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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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### Thank You!

We continue to receive thank you notes from area youth who we sponsored for the Junior Golf Tournament in Florida. One said "It is people like you that help make a person's dreams possible!" Below is a note from another participant.

Dear Mr. Marci,  
Thank you for giving the opportunity to attend the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. I have gone to the OIJGC two times, once as an 11-year old, and once as a 13 year old, and both times were an excellent experience. But to get to the OIJGC, you must qualify locally. I qualified at Fitzsimons Golf Course in Aurora, CO. I was happy to get 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and qualify for the OIJGC. But even better, I had part of my trip compensated by the Optimist Committee of CO/WY. I appreciate that very much. Thank you!  
Sam Koch

### Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1  
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado  
Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

## Proceedings of the Meeting of August 17, 2007

### Invocation & Pledge

Former President **Cy Regan** offered an invocation which urged us to aid in the development of youth, for they will be the ones to “judge our works.” Then he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### This Day in Mystery

President **Paul Bernard** regaled us with various “This Day in History” tidbits. He reported that in 1846 the United States marched in and took Los Angeles from Mexico. He now says we’re trying to give it back! It was also mentioned that yesterday was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the alleged death of Elvis Presley. Those in the know suspect he secretly used his wealth to buy North Korea, where he now rules at the age of 72 under the pseudonym of Kim Jong-il.



The King



The Kim

### Guests

**Fred Pasternack** introduced **Nate Gilbertson**, who has visited the Club before and now says he’s ready to join. Visiting us again was former member **Dan Hugo**. Dan moved away years ago but is now back in town, so maybe he’s thinking about joining up again!

### Get Well!

Former President **Frank Middleton** was in the hospital for a spell. You can send your best wishes to him at 1944 S Leyden St., Denver CO 80224. Also, **Dick Nickoloff's** daughter-in-law is very ill. Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

## So Long, Bill!

It was announced that Charter Member and former President **Bill Litchfield** has left Colorado to run a Bed & Breakfast (two of your editor’s favorite things) in South Carolina. We wish him luck and hope the move isn’t permanent!

### New Jersey Day at the Rockies

**Curt Jefferies**, still another former President, announced that the Club will have a fundraiser, handing out free new jerseys at the Rockies game against Pittsburgh on August 22. There are only 5,000 jerseys available, so we won’t have to work long and can then attend the game for free. Tamarac Optimists are also taking part, but Curt says he needs a few more volunteers. We meet at the employee’s gate at 4:15 p.m. Call Curt at 720-876-1776 if you can help out with this fun fundraiser.

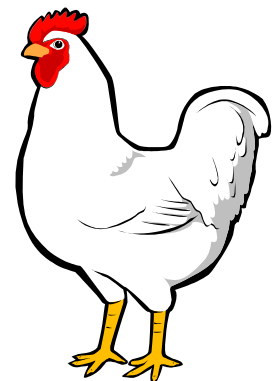
### Hey There, Cutes, Put on Your Dancing Boots

The Colorado Wyoming District convention is this coming week-end, and former President **Karl Geil** announced that the headliner at the Saturday night dance is our own **Frank Ross**.

### Installation Banquet September 8

There are still a few spots left for the 31st Annual Monaco South Installation Banquet. This extravaganza will be on Saturday, September 8 at Blossoms at Heather Gardens. Cocktails at 6:15 p.m., dinner at 7:00.

Payment pf \$20 per person must be made in advance, so see that former President **Donlie Smith** gets it no later than August 31. The meal choices are New York Steak or Chicken Oscar (if you don’t want a steak named after the Big Apple or chicken named after Oscar, you’re just out of luck).



## Fort Lupton Duck Race

**Peter Dimond** (another former President) took a moment to brag on his son and daughter, indicating that they are both smarter than he is (what were the odds?) before finally getting down to the business of unloading tickets for the Fort Lupton Optimist Club Duck Race. The annual race, which is the main fundraiser for the Ft. Lupton Club, will be held this year on September 9.



Tickets are only \$5.00 to sponsor a duck to race a course laid out on the South Platte. The prizes are:

- \$500.00 for 1st
- \$250.00 for 2nd
- \$100.00 for 3rd
- \$ 50.00 for 4th
- \$ 25.00 for 5th - 9th

Peter has pointed out that even losers can win (making this especially attractive to MSOCers) since you get \$100.00 even if your duck straggles in dead last.

Pete also reminded us that he's been

promoting this race since 2000, and MSOC has had a winner of one kind or another every year but one. Come on, guys, we'd be crazy *not* to buy a ticket!

## Induction of New Member

**Bob Wardlaw** was sworn in by President **Paul Bernard**, accompanied by District Governor **Sherman Phillips** and Governor-Elect **George Buzick**. It is rare that the incoming and outgoing Governor, plus the Club President, would all be present for an installation. Some called it a moronic convergence.

## Groceries

**Cy Regan** has reported that Club members bought \$825 worth of King Soopers and Safeway cards at the meeting. Not up to our usual standards, but the crowd was a little light today, probably because it's August and a lot of us are on vacation.

## Drawing

With the Optimist year drawing to a close, there were only 9 cards left in the deck for the big money drawing, and \$80 in the pot. **Russ Campen** and former Presidents **Oscar Sorensen** and **Jack Rife** all gave it a try, to no avail. Next week - 8 cards and \$90!



**Sept. 21 is 100% Day!**

## Monaco South Calendar

<b>Aug 24</b>	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall.
<b>Aug 24-26</b>	Fri - Sun	Colorado/Wyoming District Convention.
<b>Aug 31</b>	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Dr Shane Steadman, Stress Reduction.
<b>Sep 7</b>	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - First Tee.
<b>Sep 8</b>	Sat 6:15 pm	Monaco South 31st Annual Installation Banquet - Heather Gardens
<b>Sep 14</b>	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Craig Eley, Constitutional Quirks.
<b>Sep 20</b>	Thu 6:30 pm	Board Meeting - Eley office, 3515 S. Tamarac Dr., # 200.
<b>Sep 21</b>	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - <b>100% Day.</b>

**Past Presidents of the  
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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