



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Editor for this Issue—Phil Perington



### Good Morning Optimists!

Let the sunshine in!

It was a cold, cloudy, and rainy morning, that is, until you stepped inside the Optimist Clubhouse.



WOW! The place was lit up like a light bulb factory. New lights shone down brightly from a newly installed ceiling. The Hall took on a whole new look. Spirits were high and the energy was electric.

**Jim VanderKamp** was our lone Greeter welcoming, shaking hands, and giving positive vibes to everyone. Good job Jim!

A delicious waft of sizzling sliced ham and pork chops, fluffy scramble eggs, and freshly toasted English muffins drifted from **John Marin**'s kitchen as the buffet line backed up across the floor. 'Twas' another sterling breakfast John, you really keep the boys coming in for breakfast and camaraderie.

### Utterings from the Prez

President **Ron Cisco** gaveled the gathered to attention at 7:00 am sharp and visiting guest, past Governor **Sherman Phillips** led us in the blessing for the day...*Make your Optimism come true* and pledge. Thank you, "Governor Sherm!"

### Announcements

**Jack Kitchell** then popped up the podium to introduce **Gary Laman**'s lovely and gorgeous wife Joyce (definitely the better half) told us that the ladies of Tamarac are sponsoring **KRAZY RACE**, their

summer fundraiser, on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 pm starting and ending at Arapahoe Park pavilion located at Adams Street south of Dry Creek. A picnic will follow from 5:00-7:00 pm at \$15 per person.

**KRAZY RACE** is a bit like a scavenger hunt but you don't have to bring back anything. It's more like a "giggle walk" with lots of fun and interesting things to do before your "hunt" is completed. Sounds like a hoot. Anyone interested should contact Joyce at 303-757-3770. Final date to register is June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**IO President Visit: Prez Ron** reiterated that International President, Mark Shriver will be in town on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for his pre-convention visit and will be at our Friday meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for the President's Dinner, on Saturday evening, May 8<sup>th</sup> at Doubletree Hotel. Tickets are \$31 apiece. Cocktails and dinner begin at 6:00 pm. Ron also announced the Board had approved a Training Meeting for our May 21<sup>st</sup> breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House located at 1300 East 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, near Marion Street. Please try and be there as we are going to present them with a new American Flag. There's lots of parking so no excuse to miss out.



**Inner City Bike Clinic:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Inner City Health Clinic Bike Clinic will be held Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 38th and York between the hours of 8:00 am-2:00 pm. We will be teaching bike safety and providing helmets to the kids.

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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

The Inner City Health Clinic Bike Clinic is our new program replacing the discontinued "Goblins' Calling."

**Aids Project:** Tom Mauro reported his daughter is heading up an Aids project, involving quilt making by using old Levi jeans and were in need of donations. Looking around the room there appeared to be ample resources available. President-elect **Ed Collins** was seen trying to remove his Levi's but new members of the Board gratefully stopped the action.



**Super Citizen Program:** Don Thomson gave a recap on the Super Citizen awards held at McMeen Elementary last week. **Bob Avery** and 1<sup>st</sup> Timer **Russ Paul** presided over the ceremonies. To which **Karl Geil** pointed out that a former oratorical contest winner, Michael Craig, has teamed up with ex-Bronco Daniel Graham and received a scholarship. Michael is a students at Thomas Jefferson High School. Seeds do come to fruition as a result of Optimism. The small things we do can really make a big difference. Thanks Karl!

**Annual Picnic:** Rand Marcove reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual Picnic at Eisenhower Park on June 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a community event with the Optimists playing a major role. Hot Dogs, kids, bands, games, fire trucks, arts and crafts, and baseball, plus more are on the agenda for the day. Randy of course, is Commander-in-Chief of hot dogs. It's a sight to behold!

**Furry Scurry:** GUMS Editor, **Phil Perington**, reminded everyone that next Saturday was the Furry Scurry "Egg McMuttin'-Breakfast Burrito Gala Event" at Washington Park. We need volunteers at 6:00 am until noon to sell and hawk the delicious offers of Monaco South. **Randy Marcove** has graciously offered to deliver the goods lovingly prepared by **John Marinos**. It's a whole lot of fun guys. We sold out last year! Hope to see you there.

**HOBY Project:** At last weeks meeting **Paul Bernard**, recognized **Joe Marci**, Past CO/WY Governor **George Buzick**, and MSOC Treasurer, **Greg Young** for their assistance with the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY).



Paul Bernard, on left, presents to George Buzick, George Buzick, and Greg Young a HOBY water bottle. Photo by Don StJohn

**Golf Reminder:** **John Young** took the floor and read the rules as promulgated by Pat (Iron Man) Bush and Leigh (Putter) Swan for the 1<sup>st</sup> MSOC Annual Golf Tournament held in 1983 at Kennedy Golf Course. Highlights included: Each player must use a golf ball. Each player must have a bag. Each player must remove his divots, including those made on greens. Each player is entitled to a maximum of one beer per hole. All disputes may be resolved by a wrestle off or...all ties shall be resolved by the clubhouse bartender or the player willing to pay the most money. When asked who won the Tournament John replied, "I don't have a clue!"

**PPS Colorado History Day:** **Karl Geil** reminded us that the state History Day contest for 2010 will be on **Saturday, May 1, 2010**, hosted by the History Department of the University of Colorado Denver, on the Auraria Campus in downtown Denver.

**Junior Golf Tournament:** **Joe Marci** reported there were still openings for the Junior Golf Tournament May 12<sup>th</sup>. The entry fee is \$110. He also said there were some Rockies tickets left for the July 6<sup>th</sup> game with San Diego. See Joe if interested.

**Ducks are Coming!:** Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> Duck Drop at 12:30 pm, George Wallace Park. Tickets available from Greg Young. Tickets are \$5 apiece or 5 for \$20 and 11 for \$50.



**Race to Win Fabulous Prizes**  
**2 Round-Trip Tickets on Southwest**  
**Winter Park Resort Passes**  
**Red Rocks Concert Tickets**  
**\$100 Whole Food Gift Card**  
**Restaurant Gift Certificate**  
**And Much, Much More**

**Furry Scurry:** **Don St John** reminded us that today was the only "Official Call" for the Furry Scurry. Sign-up or you are out of luck for getting a T-shirt.

**Remembering:** **Jim VanderKamp** told a touching story of a call he received from an gentleman who he had helped when he was 11 and who was now calling years later just to say thank-you.

**Greeters Needed:** If you want to be an early morning Greeter, let **Dick Cohen** know. Contact Dick @ 303-320-1767 or [richardmcohen@hotmail.com](mailto:richardmcohen@hotmail.com).

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
4/30/10	Howard Fry & Jim Tapp
5/7/10	Neil Atkinson & Michael Chavez
5/14/10	Al Gapuzan & Leo Hagele
5/21/10	Robert Avery & Woody Thibodeau

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## Announcements Continued

**9Health Fair:** **Bob Avery** reminded everyone about the Health Fair at the Schlessman YMCA on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 am to 12:00 noon. If you've already signed up, Don't forget.

**Junior Golf Tournament:** **Joe Marci** gave an update on the May 12<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament at Flatirons Golf Course in Boulder. There will be a 2-putt gimme on one hole that is under construction. Four-somes include Greeley, Ft. Morgan, past member **Carl Brown**, **Gary Miller**, and great hope from John Young, **Ed Collins**, Checkers, DTC, Westminster, and Boulder (Go figure). He also reported there are still tickets available for the July 6<sup>th</sup> (National Convention) Rockies game.

### Where is the Speaker?

Since the speaker didn't show we had our own entertainment:

- **Paul Bernard** told a joke about cannibals and the high cost of politicians somehow related as to how long it took so long to clean them, and then sadly declared that our speaker was a no-show and a mini-Camaraderie Day was hereby declared. Wahoo!
- **Fred Pasternack** also told a joke about a challenge to drink a bottle of Tequila, pull a dogs tooth, and visit an old lady.
- **Tom Mauro, Greg Young, Ed Collins, Oscar Sorensen**, and Chair **Joe Marci** used the extra time to meet and consider applications for our Scholarship Program. Thanks Guys!
- Others seen engaged in forensic camaraderie were **Michael Chavez, Tom Hoch, and Fred Pasternack** talking about, who knows what, but having one heck of a good time. **Sherm Phillips** and **Karl Geil**, consumed in deep in conversation, appeared to have agreed that each

only had 300 words per exchange. An interesting table included **Kale Smith, Bryce Slaby, Al Gapuzan**, and **Donlie Smith**.

### Wrapping it Up

**Drawing:** Eight of Spades. **Cy Regan** goes for the big one. **Richard Kerr** gets the next draw. No luck for either. So sorry, but thanks for the contribution.

**Name Tag Drawing:** **Craig Eley** pulls **Oscar Sorensen** name for a chance, but once again, no luck. Sorry, the pot just keeps growing!

**Grocery Card Sales:** **Cy Regan** reported sales of \$850 for King Soopers, \$200 for Safeway. That's another \$52.50 for the general fund. Cy then reminds us that for a limited time Safeway \$50 gas cards are on sale for only \$75 each. What did he say????

**Free Breakfast:** **Oscar Sorensen**, was the chosen one, to which we are blessed with Oscar's comment that he is winning today because he "leads such a clean life!" What did he say???? As a result of Oscar's magical day, President Ron asked him to lead us in the Creed...Promise Yourself.....

Super Citizen Presenters for April		
Day	School	Presenter
<b>26 @ 8:00</b>	Highline	Woody Thibodeau
<b>29 @ 2:45 &amp; 3:15</b>	Univ. Park	Frank Middleton
<b>30 @ 3:00</b>	Bradley	Howard Fry
Super Citizen Presenters for May		
<b>13 @ 5:30 pm</b>	Hamilton	Tom Mauro
<b>20 @ 1:00 &amp; 2:00</b>	Lowry	Paul Stratton
<b>26 @ 2:45 &amp; 3:15</b>	Univ Park	Jack Rife
<b>28 @ 9:00</b>	Samuels	Kent Gloor

## Monaco South Calendar

Apr 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Pending
May 1	Sat		State History Day Contest, Auraria Campus
May 1	Sat	5:30 am	Furry Scurry, Washington Park
May 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Pending
May 8	Sat	7:30 am	Colorado-Wyoming District 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting, Windsor Gardens, 595 South Clinton St.
May 8	Sat	6:00 pm	OI President Dinner, honoring Mark Shriver, Doubletree Hotel, 3203 Quebec St—see flyer.
May 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Scott McInnis, Colorado House of Representatives
May 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

### Mark you calendar

Jun 11-13	Fri-Sun		Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar, Colorado School of Mines
Jun 27	Sun		Bike MS - Multiple Sclerosis Fundraiser, See Don StJohn
Jul 4 - 9	Sun - Fri		2010 National Veterans Wheelchair Games
Jul 8 - 10	Thu - Sat		92 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Optimist International Convention, Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel: online registration @ <a href="http://www.optimist.org/reg/">http://www.optimist.org/reg/</a>

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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
John Young	1982-83	Cy Regan	1999-00
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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
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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.

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