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Good Morning Optimist Last day of this fiscal year.

Greeters **John Oss** and **Gary Strowbridge** were up to the task of welcoming a full house of big-hearted Optimists. Nary a one slipped past them, and all received salutations and handshakes to start their Friday, September 29, 2017.

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Invocation & Pledge

The invocation was delivered by our own **Harry Fegley**. He spoke to the importance of wearing a cheerful countenance at all times. Though there may be times when it is not easy to muster good cheer, it can lift your spirits, and the spirits of those around you. He then led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance to Flag*.

Joining Us

Soon to be a new member **Joe Campana** returned today. He was with us about a month ago, as a guest of **Michael Chavez**. Joe has been in in Denver for 40 years, and his wife Karin is in a part of the Tamarac Optimist Club. Joe's looking forward to getting involved and getting to know club members. And he brought a completed application and a check! Welcome Joe!

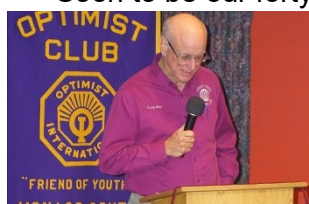
THANK YOU
for joining us!

Mike White introduced one of our newest members, **Allan Russell**. Allan is a Denver native and happy to be a part of the club.

Another Tamarac Optimist Charlene St.John, **Don St.John's** wife, joined us this morning. She shared some warm recollections of **Marlin Kent**, and what a special Optimist he was. Don received the **Marlin Kent** award last Saturday night, and both he and Char expressed thanks to the club.

OCMS Officer Change

Soon to be our forty-first Immediate Past President,



President Craig Eley thanks Monaco South members for their support during his 2016-17 term.

Craig Eley called incoming President **Jim Easton** to the stage, and handed Jim the keys to the podium. He also presented to Jim a gavel to use for banging the bell for the next 52 weeks. *Thank you Craig for your leadership — and good luck Jim for stepping*

up to take the lead! Use the gavel judiciously.

At right, president Craig presents the key to the podium, which incoming president immediately connects it to his key chain.
Photos Noel Hasselgren



Monaco South Optimist club members stood and provided both a standing ovation!

From the Prez

President Craig reported that at the Wednesday, September 27th board meeting, eight new members were voted in! That's a lot! Also, Joe Campana's application will be voted on via email soon. Not only is Craig leaving his post, but several board of director members are stepping down, as their terms have expired. Craig praised them all for their service—they are **Allen Malask**, **Bill Morgan**, **Allen Pierce**, and immediate past president **Michael Chavez**.



Allen Malask



Bill Morgan



Allen Pierce



Michael Chavez

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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Congratulations

Curt Merrill, CO-WY District Immediate Past Governor, came to the stage to extend his congratulations



President Craig Eley & Past CO-WY District Governor Curt Merrill.

to **President Craig** and the whole club for earning the Hon- or Club designation, and to Governor **Paul Simon** for get- ting the overall dis- trict to +25 for the year. Both are amazing accom- plishments!

Announcements

McMeen Super Citizen: Don Thomson reported on a successful day at McMeen Elementary yester- day, as 27 students received Super Citizens recognition. Don suggests that all new members come and see a Su- per Citizen presentation—Optimism at work! It is a great opportunity to see our club's impact on the youth of our community.



Reminder Super Citizen Presenters Needed: If you can assist contact Dr. **Rob Gardner** or one of the Super Citizen representatives for a SC school. They are: Bradley International School, **Randy Marcove**; Hamilton Middle School, **Tom Mauro & Karl Geil**; Holm Elementary School, **Donlie Smith**; Lowry Ele- mentary School, **Paul Stratton**; McMeen Elementary School, **Don Thomson**; Most Precious Blood Catholic School, **Gary Miller**; Samuels Elementary School, **Kent Gloor**; and for Slavens Elementary School, **Tom Hoch**.

CO-WY Junior Golf Tournament: Joe Marci



passed around a signup sheet—there will be a Junior Golf Tournament on October 14 and 15 at Green Valley Ranch. They anticipate having 100 kids, of whom 25 will go to Florida for the national tournament. If you are able to help, sign up or let Joe know. Joe can be reached at marcifrog@aol.com or 303-847-7844.

Drawing

Well, here we are in week 52 — the one remaining card in the deck was the 7 of spades. After several weeks of winners, \$20 waited for the Optimist who was bold enough to pick it up and turn it over.



Chris Dunphy, returning to us after a few months away, decided the small cup was more to his liking and passed up the one-card draw. **Rob Gardner** may need to get his hearing checked, because he, too, made the strange choice of a cup. But **Don St.John** knows a deal when he sees it, and

went home \$20 wealthier. Additional cups of dough went to: **Peter Dimond**, **Bryce Slaby**, **Tom Mauro**, and **Dick Nickoloff**.

Next week we start with a new deck of fifty-two cards and a beginning pot of \$20.

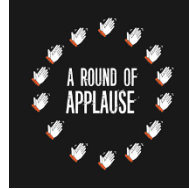
Update on Ralph Petersen

Last week it was learned that **Ralph Pedersen** is back home and recuperating from his fall. Ralph is a charter member of MSOC. Should you like to contact him and send him good wishes he can be reached at r.pedersen2658@comcast.net or 303-759-3384.



Closing

As we came to a close, **Craig Eley** took a moment to express that it has been a privilege to serve as the club's president. He highly recommends the experience! The members in attendance rose one more time to give him a well-deserved round of applause.



Creed

Don St.John, this years *Marlin Kent Eternal Opti- mist Award recipient*, led us in our creed: *Promise Yourself....*

A Bit of Humor in the Signs of Life

- ◇ Sign over a Gynecologist's Office: "Dr. Jones, at your cervix."
- ◇ In a Podiatrist's office: "Time wounds all heels."
- ◇ On a Septic Tank Truck: "Yesterday's Meals on Wheels."
- ◇ At an Optometrist's Office: "If you don't see what you're look- ing for, you've come to the right place."
- ◇ On a Plumber's truck: "We repair what your husband fixed."
- ◇ On another Plumber's truck: "Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."
- ◇ At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee: "Invite us to your next blowout."
- ◇ On an Electrician's truck: "Let us remove your shorts."
- ◇ In a Non-smoking Area: "If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action."
- ◇ On a Maternity Room door: "Push, Push, Push."
- ◇ At a Car Dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."
- ◇ Outside a Muffler Shop: "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."
- ◇ In a Veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"
- ◇ At an Electric Company: "We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted."
- ◇ In a Restaurant window: "Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."
- ◇ In the front yard of a Funeral Home: "Drive carefully. We'll wait."
- ◇ At a Propane Filling Station: "Thank heaven for little grills."
- ◇ At a Radiator Shop: "Best place in town to take a leak."
- ◇ Sign on the back of another Septic Tank Truck: "Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises."

Our Speaker Denise Brown

Colorado Economic Development Commission Board Member

Our speaker today was Denise Brown. Denise is a board member of the Colorado Economic Development Commission. Her career spans over 35 years working in both the public and private sectors in Colorado. Before retiring in 2012, she served as the Interim Executive Director of the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority, which is the developer of a bioscience business park affiliated with the University of Colorado.

Prior to this appointment she spent three years as a consultant working with clients such as the University of Colorado, the Colorado Cleantech Industry Association, and the Boettcher Foundation.

Denise served as the first Executive Director of the Colorado BioScience Association. She also served in senior administrative positions for 20 years at the University of Colorado including Executive Assistant to the President of the University and Chief Planning Officer for the CU Health Sciences Center.

Prior to that, Denise worked for the House Majority Office at the Colorado General Assembly for two years. From 1977 through 1984, she worked as Assistant to the Governor of Colorado for Human Services, Director of the Governor's Job Training Office, and in the Office of Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Denise talked about the Colorado Economic Development Commission, which develops and implements programs for the promotion of economic development in Colorado, and ensures that such economic development programs create employment opportunities for Colorado residents and benefit Colorado companies across the state.

The Economic Development Commission approves incentives from economic development funds to public and private entities throughout the state to help existing businesses expand and new companies locate to Colorado.

Denise shared that the Commission was formed to address the boom and bust nature of our economy in Colorado. Proper planning during the good times will help prepare for the down times. The board has 11 members, appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate. One of their objective is to diversify the economy of Colorado by bringing in bio tech and other non-traditional industries.

The commission had three main programs. One is for incentivizing producers and directors to film their movies in Colorado. The program has been controversial, in part be-



Denise Brown
Photo Noel Hasselgren

cause it is hard to determine if the films were going to come to Colorado anyway.

A second program is to encourage advanced industries by supporting research at CU, CSU, School of Mines, and National Jewish. Grants are given to support early stage companies who don't have access to other funding. The grants also help with the development of high tech infrastructure. The third program is using TIF programs (tax increment financing). This involves giving tax credits for to expanding company or new companies coming to Colorado. These grants are designed to be "but for" grants—

applicants have to prove that Colorado is competing with other states. The commission tries to evaluate if the jobs that would become available are good for the state. Approximately 80 percent of the offers made are accepted and come to our state. Once here, however, not all companies use the incentives. There is a rigorous process of documentation, and not all follow the steps necessary.

Denise took questions, the first of which was around Amazon and their process looking for a second major headquarters, possibly in the Denver area. She indicated that Colorado has started to position for making an offer. The commission works to consolidate and evaluate local city or municipality plans in order to present one united proposal from the state. Companies like Amazon are looking for a package of local incentives, and are concerned about things such as access to airports and housing options for employees. The commission set aside \$10M two years ago for the possibility of an opportunity with a large company like Amazon. Preliminary proposals are due to Amazon by November, and likely their decision will come next summer. They would be eligible for TIF financing, and there is no ceiling on those funds. The jobs used to justify those funds have to be directly created job, and have to be here in Colorado more than 5 years to get the credit. Amazon may bring 50,000 jobs, which led to questions about why Colorado needs to work to attract Amazon, since unemployment is very low and we have infrastructure problems keeping up with our current growth. Denise respects that view, yet feels the commission does not feel they can take their foot on and off the brakes when it comes to these type of opportunities, since the economy and growth will not always be as strong as today.

Editor: Thank you for an interesting presentation!

October Super Citizen Presenters

Oct 13 @ 8:20	Holm	?
Oct 13 @ 1:00	Samuels	?

Weekly Greeters

10/6/17	Bob Avery & Joe Marci
10/13/17	Steve Kady & Eldon Strong

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

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

Oct 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Oct 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Oct 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day

**Past Presidents of the
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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.