



# 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 34 Years

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Editor for this Issue—OC Larson



### Good Morning Optimists!

Our Official greeters today were **Russ Paul** and **Terry Shroyer**. These two Optimists are here early to greet our first members and are at the door until our last member arrives. Thanks for the good work!

### Invocation & Pledge

**Lupe Salinas** read the morning *Optimist Creed Prayer*, "...Promise yourself to talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet...."

### Guests Today

**Prez Ron** was delighted, we had two (2) guests. **Ron Carlson** introduced his cousin Michael Brekn, who is visiting from the Swedish old country. Aaron Berry was introduced by **Ron Gustas**. **Fred Pasternack**, who couldn't be found today, had invited Aaron to our meeting but was not present. Thank you **Ron** for covering for **Fred**!

### Welcome Back

We see **Allan McCall** here today after missing several meetings, Glad you are back Allan!

### Announcements

**Brent's Place**: **Paul Bernard** reported that the Brent's Place pancake breakfast fundraiser in Washington Park went very well. They cooked and served more than 2,000 pancakes. **Prez Ron** added, the Tamarac Optimist teamed up with Monaco South and was very instrumental in the success of this event. A very big thanks to our

Tamarac ladies.

**Mudd Volley Ball**: Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 am to 9:00 am is the Mudd Volley Ball tournament. **Joe Marci** says we still need a couple more parking lot assistance volunteers. The tournament will be held at the Majestic Commercenter in Aurora. See Joe for details.

**School Supplies Project**: **Oscar Sorensen** is again heading up the school supplies project to help needy students in our sponsored schools. **Oscar** has organized this drive for over 10 years to distributed to our Super Citizen schools. **Oscar** is asking each school representative (the Super Citizen representative) to contact their school to find out any particular needs they may have, including children's underwear. We want to have boxes of supplies ready on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, the first day of school.

### Junior Golfers Record Low Scores in Florida:

Joe Marci reports, that this week there were 23 golfers from CO-WY playing in the OI Championship tournaments. The final results for the 16-18 age division are not yet available but will be shared at a later date. Ben Krueger and Somin Lee are in the finals on this the last day of the tournament. Somin has a great chance of winning, as she is one stroke behind the leader and is playing in the final threesome. Mark Hubbard, from Denver, won the boy's 16-18 championship in 2006.



See Junior Golf next page

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

**Junior Golf:** Finalist included,

### Boys

- 10 - 11 Tyler Zhang 78-78-76 tied for 8<sup>th</sup>
- 12 - 13 Jackson Vacek 79-73-78 tied for 30<sup>th</sup>
- 14 - 15 Trey Kidd 75-71-78 tied for 9<sup>th</sup>
- 16 - 18 Ben Krueger 79-73-76 tied for 37<sup>th</sup>

### Girls

- 10 - 11 Kacey Godwin low score 94 for 17<sup>th</sup>
- 12 - 13 Gillian Vance low score 86 for 54<sup>th</sup>
- 14 - 15 Katy Dyachkova low score 79 for 29<sup>th</sup>
- 16 - 18 Somin Lee 78-69-72 for 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thanks again to all who supported this year's Optimist Junior Golf Program.

**Peaches Are Coming:** Bob Finkelmeier stated that the first order of possibly three is being taken.



Delivery date is always tentative around August, 14<sup>th</sup> or so. To order, call Bob at 303-756-5829, or email him at rfinkelmeier@comcast.net. Additionally, the ladies of Tamarac Optimist Club will also be taking orders. The cost is \$20 per box or lug—same as last year. Three dollars per box comes back to either Monaco South or Tamarac Optimist Club's depending on sales.

Please remember, when these peaches arrive they are picked fully ripe and ready to eat, not like store bought peaches. They arrive in a refrigerated truck and must be picked up ASAP at Bob's home when you are notified.

**King Soopers/Safeway Card Sales:** Donlie Smith still substituting for Cy Regan, who is on the mend after a hip replacement, said sales of supermarket certificates was down, only \$850 this week, and wants members to buy more, more, more. Cy should be returning in a couple of weeks.

**Your Dollar is Wanted:** Stinging Warden Don St. John, reminded the Club that we have to pay \$1 for each member, each Friday, for the use of the Legion Hall. So if you don't buy breakfast or have coffee you still need to pay Don the \$1 for your use of the Hall. Please let's keep him happy!

**Volleyball Anyone:** Volleyball player and athlete extraordinaire Paul Simon is organizing a social tournament for adults in Southmoor Park. See Paul for details or give him a call at 303-300-9940.

**Drawing Winner:** A \$70 Jackpot winner today from our drawing raffle was John (Jack) Kleinheksel. Way to go Jack! Next week the pot goes back to \$10 dollars with eight cards left.

**Closing:** Craig Eley led us in the say of the Optimist Creed to close the meeting.

## Speaker

Speakers today were introduced by Paul Bernard. Kathy Groth, Vice Chair, Library and Cultural Services Library Board, Aurora, and Patti Bateman, Director of Aurora Library and Cultural Services. Kathy posed the question with Library Myth #1, "Who needs libraries in the age of the internet?" People use the Internet, to find information, entertainment, and social contacts. Cutbacks in funding has been their most difficult problem to overcome. Kathy shared some interesting facts from a recent report titled, *How Libraries Stack Up: 2010*.\*

*This new report examines the economic, social and cultural impact of libraries in the United States. As the current economic environment is impacting library budgets and library usage is increasing, particular attention is paid to the role that libraries play in providing assistance to job-seekers and support for small businesses. Information includes statistics on:*

- Americans receiving job-seeking help and career assistance at public libraries
- Libraries as a resource for small businesses
- The prevalence and scope of library activity in the United States
- Libraries as providers of free services to the community such as Wi-Fi access, technology training and meeting rooms
- Comparisons of library activities to various retail and entertainment businesses

\*From: WorldCat, a global network of library-management and user-facing services. See: <http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/about/default.htm>



Left, Kathy Groth, Vice Chair, Library and Cultural Services Library shares thoughts regarding Colorado's libraries.

Below, Patti Bateman shares a laugh with MSOC member, Allan McCall on her right.

Photo Don StJohn



## Photographs from Don St. John

As everyone knows by now, **Don St. John** serves as the chief photographer for **GUMS**. This week he was so excited about his photography skills he sent in this photo instead of the previous photos shown in this edition. They came in on his second attempt.



He reported that this is his great-grandson. No name was provided, but I'm sure he'll be one of our Super Citizens in the near future. By the way, he also included one of the young man's bare bottom during a diaper changing. Here again, no message was associated with that picture either.

### Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
8/6/10	Phil Perington & Al Perington
8/13/10	Frank Ross & Les Larson
8/20/10	Robert Wardlaw & George Vassilaros
8/27/10	OC Larson & Jon Wachter
9/3/10	Joe Marci & Woody Thibodeau
9/19/10	Harry Johnson & Nick Newey

## My Swedish Cousins

Speaking of pictures here is one of **Ron Carlson** on the right, with his cousin, Michael Brekn, who was visiting from Sweden, with our other Scandinavian,



**Oscar Sorensen** in the middle. We think he has on the hat of the *Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden*.

### A bit of Humor

Two little old ladies, Irene and Carol, were sitting on a park bench outside the local town hall where a flower show was in progress. The short one, Carol, leaned over and said, "Life is so boring. We never have any fun any more. For \$10.00 I'd take my clothes off and streak through that stupid, boring flower show!"



"You're on!," said Irene, holding up a \$10.00 note.

So Carol slowly fumbled her way out of her clothes and, completely naked, streaked (as fast as an old lady can) through the front door of the flower show. Waiting outside, her friend soon heard a huge commotion inside the hall, followed by loud applause and shrill whistling.

Finally, the smiling Carol came through the exit door surrounded by a cheering, clapping crowd. "What happened?," asked her waiting friend. "I won \$1000 as 1st prize for 'Best Dried Arrangement....!!!"

### Monaco South Calendar

Aug 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Andrew Romanoff, <i>Candidate US Senate</i>
Aug 7	Sat	6:30 am	March of Dimes MUDD Volleyball Assist with Parking, Majestic Center, Aurora
Aug 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Bob Finkelmeier, <i>Optimist Internet Safety Program</i>
Aug 18	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Aug 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Aug 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Mike Befeler, <i>Aging and Other Minor Inconveniences</i>
Sep 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
Sep 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Curt Huber, <i>American Lung Association</i>
Sep 15	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

**Past Presidents of the  
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Pat Bush	1983-84	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Don St. John	2001-02
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Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Karl Geil	2003-04
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
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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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