



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 40 Years  
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Editor for this Issue—Paul Stratton



### Good Morning Optimist This First Friday of 2017

Braving subzero, -12 wind chill temperatures, a hearty band of Optimists were greeted warmly and robustly by **Al Gapuzan**, doing solo greeting duty and doing it well. Evidentially, **Phil Perington**, who was also scheduled was basking in the sun somewhere.



Our early morning greeter, Al Gapuzan.  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

### Invocation & Pledge

In our invocation, **Tom Mauro** reminded us of the virtue of talking health, happiness, and prosperity to every person we meet. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

### Guests

No guests were introduced today—probably afraid to brave the cold!

### From the Prez

Speaking of cold, our holiday party was postponed due to snow. If you were planning on attending, please re-RSVP with **Chris Dunphy** so he can get an accurate food number. The location has not changed—Capitol Hill Tavern 1225 Logan Street. It will now be held on Thursday, evening January 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Parking is available at the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Logan, with handicap parking at the restaurant. Email or call Chris to confirm attendance, email: gmchris.d@hotmail.com or phone: 720-297-3111.



**MSOC Holiday Party**  
**Celebrate the New Year**  
**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at the**  
**Capitol Hill Tavern, located at**  
**1225 Logan Street, from 6 to 9**  
**p.m. The cost is \$5 per person.**

**President Craig** called some men to the front of the room. After an audit of the tree lot sign-in sheets, the ten members with the most hours worked this holiday season were recognized, and each received a \$10 King Soopers gift card. They included, **Bob Avery**, 31 hours; **John Oss**, 32; **Gary Strowbridge**, 33; **Paul Bernard**, 35; **Ken Duffy**, 38; **Greg Young**, 39; **Barry Barker**, 40; **Lynn Jones**, 46; **Curt Boell**, 56; and **Steve Kady**, with 56.



In the rear, left to right: Paul Bernard, Lynn Jones, Gary Strowbridge, John Oss, Ken Duffy, and Steve Kady. In front: Curt Bowel and Greg Young.  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

*Editor: As **Joe Marci** reported in the December 30<sup>th</sup> GUMS, there were 90 members who worked the tree lot this year which was one less than in 2015. However, those are a lot of hours! Thank you — well done!*

### Announcements

**Sweetheart Breakfast:** **Keith Gallaway** announced to mark your calendar for the Sweetheart Breakfast is coming up on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. Wear your finest Hawaiian attire and prepare to be whisked away to the Hawaiian Islands by **Keoni Coelho**. Keoni opened for Don Ho in his previous days in Hawaii. It is a Hawaiian/Polynesian program. Your sweetheart will love the romantic Hawaiian love songs and his warm and friendly style.

The location is the Yak and Yeti restaurant, known for its Indian, Nepalese, and Tibetan cuisine, at 9755 E. Hampden Avenue is the location. However, Keith assured everyone that for this occasion they will serve a typical American breakfast. The cost is \$17.00 per person. The sign-up sheet will be circulating for the

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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

next month and your cash or checks, made out to Monaco South Optimist Club, and given to either **Keith Gallaway** or **Greg Young**. Please signup and pay by Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**In Remembrance:** **Tom Mauro** shared the sad news that **Hattie Lindsey**, a counselor at Thomas Jefferson High School for many years, passed away on New Year's Eve. Her service will be held on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> at Colorado Community Church, 2220 S. Chambers Road Aurora 80014.

**Super Citizens Programs:** **Robert Wardlaw** let us know that there will be three assemblies this month for Super Citizens - Bradley, on Friday, January 27 @ 3:00 p.m.; McMeen, on Thursday, January 26 @ 1:00 p.m.; and Most Precious Blood on Wednesday, January 18 @ 2:30 p.m. If you have not participated and/or would like to see what happens in one of our most-significant recognition programs for youth, visit one of these Super Citizen assembly's or signup to be a presenter.



**BMW Car Keys Found:** **Tom Glazier** reported that a BMW key was found by in a bag that a White Elephant gift came in. It has an Englewood High School flashlight attached to it. Call Tom at 303-522-5214 to either pick up the key or give him the Beemer that goes with it.

**Finishing Up 2016 Tree Lot:** **Joe Marci** reports that the tree lot sales taxes have been paid, and the final report on the financial success of this year's lot is pending a few receipts being turned in. We sold 1375 trees or 66 more than we did in 2015. Club member invoices have been handed out or emailed to everyone for whom we had a record of taking a tree or wreath. If you have not yet paid, please get your check into the treasurer.

**Highlights of the Care 4 Toy Drive:** **Tom Hoch** showed a compilation video of multiple years of coverage from CBS morning news. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver emergency toy drive was featured, which also allowed our club to promote our tree lot. Appearances from **Jon Wachter**, **Michael Chavez** and **Craig Eley** were highlights of the show. There were also multiple Santa sightings, at least one of whom sounded a bit like **John Oss**. It made for fun viewing! One of these videos can be seen here @ <http://denver.cbslocal.com/video/category/news/3593857-toy-drive/>. Editor: Thanks for the time and effort to put that together Tom!

## Drawing

There was a drawing with \$30 in the pot. The card to find was the Queen of Hearts. Those claiming to having the called number were: **Ed Collins**, **Paul Gibson**, **Allen Malask**, **Tom Glazier** and each received a cup. While **Dick Nickoloff** managed to get two! **Ken Duffy** and **Scott**



**Walker** went for the big bucks and came up empty. Your editor, **Paul Stratton** was wearing his nametag, but alas, the Queen of Hearts was not to be found. So, the pot thickens ....

## Closing Creed

**Karl Geil** started us off with the creed:  
"PROMISE YOURSELF..."

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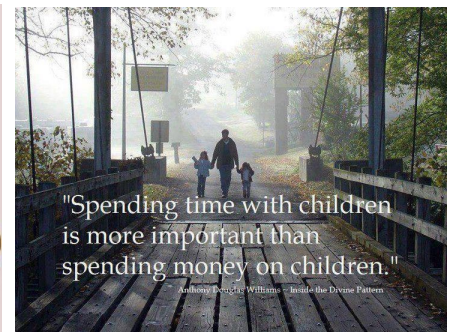
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This page will also ask for some additional information that needs to be supplied for you to update your email address. This opportunity will only be available though January 2017.

## Some Thoughts



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## Fooling Us With Numbers

### Paul Bernard

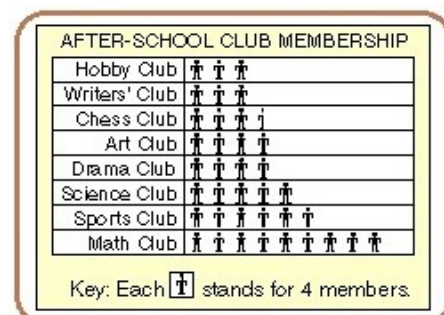
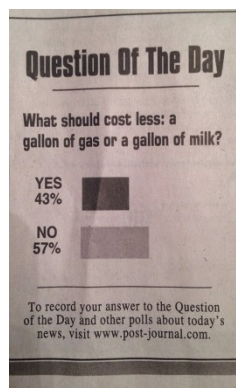
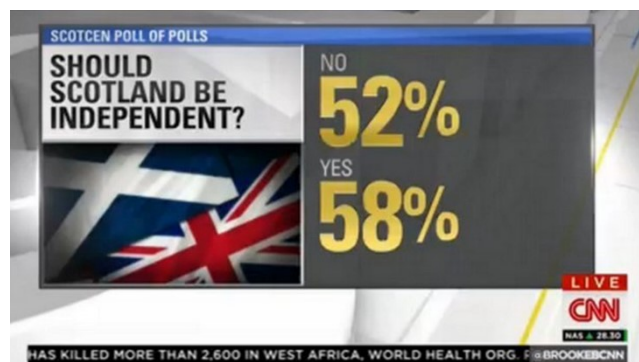
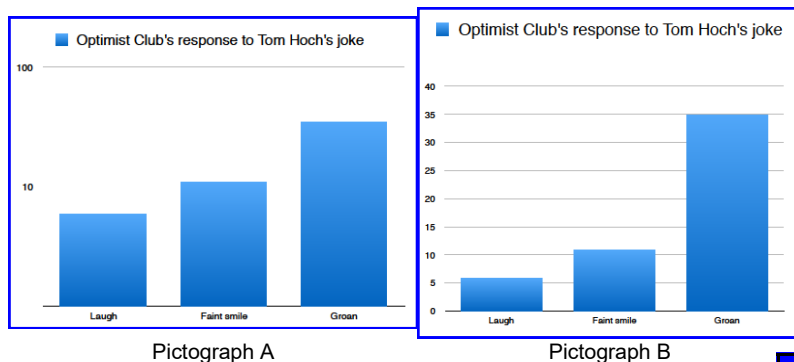
Our speaker today was our own **Paul Bernard**, with a presentation to show how graphs can be used to manipulate data to advance an idea or agenda. Within a pictograph, chart or graph, data can be used and organized to show what you want to show. Tactics such as changing scale, base point, or moving the y or x axis can make the visual presentation more dramatic.



Paul Bernard  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

People are visual learners and tend to ignore the scale and look only at the charts and images, which can lead to false conclusions, even though the data is technically correct. Paul showed many examples side by side with the same inputs, but different visual results. It certainly was a lesson to make sure you understand the information you are being presented, and what sort of bias may be being presented.

Note: From this presentation your editor reports his data analysis, with this example, **Tom Hoch** shared a joke about coming up with an easy password to remember for all of those different sign-on password's that are required these days. For an analysis of the impact of Tom's joke, please graphs below. Which one makes Tom jokes seem to be funnier, pictograph A or B below?



Data compiled by the *Everyday I'm Calculatin'* math club of Somewhere High School.

Weekly Greeters	
1/13/17	Bob Avery & Scott Walker
1/20/17	Steve Kady & Allen Malask
1/27/17	John Young & Tom Kramis

January Super Citizen Presenters		
Jan 18 @ 2:30	MPB	John Scarborough
Jan 26 @ 1:00	McMeen	?
Jan 27 @ 3:00	Bradley	Mark Metevia

### Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40<sup>th</sup> Year — Chartered in 1976

Jan 12	Thur	6:00 pm	Holiday Party, Capital Hill Tavern, 1225 Logan St., Denver — NEW DATE
Jan 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: New Member Installations
Jan 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Jan 21	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl, Central Region Tournament, Heritage High School, 1401 W Geddes Avenue
Jan 25	Wed	6:30 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Feb 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 4	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl, South Tournament, Horizon Middle School, 1750 Piros Drive, Colorado Springs
Feb 10	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.