



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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### Good Morning Optimist

Greeters today were Treasurer **Greg Young**, financial planner **Brian Williams**, and new member and Tea Party organizer **Michael Short**. Try to get by these guys without a smile and a “Good morning.” Can’t be done. **Joe Marci** was also in the ranks of greeters, recruiting for the Optimist Junior Golf booth at the Golf Expo. Thanks, guys. Good job!

### Invocation and Pledge

New member **Jon Wachter** did the honors with a prayer and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Long may it wave!

### The Ailing

President **Ed Collins** reported on **Ron Cisco**, who is fighting an infection in his new knee replacement. **Bill Walters**, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia, just went through his second round of chemotherapy. It was successful and this is very encouraging, but he still has a long road ahead of him, reports his daughter, Tonya Hardman. A banged-up **Kent Gloor** was in attendance this morning! Good to see you Kent! We hope and pray for full recovery from that hit by a snowboarder. To all of you, you’re in our thoughts and prayers. Hurry back!

### Valentine Breakfast

Save the date: Past-president **Tom Overton** announced the details: Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. at Citron Bistro, 3535 South Yosemite. This is the site of the former Marie Calendar’s restaurant, Yosemite and Hampden.



Cost is \$13 per person; make your check out to Monaco South and give it to Tom or **Greg Young**. Sign up by February 4<sup>th</sup>. Questions, call Tom, 720-323-9935.

### Announcements

**Brain Bowl:** **Karl Geil** announced, the North regional tournament, is over. We had 94 teams (approximately 470 kids) competing, with their parents, other family members, teachers as spectators, and 153 Optimists (with their friends and families) as volunteers. Special thanks to **Russ Paul**, **Bill Anderson** and **Marc Goodbody**, who helped **Paul Simon**, **Karl Geil**, and several members of other Optimist Clubs on Friday prepare the school for the competition the following day. MSOC members who worked the event on Saturday were: **George Buzick**, **John Greene**, **Rich Mahoney**, **Marc Goodbody**, **Scott Walker**, **Lew Lerner**, **Russ Paul**, **Randy Marcove**, **Wyatt McCallie**, **Paul Gleditsch**, **Michael Chavez**, **O.C. Larson**, **Bill Wells**, **Ed Collins**, **Paul Bernard**, **Frank Ross**, **Craig Eley**, **Peter Dimond**, and, of course, **Paul Simon** and **Karl Geil**. With 20 total volunteers, Monaco South had the second most at the tournament. Only the Boulder Luncheon Optimist Club, with 24, had more. Many thanks to the Club for its support, and we look forward to doing it again on February 5<sup>th</sup>! See the North Regional scores attached.



**Related Story:** **Don Thomson**, who was returning home by plane, asked for a Colorado newspaper. He was handed the Wednesday edition of the *Sky-Hi Daily News*, where he read an article that Granby Middle Park eighth-graders won the North Region Tournament of the CO/WY Brain Bowl.

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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



**Tri-Star Basketball:** Gary Laman reported again that MSOC will be hosting a Tri-Star Basketball activity on Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Boys and Girls Club, 8<sup>th</sup> and Inca at 4:00 p.m.

**Optimist Junior Golf:** Joe Marci is still looking for members who will man the Optimist Junior Golf booth at the Golf Expo. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Denver Golf Expo will be held at the Denver Merchandise Mart at I-25 & 58th, from Friday, February 11 through Sunday, February 13, 2011. The work shifts are:



- Friday: 10:00-12:30, 12:30-3:00, 3:00-6:00
- Saturday: 9:00-12:00, 12:00-2:30, 2:30-5:00
- Sunday: 10:00-1:00, 1:00-4:00

If interested contact Joe at 303-771-3748.

**Weekly Greeters:** OC Larson has a plea for members to sign-up as morning greeters. This is a good way to meet and make friends with all the members who come to each meeting. See OC or give him a call at 720-939-2790.

**January Birthday Celebration:** President Ed named members who have birthdays in January. They are: **Leo Hagele, Curt Jefferies, Lew Lerner, Joe Marci, Bill McGroarty, Andy McKean, Allen Pierce, John Stoffel, Jim VanderKamp, Jon Wachter, John Walsh,** and **Peter Zafian.** Of course we sang (if you call it that) Happy Birthday! Congratulations guys!

**Closing Bell:** Again, several members had a chance to pick the card for the pot of \$50 to no avail. **John Walsh** won two cups. **Dick Zolman** won after a long dearth, but did not recoup the \$7 breakfast. *Recommendation from the editor, not Dick Zolman: the cups should each contain at least \$7 for a decent award. Comment back to the Editor from the Pot Manager: Tell more guys to buy those 50 cent tickets, unless you know someone who wants to be the winning cup benefactor!*

## Celebration of Life

On Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at 2 p.m., Fairmount Cemetery, a *Celebration of Life* was held for **Gerald P. Davis** (May 28, 1925 - January 11, 2011). Jerry's daughter, Jackie Dobrovolny, acted as hostess and gave a welcome speech for all who were gathered.



File Photo

A US Navy Honor Guard, consisting of two men in uniform, completely unfolded the US flag on the table and refolded the flag for presentation to Jackie. They saluted and taps was played.

Many stories were told about Jerry. Five Optimists participated. **Karl Geil** told about his involvement with the Super Citizen Program, mentioning that Jerry was a worrier, but it was because he cared. **Joe Marci** told a humorous story about playing golf with Jerry, and winning a golf club championship as partners. He also mentioned pleasantly working with Jerry in the Super Citizen Program as recruiter for presenters at the schools. **Donlie Smith** recognized the principal of one of the schools in attendance. Good old **Freddie Pasternack** told a story (joke) that Jackie said only he could get away with. **John Young**, neighbor and Jerry's sponsor, and who orders all the Super Citizen T-shirts, presented a T-shirt to Jackie and her brother, Norman. He also mentioned that Jerry and Marj always enjoyed the Optimist Club's Second Honeymoon weekends.

Violinist Paul Primus from the Colorado Symphony Orchestra played two selections by Bach in memory of Jerry's love for the violin. He played the violin through South High School where he was first violinist in the orchestra.

At finish we all recited the Optimist Creed and a closing prayer was given by Jerry's younger brother, Donald Davis, from California. A bountiful reception was provided in another building at the cemetery.

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## A bit of Humor

### Biology Class - Final Exam

Students in an advanced Biology class were taking their mid-term exam. The last question was, "Name seven advantages of Mother's Milk," worth 70 points or none at all. One student, in particular, was hard put to think of seven advantages.

He wrote:

1. It is perfect formula for the child.
2. It provides immunity against several diseases.
3. It is always the right temperature.
4. It is inexpensive.
5. It bonds the child to mother, and vice versa.
6. It is always available as needed.

And then, the student was stuck. Finally, in desperation, just before the bell rang indicating the end of the test, he wrote...

7. It comes in 2 cute containers.

The student got an A.

### Catholic Shampoo

While shopping in a food store, two nuns happen to pass by the beer cooler. One nun said to the other, "Wouldn't a nice cool beer or two taste wonderful on this very hot summer evening?"

The second nun answered, "Indeed it would sister, but I would not feel comfortable buying beer as I am certain it would cause a scene at the checkout counter."

"I can handle that without a problem," she replied as she picked out a six-pack from the cooler and headed for the checkout counter.

The cashier had a surprise look on his face when the two nuns arrived with a six-pack of beer. "We use beer for washing our hair," the nun said. "You know, a shampoo of sort, if you will."

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter and pulled out a package of pretzel sticks and placed them in the bag with the beer. He then looked the nun straight in the eye, smiled, and said, "The curlers are on the house."

## Speaker, Steve Wooton

**Paul Bernard** introduced Steve Wooton, a fourth generation rancher in Southeastern Colorado. Steve spoke on behalf of Piñon Canyon Expansion Opposition Coalition (PCEOC). Website [www.pinoncanyon.com](http://www.pinoncanyon.com).

In the 1980's the Department of Defense created the 235,000 acre Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) in the largest condemnation of private property in US history. Today, they propose to expand the PCMS by up to seven million acres, as evidenced by an Army planning map released through the Freedom of Information Act.

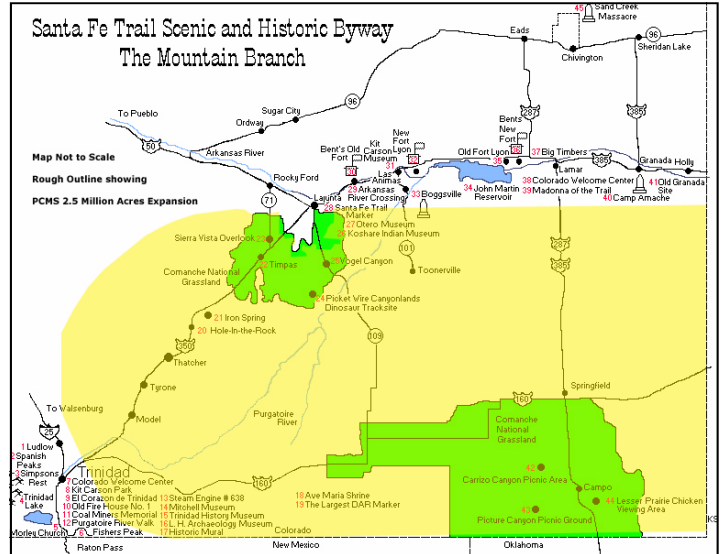
The proposed expansion would destroy an intact, living landscape intricately woven together by ecology, history and culture. The area's short-grass prairie ecosystem is inextricably linked with a sustainable human agricultural economy. The proposed expansion would displace a culture, turn living history into dead static history, and litter a wild fragile landscape with tank tracks and live fire munitions debris.

PCEOC and other opponents of the PCMS expansion are a diverse group of patriotic people from all walks of life, who share the common goal of preventing the Pentagon from destroying the land and the lives of Southeastern Colorado.

They fully support our men and women in uniform and the need for adequate training to maintain a strong military. However, they firmly disagree with the DOD's plan to acquire additional land amounting to an area larger than the state of Connecticut. They believe it is unnecessary and

wrong, especially considering that the DOD already has 25 million acres at its disposal. They ask all citizens to help encourage legislators to rein in the DOD, and hold them accountable.

Steve makes a plea to help Southeastern Colorado stop the expansion of PCMS by visiting the PCEOC website today, or call their toll-free number, and learn what you can do to help! For information go to: [www.pinoncanyon.com](http://www.pinoncanyon.com), email: [pceoc@hughes.net](mailto:pceoc@hughes.net). Tele: 866-426-7026.



A map showing Santa Fe Trail historic sites, with the rough outline (the map is not to scale) of the 5 million acre expansion.

### Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
2/4/11	Ron Cisco, Nick Newey, & Tom Wos
2/11/11	Les Larson, Al Gapuzan, & ?
2/18/11	Neil Atkinson, Frank Middleton, & Doug Arnold
2/25/11	Terry Shroyer, Gary Miller, & Joe Marci
3/4/11	Jim Easton, Les Larson, & Harry Johnson

### Super Citizen Presenters for February

9 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Ron Cisco
16 @ 2:30 pm	MBB	Howard Fry
18 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Les Larson
18 @ 9:00 & 10:00 am	Samuels	Al Gapuzan
23 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Jack Rife
24 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Fred Pasternack
25 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Randy Marcove
25 @ 2:30 pm	Univ. Park	Bob Avery
25 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Bill Anderson

### Monaco South Calendar

- Feb 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Perry Jowsey, Freedom Service Dogs
- Feb 5 Sat 7:00 am Central Region Brain Bowl, Overland High School, Aurora, CO
- Feb 11 Fri 7:00 am Wives to Breakfast, Citron Bistro, 3535 South Yosemite  
No meeting at the American Legion Hall
- Feb 18 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Feb 18-20, Fri-Sun Second Quarter District Conference, Hyatt DTC Hotel
- Feb 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Feb 28 Sat 7:00 am South Region Brain Bowl, Harrison High School, Colorado Springs, CO

## Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bob Safe	1995-96
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Tom Overton	1996-97
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
John Young	1982-83	Cy Regan	1999-00
Pat Bush	1983-84	Stan Cohen	2000-01
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
Bob Avery	1989-90	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Walters	1991-92	Phil Perington	2008-09
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ron Cisco	2009-10

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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.