** was sharing stories about his monu-



Dean Sotiriou

mental Garage Sale and how much stuff he still had. Because this was Camaraderie Day the *Table of Wisdom* was magically occupied by **John Young** and **Dean Sotiriou**.

First Bell & Invocation

President Jim Easton gaveled the morning festivities to attention at 7 a.m. sharp. After sharing the fact that **Craig Eley** and **John Young** were the authors of the Club’s Invocation collection, guest **Tom Sorenson** presented the Invocation, “*Please help us to fulfill the Optimist pledge to be so strong that nothing can stop us from bringing hope and inspiration to those we serve, especially our youth.*” The Pledge of Allegiance followed to the cheer of “Play Ball!”

Guests

Frank Middleton again introduced his grandson, Junior Spiderman, who he proclaimed to be the youngest MSOC member. See photo above.

While **Jim Easton** introduced Tom Sorenson who he had met at a Trade Show recently. *Welcome to all!*

Happy Bucks

The Prez got out the *Happy Bucks* “*Bucket*,” confirming that all the bucks collected would be donated to Children’s Hospital Colorado, and let the fun begin:



Dick Nickoloff: Back from a recent cruise to Trinidad and Tobago that had ended with his wife suffering a broken leg and a trip to the hospital was happy to be back in the USA. Safe, sound, secure, and recovering.

Jack Kleinhekse: His son, a proud Eagle Scout, married the love of his life, a 26 year old lady so beautiful he was overcome with pronouns and joy.

Tom Overton: Happy to be going on the road to Idaho, Seattle, and Hawaii to visit, daughters, family, friends, and interesting people along the way.

Tom Mauro: Not happy with the thought of a Yankees-Dodgers World Series but will cheer for the Astros and a much happier ending.

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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*****

Happy Bucks Continued

John Oss: So happy that his beloved Ruthie is back in the kitchen again, helping organize recipes and ingredients for him to enjoy.

Ed Leuty: Happy he could help a Lions Club in North Carolina with a fundraiser, going to Branson for a family Birthday celebration, and ending a great month of travel. He is also proud to belong to MSOC.

Past Gov. **Paul Simon:** Happy and grateful the CO-WY District achieved distinguished status for the second year in a row with plus 26 new members that included three new clubs. Also, happy his Dodgers are in the in the World Series.

Tom Glazier: Is happy that Arapahoe Basin has opened the ski season and Kansas City lost to the Raiders.

Paul Stratton: Is happy to hear all of the happy stories, which makes him happy.

Ed Collins: Happy to report he has a Senior Ski-Season pass at Loveland and it was only \$99.

Don Thomson: Is happy that there will be a Super Citizen program at McMeen Elementary School next Thursday the 26th, with 26 kids being honored. He invites everyone to attend; it starts at 1:00 p.m.

Cy Regan: He proclaimed he was glad to be here and happy everyone else is as well, after admitting he over slept last week.

Prez **Jim Easton:** Announced he is happy and pleased that on Wednesday, November 15th a follow up of New Member Orientation will be held at the STEM Academy. **Ron Cisco** is Mentor Chair and **Tom Glazier** has been coordinating — lots of new stuff is coming up, stay tuned!

Announcements

Junior Golf Tournament: **Ron Cisco** shared the CO-WY Junior Golf Tournament started with the sun shining then came the wind, with fog rolling in along with everything else. The scores were atrocious, an astounding 176 was recorded by a young lady, including an 18 on a par 3. In a determined optimism she returned the next day and shot a 116. Sunday was a much better day. Twenty-five young players qualified for Florida and the Annual Tournament. **Noel Hasselgren** did an outstanding job as photo journalist.

Ron thanked all the volunteers that assisted including, **Mike White, Harry Fegley, Bob Avery, Don Roth, Barry Barker, Sewell "Bud" Black, John "Banjo" Greene, Ed Collins, Mike McMahon, Tom Hoch, Cap Hermann, Gary Strowbridge, and Paul Bernard.**

Bob Meyer, one of the three co-chairs for the CO-WY golf tournaments, emailed a follow-up announcement and link to photos from this event. See the his follow-up announcement attached to *GUMS* distribution email. For the photos [CLICK HERE](#).

Two of the photos provided are shown with Ron and the girls 14 to 18 age division winners and the boys 14 to 15 age division winners.



Left: Ron Cisco, Kelsey Webster (3rd place), Jessica Zapf (1st place), and Caroline Jordaan (2nd place) in the Girls 14 – 18 age division.

Right: Ron Cisco, Jaren Calkins (3rd place), Hardy Johnson (2nd place), and Mario Dino (1st place) in the Boys 14 – 15 age division.
Photos Noel Hasselgren



Morning Breakfasts: **Gary Miller** reported 18 breakfasts paid for this morning. We need 25 to break even. *"Come on Guys, let's chow down on the best breakfast deal in South Denver!"*

Annual Choir Fundraiser: **Evan Easton**, son **Jim Easton**, announced he needs payment today or Dad will stalk you for the poinsettia plant sale. Plants will arrive around December 8th and all orders will then be delivered to buyers.



Member Update: **Bryce Slaby** reported that **Don StJohn** and **OC Larsen** are doing well but both would enjoy your visit. Please give them a call and stop by and see them if you can.

Tamarac Optimist Chili Supper & Auction: **Kent Gloor** said the Tamarac Club November 3rd Chili Supper is free for kids 12 and under. See the flyer attached to the *GUMS* distribution email.

Santa Claus Haus Builders: **Kent Gloor** also reported that the Builders of Excellence Team organized for the Santa Claus Haus are meeting immediately after breakfast. They are commencing construction next week and the planning is now turning to reality. Thanks in part to the John and Clara Young's generous contribution.

Holiday Party: **Tom Overton** once again said the Holiday Party with other Clubs is coming and your payment is your ticket. The party is on Saturday, December 16th and it will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, starting at 5:30, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. See the flyer attached to *GUMS* distribution email.

Member Update: **Tom Overton** also mentioned that **John Walsh** had a serious aneurism a few years ago and his stent repair had him on the operating table for seven hours but it was not successful, so he is still in rehab. Keep John in your thoughts and prayers!



John Walsh

New Member Orientation: **Tom Glazier** shared that new member who attended the orientation on October 11th, were **James Dockter, Cliff Eley, Todd Sterling, and Mark Westlund.** The next New Member

Announcements Continued

Orientation is on Wednesday, November 15th. Please invite all new members to meet with mentors at the Silicon STEM Academy, 4201 E. Yale Avenue, Suite 130, starting at 7 p.m. Food and drink will be available. New members include, **Joe Campana, Rob Brewer, Jesse Carter, Ken Duffy, Fred Hesse, Gregg Hoffman, Bill Litchfield, Dave Moore, Dan Rodriguez, Allan Russell, Tim Settle, Mark Smith, David Thompson,** and **Brian Wilson**. Any other new or old member who would like to attend is welcome.

New Directory: **Craig Eley** said the October 2017 directory is ready, willing and able, to be used by everyone so please get a copy. Craig also mentioned he still is looking for nice item for the upcoming Tamarac Optimist Club silent auction event and he is willing to pick them up.

MSOC Invitation Cards: **Jim Easton** urged everyone to use the new **MSOC Invitation Cards** and always carry a few extra to share with potential members. When asked to show that they had one or two cards, **Ed Collins** and **Cy Regan** certified that approximately 60 percent of the members held a card up. More cards are being order for those that do not have them.

Hurricane Relief Fund: *Via an email, Ryan and Natascha Strong, Eldon and Roxie Strong's son and daughter-in-law shared, "We wanted to take a moment to thank you very your kind and generous donations to help Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and the surrounding community impacted by Hurricane Harvey. We have been blessed by all of the donations from Colorado and around the rest of the county. Your donations are helping the community rebuild and heal from the hurricane. There is still a lot of recovery work to do, but we are Houston Strong. To date donations are over \$3500!"*

Some of the pictures included, some of the cash gift cards received, and numerous pictures of the devastation.



October Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to **John Bamford, James Dockter, Tom Glazier, Ron Gustas, Cap Hermann, Ed Leuty, Allen Malask, Tim Settle, Matt Spampinato, John Swick, Bob Trout, Robert Wardlaw,** and **Dick Zolman**.

Welcome Back

It is nice to see **Everett Gardner, Jack Kleinhessel, Les Larson, Dean Sotiriou, John Swick,** and **Don Thomson**. Welcome back!

Drawing

The card to find today was the "Queen of Hearts," with a \$40 pot. Those that took a cup were **Terry Shroyer, David Moore, Don Thomson, Everett Gardner,** and **Carl Brown**. Those went for the "Queen of Hearts," were **Phil Perington** and guest **Tom Sorenson**, and **Craig Eley** for having on his name tag, but we had no winners today.

The 100th Anniversary Denver Lions Club

Craig Eley and **Aaron Beery** both attended the Denver **Lions Club Centennial Dinner** last Saturday at

Wellshire Event Center; probably because they figured they would be unavailable for Monaco South's 100th anniversary. NOTE that each is proudly wearing his Optimist pin proudly.



October Super Citizen Presenters

Oct 25 @ 1:00	McMeen	Dave Peck
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Weekly Greeters

10/27/17	Tom Glazier & Robert Wardlaw
11/3/17	Perry Allen & Allen Malask

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40th Year — Chartered in 1976

See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

Oct 25	Wed	6:30 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Oct 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Nov 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Joe Marci, Tree Lot Update and Instructions
Nov 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Karl Geil, The 2018 Brain Bowl is Coming!

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Cy Regan	1999-00
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Don St. John	2001-02
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Jack Rife	2002-03
John Young	1982-83	Karl Geil	2003-04
Pat Bush	1983-84	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Greg Young	2007-08
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Phil Perington	2008-09
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Bill Walters	1991-92	Paul Simon	2012-13
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	John Oss	2014-15
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Bob Safe	1995-96	Craig Eley	2016-17
Tom Overton	1996-97		

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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.