



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimists!

Greeting members this morning were **Greg Young** and **Woody Thibodeau**. It's camaraderie day and the mood is upbeat with energy on this beautiful spring day.

### Invocation & Pledge

President **Phil Perington** calls the meeting to order. **Craig Eley** gave the invocation this morning, recalling the memory of **Jimmie Brown**. Craig asks members to enjoy the gift of life and enjoy the short time we have and the people we count as special to us. He then led us in the pledge of allegiance.

### Guests

Our guest this morning was introduced by **David Lazaroff**. **Andrea Adler** has been helping with David's Holistic Community Living facility and has come to the meeting this morning to announce **Eat Dessert First**. This event on June 13th is a fund raiser for the Holistic Assisted Living center operated by David. See David to donate to get a ticket or visit [www.HolisticCommunityLiving.org](http://www.HolisticCommunityLiving.org) to register.

### Thanks to You!

The club received letters of thanks: from Sergeant John Goodfellow of the Denver Police Department who thanked the club for the hospitality and award



he received last week from our club. District 3 Commander Kris Kroncke and our own Chief of Police Gerry Whitman saluted Sergeant Goodfellow for his 35 years of service, most notably working the gang unit for 12 of those years.

Also, Gayle Stein of the Gifted & Talented program for Littleton Schools thanked the club for its efforts with the Liberty Day event for 5th graders attending at the state capitol.

**President Phil** presents **Don St. John** with a check for \$200 on behalf of the club to the Denver Dumb Friends League for the Furry Scurry. The crew served up over 400 barking burritos and egg mcmuttins! Don adds that the event raised \$876,000 for DDFL!

### Historic Day

Per Prez Phil, on this day in history:

- 1905 Las Vegas was founded.
- 1912 Ty Cobb rushes a heckler at a NY Highlander game and is suspended for his actions.
- 1928 Mickey Mouse makes his 1<sup>st</sup> appearance as "Steamboat Willie".
- 1955 U.S. performs first Nuclear Test at the Nevada Test Site.
- 1958 Sputnik III is launched by USSR.

### 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**

## Birthday Boys

Members celebrating Birthdays for May are serenaded (?) by the chorus. Those who enjoy their days this month include **John Young, Bill Walters, Gary Strowbridge Al Gapuzan, George Buzick, Richard Daly, Gerry Davis (84 on 5/28), Robert Duvall, Harry Fegley, Tom Mauro and Karl Geil.**

Speaking of **Gerry Davis**, his daughter reports he is in need of cheering up, so get out to visit him or send him a funny card to celebrate his birthday.

## Announcements

**Howard Fry** invites members to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic with a Purpose on Saturday June 6. The club will have a table answering questions and informing the public about the efforts of Optimists. The picnic is sponsored by University Hills Neighborhood Association. **David Lazaroff**, sporting recently shorn locks, mentions the picnic will benefit the Helping Hands Food Bank and Holistic Community Living. To be held at Eisenhower Park, this event is a great chance to meet neighbors, have fun, and enjoy the Denver Municipal Band playing from 3-4 in the afternoon.

**Russ Paul** announces the Ronald McDonald House will need help securing beds. He is sending around a sign up sheet so help out if you can.

**Don St. John** tells members about the next big event for the club, the Bike for MS on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The club will host the lunch stop for bike riders along with the Tamarac Optimist Club. 30 Volunteers will be needed in Longmont around 7 in the morning to set up the Tent and be over 2000 event to raise Multiple know of the this sign, Eley know.



**OPTIMISTER** ready to feed bike riders for this money for Sclerosis. If you whereabouts of please let Craig

Optimist Golfers help support Junior Golf. **Joe Marci** recaps the recent golf tournament to raise money for this program. On a beautiful Spring day in Boulder, 31 Optimists and their friends enjoyed a round of golf. Those playing represented clubs from Fort Morgan, Greeley Luncheon, Littleton Breakfast, University Hills, DTC, Castle Rock, Westminster, and Monaco South. Our own **Rich Wagner** won *Long Putt* and *2 Closest to the Pin* contests during the round and Julie Wagner won Long Drive for women. **Joe Marci's** team won the team competition with a net score of 58, the lowest score in the history of the

tournament. The second place team from Fort Morgan included a former Optimist Jr. Golf participant, Mike Wales. The third place team included golfers from Monaco South, **Rich and Julie Wagner**, and **Harry Fegley** along with John Elliot from the Westminster Optimist Club.

**Scott Walker** tells your editor about his organization, Rocky Mountain Cocker Rescue. They need foster families! Save a life, it will make yours better. Think about who you know who needs a dog. Go to [www.RockyMountainCockerRescue.org](http://www.RockyMountainCockerRescue.org) for detailed information.

The students of Holm Elementary were recently entertained by talented singers from Opera Colorado. This is part of Monaco South's sponsored program of Arts in the School, headed up by **Bill Litchfield**. This great program was started four years ago and is intended to introduce and promote arts in our schools. School administrators have been very supportive of this program.

**Paul Bernard** (in absentia due to his son's graduation-yea!) announces the HOBY Leadership Seminar is being held June 5,6,7 at the Colorado School of Mines. Volunteers are needed to mentor future leaders for a couple hour at a picnic Saturday afternoon and then to do judging of the candidates to go to the World Leadership Conference in Washington DC. The judging will be on Sunday morning around 6 am. So get up early and help the kids! Let Paul know if you can go.

**Greg Young** recaps the Denver Duck Drop raised \$18,000 for 5 southeast Denver elementary schools! **Paul Bernard** won a \$200 gift card! Thanks to **Randy Marcove** and sons for helping scoop the ducks at the finish line!

## Final Bell

**Cy Regan** reports slow sales this week for the Super market cards. Totals of \$675. Come on, guys, bring those checks!!

And we have a drawing this week! Is it Karma or how can you explain **President Phil** giving his chance to **David Lazaroff**, who proceeds to announce that if he wins the pot, the proceeds will go directly to the Holistic Community Living Center. And promptly draws the winning card! WOW, and good on you, David.

***The best way to Honor and Remember Those Who Have Passed Away is to Relive their Best Trait Every Day.***

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**JIMMIE S. BROWN**

Jim was born in Greenville, Texas on October 18th, 1935. He was the son of Frazier Hillyard Brown and Gussie Mae Shrader Brown. Jim graduated from Texas State College and graduated from from the Air Force in 1975 after serving for After retiring from the military, he worked Jim Brown married Bettye Kay Ketner of 16, 1955. Jimmie was past Distinguished Optimist Club. He was an avid baseball by his wife, Kay, of Aurora, Colorado; two Steven Brown of Denver, Colorado; two Washington, and Sandy (Jerome) Russell Grandchildren, Patrick Brown, Calley Sarah Davis, Laura Davis, Kemmer Davis, Noah Russell; one sister, Mary Sue Brown of Celeste, Texas, and four cousins.



Greenville High in 1953. He attended East Puget Sound University. Mr. Brown retired 20 years. He was a Vietnam war veteran. for 20 years in civil service. Commerce, Texas in Greenville on January Governor of the Colorado/Wyoming District of fan of the Colorado Rockies. He is survived sons, Ron (Trish) Brown of Allen, Texas, and daughters, Sharon (Oscar) Davis of Tacoma, of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota; eleven Brown, Andrew Brown, Rebekah Brown, Josiah Russell, Libby Russell, Abby Russell, of Greenville, Texas; one uncle Jack Warren

In lieu of flowers, the family has Smoky Hill United Methodist Church, 80015. Also, contributions in Jim's memory may be made to the **Optimist International Foundation**, of which Jim was an ardent supporter and Foundation Representative for the District.

requested memorial contributions be made to 19491 Smoky Hill Rd., Aurora, Colorado

President Phil asked President-elect **Ron Cisco** to say a few words about Jimmie Brown. Ron met Jimmie in 1995 and worked with him over the years for several Optimist Clubs. He came to know Jimmie as a man of integrity, someone who always did what he said he would do, without complaint or asking for credit. As Governor of the Colorado Wyoming District, Jimmie worked hard and was recognized as a Distinguished Governor. He gave his time and energy to countless projects with enthusiasm and authority. He was integral to the Oratorical Contest at Prairie View, and many club building and other projects too numerous to mention. His service to his community and to Optimist International, will be long remembered.

**Don Thomson** told members about Jimmie recently volunteering to be the school representative for the Super Citizen program and how he did such a wonderful job of organizing and running the award program at his school. One thing we always will remember about Jim was his commanding voice...he never needed a microphone.

**Karl Geil** was wearing his uniform tie provided by Jimmie Brown during his tenure as Governor of the District. Serving as Jimmie's secretary during that time, Karl came to know Jimmie and appreciate his efforts for Optimist International (O.I.). During a recent Super Citizen presentation, Karl was reminded that students were being recognized for their positive contributions and efforts. In essence, they were displaying many of the same attributes demonstrated by Jimmie Brown.

**Monaco South Calendar**

May 16	Sat	10:00 am	Inner City Community Kids Fair
May 18	Thu	12:30/1:30	Super Citizen, Samuels Elementary - Gray Strowbridge, presenter This presentation was moved from April 29 <sup>th</sup> .
May 19	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Ste. 102
May 21	Thu	1:00/2:00 pm	Super Citizen, Lowry Elementary - Les Larson, presenter
May 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Kami Welch, Advocates for Children
May 27	Wed	11:00/11:30 am	Super Citizen, University Park Elementary - Sewell Black, presenter
May 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Lisa Silva, Diesel Fuel Retrofit Program
June 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Dr. Arthur Liu—All about Radiation Oncology
Jun 6	Sat	Noon	6th Annual Picnic with a Purpose, Eisenhower Park - see Howard Fry or Randy Marcove
Jun 23	Tue		Ronald McDonald House - see Russ Paul
Jun 28	Sun	7:00 am	Bike MS Rest Stop-Longmont
Jul 8-11			Optimist International Convention, Kissimmee Florida—register now at the website
Aug 27-30			CO/WY District Convention, Colorado Springs
Sep 11-13	Weekend		Honeymoon/Getaway Weekend-Colorado-Arlberg Club-Winter Park
Sep 26	Sat	6:00 pm	Monaco South Year End Banquet— <b>SAVE THE DATE!</b>

## Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bob Safe	1995-96
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Tom Overton	1996-97
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Pat Bush	1983-84	Cy Regan	1999-00
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Jack Rife	2002-03
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Karl Geil	2003-04
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Avery	1989-90	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Walters	1991-92	Greg Young	2007-08

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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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