



# 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 37 Years  
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Editor for this Issue—Paul Stratton



### Good Morning Optimist

Crisp air and lingering effects of rain greeted us this Friday morning, as did OFFICIAL GREETERS Terry Shroyer and Harry Arkin.

#### First Bell

At the ringing of the first bell, President **Jon Wachter** called on **Bob Coulson** to begin our meeting with the invocation and a reminder to stay “relevant, essential and vital” with our deeds and actions.

#### CO-WY District Optimist of the Quarter

President **Jon** invited **Michael Chavez** and **Craig Eley** to the stage. Craig read the nomination



Craig Eley, center, reads his nomination for Michael Chavez, right, to be the CO-WY District Optimist of the Quarter. President Jon Wachter stands on the left.

Photos Don StJohn



Prez Jon Wachter, left, congratulates Michael Chavez for all he does for Monaco South Optimist Club.

he wrote for Michael to become the CO-WY District Optimist of the Quarter, praising his many efforts in support of the club and our projects.

Michael received this prestigious award at the CO-WY 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter District Conference in Golden, CO, on May 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

As Craig states, “Michael Chavez is one of the most active members of the Optimist Club of Monaco South. He is always willing to step forward to chair a project, to the point where we fear we may be burning him out. But Michael never seems to tire, he just keeps doing more.”

The events Michael participated in, coordinated, and spearheaded are too numerous to mention here!

The district agreed with Craig and the award as Optimist of the Quarter did go to Michael. Congratulations to Michael! A well deserved round of applause came from all in attendance.

### TJHS Sullivan Scholarship Winners

**Prez Jon** reminded us to make room next week for the Thomas Jefferson High School Sullivan scholarship winners and their families. That means 30-35 additional attendees will be in attendance. President Elect **John Oss** and Past President **Randy Marcove** will be our leaders, stepping in for Jon. As in the past We are sure to have a very full house. So come early!

#### From the Prez

**Prez Jon** reminded us that the next MSOC Board of Directors meeting will be Wednesday, May 21, starting at 6:30 p.m., at Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102. All members are welcome!

### Announcements

**Know Brainer:** **Don Thomson** shared the Know Brainer report: Monaco South and Tamarac Optimist Clubs held their second competition for gifted and talented 5<sup>th</sup> graders from seven S.E. schools at Hamilton Middle School. There were 80 excited students, 30 Optimists, 10 coaches and 15 competing teams. The enthusiasm of participants and parents was incredible. Emails are still coming in from the schools and coaches. Winners were:

- ⇒ 1st place Slavens — Ze Purple Oreos
- ⇒ 2nd place Lowry Elementary — Tri-brainers
- ⇒ 3rd place Bradley International — Brain Bowl Champions

Metals were given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams, and certificates were given to all school team members. Pizza, photos, and conversation about our mission “Bringing Out the Best in Kids,” was shared.

Thanks for the support of all the club members who participated: **Michael Chavez** (committee chair), **Pat Bush**, **Keith Gallaway**, **Mark Metevia**, **Allen Pierce**, **Frank Rowe**, **Frank Ross**, **Harry Fegley**, **O.C. Larson**, **Russ Paul**, **Jack Rife**, **Bryce Slaby**, **Gary Strowbridge**, **Les Larson**, **David Talpner**,

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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

and of course, **Don Thomson**. Below are photos shared by Don of the winning teams.



1<sup>st</sup> place Slavons: Ze Purple Oreos

2<sup>nd</sup> place Lowry Elementary: Tri-Brainers



3<sup>rd</sup> place Bradley International: Brain Bowl Champions

Photos Don Thomson

**Super Citizen Presenters Needed:** Rob Gardner mentioned that the *Charlie Korsoski Awards* are coming up for all of our Super Citizen schools, and Most Precious Blood and Lowry have their final Super Citizen presentations next week. Those willing to be presenters, please contact Rob at 720-263-6203.

**OI Junior Golf Fundraiser:** Reminder, a Jr. Golf fundraiser tournament will be held June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Park Hill. Ron Cisco is collecting checks for golfers and for hole sponsors. Pull down the reservation form attached to GUMS distribution email if you are interested in this event.

**JDRF Gala:** Ron Gustas reminded us that the JDRF Gala is coming up on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> and they still need help setting up between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. and there are other jobs available as well. The Gala is on Saturday, May 17 at the Seawell Grand Ballroom at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts.

**Back to Michael Chavez:** Donlie Smith added on to the praise for Michael Chavez by giving him additional thanks for his help at the Heather Gardens Optimist Club. Thanks Michael!

**Congressional Youth Award:** Bob Coulson shared that the Congressional Youth committee is looking for connections with youth groups. They will be having a meeting Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at the American Legion for those interesting in learning more about this activity.

**Dime-A-Day:** Past District Governor Phil Perington reports that Monaco South Optimist Club has helped put the CO-WY District in 1<sup>st</sup> place out of all Optimist International's 45 districts in Dime-a-Day participation, which supports the OI Foundation and the Childhood Cancer campaign.

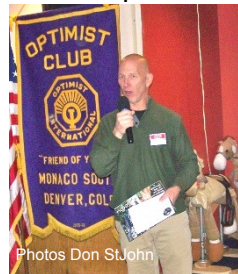
**9 Health Fair:** Jack Rife reported from the 9 Health Fair, held on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Schlessman YMCA. Thanks to **Howdy Fry** for organizing. Our own **Rob Gardner** tested hearing for 9 hours, and MSOC members who volunteered were: **John Stoffel, Russ Paul, Donlie Smith, Les Larson, Pat Sullivan, Kent Gloor, Casey Funk, Greg Young, Mark Metevia, George Buzick, Howdy Fry, and Jack.**

**State History Day:** JR Gieck reported that he spent last Saturday judging at the state level competition for History Day, and had the chance to see some great work from the kids who participated. JR evaluated student history webpages.

**Election Commission Opportunity:** Craig Eley reports that the Denver Election Commission has a new program which hires 16-year olds to help with the elections. These are paid positions, so if you know of someone in this age category let them know of this unique opportunity. The contact at the Election Commission is Alton Dillard.

## Thank You Note

Our speaker from last week, Kevin Shipley of the



Photos Don St John

Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies sent a nice email note stating: "Thanks so much for hosting us last week. It was fun to meet everyone and certainly enjoyed their enthusiasm for GRRR and the great Golden's in

attendance. Looked like Brodie really new how to work the room. Thanks again, Kevin."



## Do We Have A Drawing

Yes, we had a drawing (unless you are an IRS official reading this). A \$90 was in the pot for whomever drew the lucky Six of Hearts. Opting for the quick cash were: **Paul Simon, Don Thomson, Doug Morton, Bryce Slaby, Dick Zolman and Don St John.**

**Rob Gardner and Oscar Sorensen** went for the big dough but it was not in the cards. Same result for the proud name tag-wearing **Ed Collins.**



**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS**  
**MONACO SOUTH NEEDS NEW MEMBERS**  
 We need about 10 new members to achieve honor club. So bring your friends, neighbors, sons or grandsons... get them to join and receive a discount on your next year's dues. See Greg Young for details.

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## Our Speaker Stan Moore What Adolph Didn't Do

**Paul Bernard** introduced our speaker, **Stan Moore**. Stan is a Colorado native, historian, Vietnam Veteran, and author. According to Stan, he became a historian because he did not have enough personality to be a CPA! Editor: *A few of our CPA's who have "dynamic personality complexions" took exception.* He came to discuss his latest book, *"Seesaw - How November '42 Shaped the Future."*



Author Stan Moore, left, makes a few points regarding WWII, to Prez Jon Wachter.  
Photo Don StJohn

October of 1942 things were looking bleak for the Allies as Japan and Hitler had control of large areas of the world—Japan alone with control of 1/8 of the world's surface. Stan painted a picture for us of the events leading up to Germany and Japan's push for expansion. The harsh post-WWI restrictions lead to chaos in Germany and the rise of the National Socialist Workers Party and Adolph Hitler. Japan's entry into world trade was followed by their desire to control col-

onies as others in their part of the world were doing. Once France fell to the Germans, the confusion of the leaders of their Asian colonies helped Japan move in.

November of 1942 saw the maximum reach of the Axis powers. France was under German control and the Battle of Britain was underway, with a possible invasion to follow. Japan was close to controlling air bases in Australia. German and Italian forces had firm footing in

Egypt. Stan focused on this month as the turning point—the Allies stiffened and began to push back on all fronts. This changed the nature of the war, and the history that was to follow.

Stan sold copies of his book at the meeting, and there was a push from the crowd to have him back to "finish the war" for us. A very engaging and enlightening presentation.

### Something to Ponder

#### What Is the Difference Between Complete and Finished?

No English dictionary has been able to explain adequately the difference between these two words.

In a recently linguistic competition held in London and attended by supposedly the best in the world, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation, which lasted over 5 minutes.

The final question was: How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand.

Some people say there is NO difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.

Here is his astute answer... When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED, and when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!

Samsundar's answer was received with a standing ovation lasting over five minutes and it entitled him to receive an invitation to dine with Queen, who decided to call him after the contest. He won a trip to travel around the world in style and a case of 25-year-old Eldorado rum for his answer.

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Super Citizen Presenters for May & June		
May 14 @ 2:30	MPB	?
May 16 @ 1:00	Lowry	?
May 21 @ 8:00	Highline	?
May 22 @ 5:30	Hamilton	?
June 3 @ 12:45	McMeen	Rob Gardner
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 <a href="mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com">gardnerrb@gmail.com</a>		

Weekly Greeters	
5/16/14	Gary Strowbridge & Keith Gallaway
5/23/14	Robert Wardlaw & Curt Boell
5/30/14	Ron Cisco & Pat Bush
6/6/14	John Oss & Tom Glazier
6/13/14	Frank Ross & Craig Eley
Need Friday morning greeters, see O.C Larson, 303-797-7432 or <a href="mailto:larson1942@comcast.net">larson1942@comcast.net</a>	

May 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TJ High School Sullivan Scholarship Winners
May 21	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
May 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
June 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Lixin Zhang, Acupuncture
June 7	Sat	6:00 pm	HOBY Colorado Leadership Seminar at Colorado Christian University, see Paul Bernard

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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.