



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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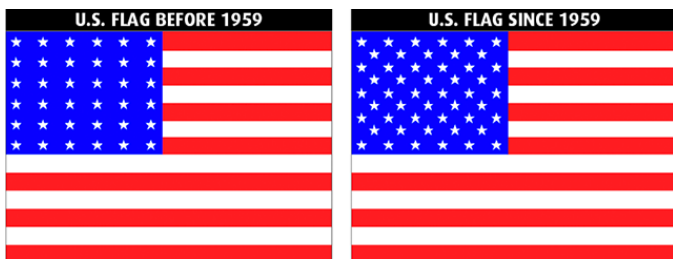
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### Good Morning Optimist

Greeters **Lynn Jones** and **Robert Wardlaw** had a full-time job pressing the flesh as our speaker brought a very full house to our Friday morning, August 21<sup>st</sup>, breakfast meeting.

Did you know? On August 21, 1959, the modern United States receives its crowning star when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii into the Union as the 50<sup>th</sup> state. The president also issued an order for an American flag featuring 50 stars arranged in staggered rows: five six-star rows and four five-star rows. The new flag became official on July 4, 1960.



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Also on this day in 1911, an amateur painter sets up his easel near Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa at the Louvre in Paris, only to discover that the masterpiece is missing. The day before, in perhaps the most brazen art theft of all time, Vincenzo Perugia had walked into the Louvre, removed the famed painting from the wall, hid it beneath his clothes, and escaped. While the entire nation of France was stunned, theories abounded as to what could have happened to the invaluable artwork. Most believed that professional thieves could not have been involved because they would have realized that it would be too dangerous to try to sell the world's most famous painting. A popular rumor in Paris was that the Germans had stolen it to humiliate the French.

Investigators and detectives searched for the painting for more than two years without finding any decent leads. Then, in November 1913, Italian art dealer Alfredo Geri received a letter from a man calling himself Leonardo. It indicated that the Mona Lisa was in Florence and would be returned for a hefty ransom. When Perugia attempted to receive the ransom, he was captured. The painting was unharmed.

Perugia, a former employee of the Louvre, claimed that

he had acted out of a patriotic duty to avenge Italy on behalf of Napoleon. However, prior robbery convictions and a diary with a list of art collectors led most to think that he had acted solely out of greed. Perugia served seven months of a one-year sentence and later served in the Italian army during the First World War. The Mona Lisa is back in the Louvre, where improved security measures are now in place to protect it.



Mona Lisa  
Painted by Leonardo da Vinci

### Invocation

**Carl Brown** charged us to live our *Optimism* every day in our interactions with co-workers, friends, and strangers. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

### Guests

**Chris Dunphy** with Farmers Insurance joined us as **John Swick's** guest. They met at the DMV - good work John! Next time you are waiting at a place like the DMV, strike up an optimistic conversation and maybe you will meet a future club member. Chris also had an announcement about Wounded Warriors, a program he is involved and supporting. *Come out and bring your family to the Wounded Warriors Fundraiser, Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am in DTC at 7395 E. Orchard Rd., Greenwood Village. There will be music and food trucks PLUS a firetruck and bouncy house for kids and grandkids. Proceeds go to the Wounded Warrior Project of Colorado.*



**John Young's** guest **Harry Postlethwait** was here for his 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> visit. This time, however, he bought his own breakfast! Harry is a realtor and hopes to join the club soon.

### From the Prez

Next Friday we get double the pleasure. We will have our weekly meeting, and participate in the COWY District "game" in Glenwood Springs. It will banners up. A brag room will be available. Project leads, bring some teasers to start conversations. We can help our brother's and sister's Optimist with ideas. That is a bit like DTC Optimist Club firing up **Ross Parrent** who ends up with Monaco. Laura from

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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\*\*\*\***

## From the Prez

Laura from the table set up gig is looking forward coming to a DTC meeting with Ruth and me ASAP. We serve kids and one another.

Yesterday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, we went mining for new Optimists. **Barb Monday** asked for help with setting up tables for an annual reunion of employees of the original Frontier Airlines. It has been 29 years since the twenty plus thousand employee's went without a company. About 10 percent joined a retirees club and have met ever since. **Jack Kleinhessel, Pat Bush, Russ Paul, John Greene**, and I pitched in to help. We chatted up Optimism at many of the tables as we pretended our motive was to pick up used dinner plates. Jack led the charge into the 270 revelers at the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum at Lowery. Some leads for COWY Optimist Membership made it a great day.

## Announcements

**Dime-a-Day Program:** Prez **John Oss** shared that



**Perry Allen** is our new OI Foundation Club Representative. Thanks and congratulations to Perry! The new contri-

bution year begins October 1st. Phil Perington noted that our club is #1 in all of OI in participation. Perry said he is happy to take on the job, and encourages everyone to participate. It is a great way to honor our friend **Fred Paster-nack** while also helping kids.

**MSOC Installation & Celebration:** **Jon Wachter** reminded everyone to sign up for the Celebrate Your Optimism dinner Saturday evening, September 19<sup>th</sup>, aka the club officer's installation dinner.

**JDRF One Walk to Cure Diabetes:** **Dick Cohen** and **Ron Gustas** asked members of Monaco South to help with the annual JDRF One Walk to Cure Diabetes. Assistance is needed on both Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1:00 p.m. to load a truck, and on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:30 a.m. to help assemble tents, banners, and other "walk" sites. Truck loading on the Friday will take place at the JDRF office located at 2727 Bryant St., Denver (Just off Speer Blvd. not far from North High School). The Saturday walk site is at the Jefferson County Fair Grounds located at 15200 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Frontage Road, Golden. Maps and other instructions will be provided.

OCMS members are also welcomed to participate in the actual walk and activities on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. If you did not sign-up at the meeting and can help on either or both days please call or email Ron at 303-770-9640, email [rgustas@earthlink.net](mailto:rgustas@earthlink.net); or Dick at 303-320-1767, email [rmcohen234@gmail.com](mailto:rmcohen234@gmail.com). Thanks for helping the 3-million American kids and adults with Type 1 Diabetes.

**Amazing Aging Expo:** **John Greene** let us know that the Amazing Aging Expo will be August 29<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott DTC, 4900 S. Syracuse Street from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. John attended last year and recommends it highly.

**Super Citizen School Principals to Breakfast:** **Robert**



**Wardlaw** announced that our Super Citizen School Principals will be at breakfast will be two weeks from today, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Be on your best behavior or you will have to stay after school.

## Drawing

Twenty dollars was available for the lucky gent who

discovered the 4 of Clubs. Cups went to **Russ Paul, Kent Gloor, Pat Bush, Robert Duvall**

(twice!), and **Allan Malask. Wyatt "Big Money" McCallie** and **Greg "Live Fast and Die" Young** tried for the \$20, but no luck. Likewise, **Greg "Have You Ever" Hurd** was wearing his name-tag at the proper moment, but could not find the elusive card. With only a few cards left for this year and the pot growing to \$30, it is bound to bring a smile.



## News Flash



**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!** The new fiscal year starting October 1<sup>st</sup> is just around the corner. It's time for all project managers to submit their budget requests for the fiscal year of October 1, 2015 through

September 30, 2016. Please send requests to **Greg Young** by no later than September 7<sup>th</sup>. New projects not funded before should be approved by the President-elect, **Don Iley**, who will take them to the board. Thanks for your cooperation. Remember, full support of the Christmas Tree Lot is required to help fund all the requests!

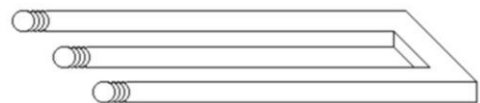
**Schlessman Family YMCA Update.** We are happy to announce that we will be opening the new addition at the Schlessman Y on Monday, August 24 at 5 a.m. The new addition features: New Cardio Room, Fitness Studio, Community Room, Boys, Girls & Family Locker Rooms, Lobby and Front Desk, & Family Pool.

In order for us to move in to our new space, we will be closing our existing building on Saturday and reopening Monday at 5 a.m.

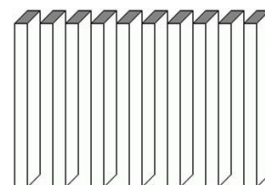
Our work is not over, once we move in to the new space, work will move to renovate our old space - expect detours and closures. Thank you for your ongoing patience and co-operation during this exciting project.

## Somethings to Study

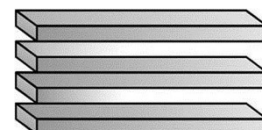
1. The rod in the middle does not exist.



2. How many, 7 or 10. Count at the top and then at the bottom.



3. How many, 3 or 4?



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## Jack Corrigan KOA Voice of the Colorado Rockies

Jack Corrigan of KOA and the Rockies joined us today and was introduced by **Frank Middleton**.

Jack Corrigan celebrates his 30<sup>th</sup> season broadcasting Major League Baseball and his 13<sup>th</sup> campaign with the Rockies Radio Network. Jack came to Colorado after 17 years in the Cleveland Indians television booth. In addition to his work in baseball, Jack has been involved with play-by-play and color commentary for the Cleveland Cavaliers telecasts in the NBA and spent more than fifteen years as the voice for college football and basketball games for the Atlantic Coast Conference, Ivy League, Mid-American Conference, and Patriot League among others.

He is also on the board of directors for Boys Hope Girls Hope-Colorado, a program for at risk children, and works with *Seeds of Hope* scholarships for inner city kids. He is a volunteer Assistant football coach at Regis High School. He played football at Cornell and received a master's in communication from Kent State. He has written several novels, owns his own video company, and he and his wife of 38 years Lisa have two children. For military historians, his last book is *"Night of Destiny: 24 December 1944."* The book was released in June of last year, to coincide with the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day.



Jack Corrigan  
Photo Don StJohn

When asked about keeping optimistic even during down years for our hometown 9, Jack said he learned four things about the job from Herb Score when he started with the Indians, which was his first MLB job. Herb said: *"There are only 50 jobs like ours in the world (now 60). So be proud and thankful. There will be a play every game that makes you say wow Something will happen every game that you have never seen before or it has been a long time since you have seen it. Whether you are broadcasting for a good team or bad team, you will still win 50 or 60 games, so you have that to look forward to!"*

Jack says there is always a reason for Optimism in baseball. He feels part of his job is to find a silver lining for the fans and the team, while always telling the truth to the audience.

Jack thanked Monaco South for the work we do, and said, *"Organizations like this are very important because negativity is easy to grab ahold of - Optimism is harder to hold onto every day and takes lots of work."*



### Sponsor a New Member

If you know someone who shares the ideals of Optimist International, consider inviting them to join the organization and help "Bring Out the Best in Kids."

### Weekly Greeters

<b>8/28/15</b>	Michael White & Karl Geil
<b>9/4/15</b>	Curt Merrill & Tom Hoch
<b>9/11/15</b>	John Swick & Greg Young
<b>9/18/15</b>	Al Gapuzan & Randy Marcove
<b>9/25/15</b>	Mark Metevia & Mike McMahon

**Help, Help, Help — we need  
Friday morning greeters,  
see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or  
[jon\\_wachter@msn.com](mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com)**

### Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

**Aug 27-30** COWY 4th Qtr. Convention, Glenwood Springs, CO

**Aug 28 Fri** 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

**Sept 4 Fri** 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Super Citizen Principals to Breakfast

**Sept 11 Fri** 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Karen Moravek, Alzheimer's Association

**Sept 17 Thur** 6:30 pm Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's Home, 4103 S. Rosemary Way

**Sept 18 Fri** 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

**Sep 19 Sat** 7:00 am Alzheimer's Walk - See Cap Hermann

**Sep 19 Sat** 6:00 pm MSOC Installation & Celebration, Piccolo's, 3563 South Monaco Parkway



**Past Presidents of the  
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Mark Metevia	1994-95	Jon Wachter	2013-14

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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.