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Good Morning Optimist

Don Roth and Mark Metevia brought warm smiles and hearty handshakes to their duties as greeters this Friday, September 15th, 2017.

Frank Middleton awaited just beyond Don and Mark and distributed a playing card to all - you know what that means! Camaraderie Day!*



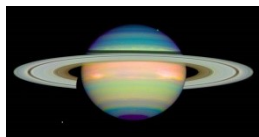
Mark Metevia & Don Roth serve as greeters today.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

*The term comrade is used to mean "friend," "mate," "colleague," or "ally," and derives from the Iberian Romance language term camaraderie, literally meaning "chamber mate," from Latin camera "chamber" or "room."

On This Date

... the 258th day of 2017 with 107 to follow. In 1954, the famous scene in which Marilyn Monroe is shown laughing as her skirt is blown up by a blast of air from a subway vent was shot during the filming of "The Seven Year Itch." The scene infuriated her husband, Joe DiMaggio, who felt it was exhibitionist. The couple divorced a short time later.

And today, at 7:55:46 a.m. ET, NASA watched its 20-year-old, \$4 billion-plus spacecraft Cassini's crash into Saturn and made its "grand finale." Launched from Cape Canaveral in October 1997 in a NASA collaboration with the European Space Agency, with an original mission planned to last for four years, from June 2004 to May 2008. The mission was extended for another two years until September 2010, branded the Cassini Equinox Mission. The mission was extended a second and final time with the Cassini Solstice Mission, lasting another seven years until today, on which date Cassini was de-orbited by being allowed to burn up in Saturn's upper atmosphere.



Invocation & Pledge

Karl Geil encouraged us to let our lives control our fear delivered our invocation, not the other way around. "Too strong for fear. Every action has risk but fear can take control if we don't take risks. We are optimists, and are too strong for fear!" He then led our Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Guests

A good crowd today! We had several guests, and some new members!

- ◇ **Bill Litchfield**, a former member and past president, joined us all the way from South Carolina.
- ◇ **Mark Westlund** was a member 38 years ago! He attended today, and is now becoming a new member!
- ◇ **Frank Ross** joined us again, visiting from the wild Pennsylvania woods. He heads home on Sunday.
- ◇ **David Thompson**, another former member, was with us. We hope you too will become active again.
- ◇ **Cliff Eley**, brother to our club president and now becoming a new member.
- ◇ **Greg Hoffman** was not able to make it, but **Mark Metevia** brought Greg's application and check for membership!
- ◇ And last **Frank Middleton** introduced his guest **Jason Blair**. Jason is a cub scout leader at a school in Northfield that we are helping support. Along with Jason was his son, who is a second-grade student.

Welcome to one and all!

From the Prez

Honor Club: We are getting closer to being an "honor club!" Keep up on asking friends, neighbors, Super Citizen dad's to come and join us.

Invitation from Tamarac: Monaco South members and their spouses are invited to visit the Tamarac club meeting on Thursday evening, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church (corner of Hampden & Monaco) to hear a special speaker. **Dr. Brad Neider**, "The Healthy Humorist," and nephew of former Monaco South president **Stan Cohen**, who no longer

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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From the Prez Continued

practices medicine except through humor. See <https://www.healthyhumorist.com/#bloglet-testimonials>.

Dr. Brad is paid substantial fees when speaking to conventions in the US and abroad. If you need a bit of humor, and who doesn't these days? — come join the Tamarac ladies September 28th to hear "The Healthy Humorist."

Open up
and say "Ha!"



August & September Birthdays

With all the activities and vacations we missed the August and September birthdays! **President Craig** used a recorder to tune us up and start us on the right note. Those serenaded



were:

August Birthday boys:

- Barry Barker
- Bud Black
- Jesse Carter
- Marc Goodbody
- Bob Hugo
- Les Larson
- Mike Miller
- Al Perington
- Dean Sotiriou

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

September Birthday boys:

- Neil Alderson
- Peter Dimond
- Jim Easton
- Howard Fry
- Casey Funk
- Frank Middleton
- Lupe Salinas



Announcements

Hurricane Relief Fund: Eldon Strong wants to thank many members for the gift cards and support of his son's church in Cypress, Texas, and their efforts to help those without shelter and basic necessities after the flooding in the Houston area.

JDRF OneWalk: Ron Gustas reported on the Monaco South members who helped make the JDRF OneWalk a great event. On Friday the 8th, **Bob Avery, Bill Blunden, Eldon Strong, Don Roth** and **Ron** loaded "OneWalk" materials from the JDRF office onto a truck for transport to the walk site.

Saturday's OCMS volunteers helping set up the walk site at Jeffco County Fairgrounds included **Greg Young, Michael Chavez, Tom Kramis, Barry Barker, Mark Metevia, Don Roth** (two days in a row!), **Mike McMahon, Pat Bush, George Buzick** and **Ron Gustas**. The well-oiled crew knocked out tasks in record time.

Thanks to all and apologies too anyone not named who helped out. The "Walk" hopes to raise near \$800,000 to fund research improving the lives of those with Type 1 Diabetes.

Additional Thanks: Mike McMahon expressed additional thanks for the support. Mike's son Max was diagnosed on July 2nd. Max started a team and set a goal to raise \$5,000. As of our meeting, they were up to \$5,280!

Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club Fundraiser: You are invited to bring your wife to the *Type 1 Diabetes Optimistic Club Fundraiser* with Touchstone Crystal by Swarovski Jewelry. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Optimist T1DOC.



Touchstone Crystal by Swarovski is the direct sales company of Swarovski Crystals. You won't find their designs in the mall stores. They have jewelry for everyone's style and budget. Pieces come in rhodium and gold plating, brass, and sterling silver. Swarovski crystals, pearls or CZ's in each piece. Shop early to dress up your Fall wardrobe or to get a jump on your Holiday Shopping. Shop in person on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at The Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite Street, Denver from 4 to 7 p.m. in the private room.

From Our Treasurer: Greg Young had a lot to say, such as MSOC hats are available at the great price of \$10. Act now!

MSOC Dues invoices will be going out at the end of the month. We would appreciate a prompt response.



It's Budget Time: Our fiscal year runs from October 1 until September 30th. We will be preparing the annual budget on September 20th, so all project managers please get your budget request in to Greg Young ASAP. Same goes for anyone wanting to do a new or expanded project. If we don't hear from you, your project will risk being cut and not funded for next year. Budget requests can be in writing or by email to Greg at gndyoung@comcast.net. DO IT TODAY!



King Soopers & Safeway Cards: King Soopers and Safeway gift cards are the easiest way to help raise funds for all of the projects and events sponsored by the Monaco South Optimist Club. You purchase



a card initially for \$10, and add to that value at the checkout or service desk up to \$500. You can use your rewards credit card to reload the King Soopers gift card as often as you wish. Using these reloadable cards cost members absolutely nothing, but 5% of all value loaded to the card comes back to Monaco South from Kroger. Cards can be used at any Kroger store: King Soopers, KS Gasoline, City Market, Loaf and Jug, Smiths, **Even some Jewelry Stores** (listed on the back of the card). The cards can be easily refilled so do not throw them away. However, if they stay at zero for 60 days, they will be cancelled. If you need a card just see **Greg Young**.

GUMS Correction: Last week's edition of GUMS contained an *egregious* error. One of our newest members, **Mark Smith**, was introduced to the club by

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Announcements Continued

Dick Nickoloff. Dick and Mark got to know one another at 24-Hour Fitness. Last week, the newsletter said that **Dick Zolman** was Mark's sponsor, but that was incorrect! **Dick Nickoloff** deserves the kudos — many apologies Dick Nickoloff! The editor responsible for this lapse will be terminated at end of this month, but may come back to provide insights again.

Heading to Ouray: Scott Walker passed along the news that next week's meeting will be the last one for him for a while. He bought some land in Ouray and will be heading down there soon. Notice that he bought some "land" — for now some necessities are not included, such as electricity, heat, water, etc., so give Scott a few months before visiting. Good luck on this adventure Scott!



Weekly Drawing

Once again today's drawing was for only \$20. Sure, not a big payoff, but with only 3 cards remaining, an attractive gamble. The 10 of Spades was



the lucky ducat. On the first numbers called, our guest **Jason Blair** came up short. **Mike McMahon** took a chance, and lo and behold — winner, winner, chicken dinner! Well done Mike! Cups o'plenty went to: **Tom Kramis**, **Jack Kleinheksel** (twice), **Scott Walker**, **Pat Bush**, and **Terry Shroyer**.

Creed

Our creed was kicked off by past president **Jon Wachter**: *Promise yourself....*

Let's Do Some Camaraderie



Eldon Strong confers with President Craig Eley.
Photos Noel Hasselgren



Below, Jack Kleinheksel, Past President Bill Litchfield, & Ron Gustas.



Gary Strawbridge shares a story about Past President Bill Litchfield.

September Super Citizen Presenters

Sept 19 @ 2:30	MPB	Barry Barker
Sept 28 @ 1:00	McMeen	?

Weekly Greeters

9/22/17	Tom Glazier & Perry Allen
9/29/17	Gary Strowbridge & Tom Kramis

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

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

Sept 22 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Sept 27 Wed	6:30 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Sept 28 Thur	7:00 pm	Invited to Tamarac Club, Calvary Baptist Church; Dr. Brad Neider
Sept 29 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Oct 30 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

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

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 Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96	Michael Chavez	2015-16

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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.