



# 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 35 Years

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### Good Morning Optimist

#### Welcome to a Spring Camaraderie

After a cordial greeting by **Leo Haegle**, **Doug Arnold** (who is becoming a regular greeter), and **Frank Roth** each member was handed a playing card by erstwhile **Frank Middleton**, inventor of the Camaraderie Day Musical Chairs game. People must be getting used to this, as almost everyone sat at their assigned table. This really is a good way to get to know people with whom you might not otherwise carry on a conversation.

#### Invocation and Pledge

**Harry Johnson** performed the invocation, which reminded us that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow; and then led the pledge to our flag.

#### Guests

No guests were in attendance, but welcome back (albeit briefly) to **Jack Phillips**! Good to see you here, hope you can stay longer next time.

There were a few bleary eyed individuals today, either a symptom of *March Madness* or of St. Patrick's Day. **Freddie Pasternack** admitted that he had partied hearty and **Russ Paul**, apparently a guest of Freddie and Karen's for corn beef and cabbage, extolled the virtues of Karen's culinary skills. It must be the *Luck of the Irish*!

#### Announcements

**Kids Against Hunger:** **Paul Bernard** asked that we, once again, participate in the *Kids Against Hunger* campaign by helping in packaging dehydrated food to be distributed both locally and Worldwide. Last year, eight MSOC members participated. Since there are six people on a

packaging "team," **Paul** asked for 12 volunteers. The event will be held Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

**Giving our Speakers Adequate Time:** While **Paul Bernard** had the stage, he also made a plea to keep announcements short, since we have recently been infringing on our guest speaker's time. As our speaker coordinator, **Paul's** goal is to start speakers promptly at 7:30, since they only have 25 minutes to deliver their message.

**Support for Coeur D'Alene Idaho Ironman:** **Dick Nickloff** read excerpts from a letter written by his daughter-in-law in which she asked for support in competing in the Coeur D'Alene Idaho Ironman competition on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The letter goes on to detail Emilie's recovery from Toxic Epidermis Necrolysis caused by Stevens Johnson Syndrome. With more than 60% of her body (inside and out)



covered with an extreme rash, Emilie was placed in an induced coma for ten days while they monitored the sloughing of much of her skin. As a result of this she was also blinded. Through strength of will and support from her husband, her family, and medical experts, Emilie has recovered to the point that she will compete in the Iron Man competition, consisting of a 2.4 mile swim followed by a 112 mile bike ride, followed by running 26.2 miles. You can see the various courses by going to, <http://ironmanca.com/>.

Your donations to Emilie will go toward supporting the University of Colorado Hospital Burn Center. For more information, talk to Dick or visit Emilie's blog at: <http://teamemilie.blogspot.com/>. Attached are other pictures shared by Dick with us.

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

**9 Health Fair:** Howard Fry reminded us that the Channel 9 Health Fair will be held at the Schlessman Family YMCA, 2625 S Colorado Blvd., from 6:00 am to Noon on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The basic screenings include: Blood Chemistry and Count, Blood Pressure, Body Fat Skinfold Screening, Body in Balance, Bone Health, Breast, Colon Cancer Screening Kit, Eye Health, Finger Stick Glucose, Foot, Hearing, Heart, Height/Weight/Body Mass Index (BMI), Lung Function, Memory, Metabolic Syndrome, Nutrition, Oral Health, Pulse Oximetry, Skin, Spinal, Stress Management, and Vision Screenings. To sign up, see Howard.



**Super Citizen Supporter to Retire:** Don Thomson announced that they would be holding a special presentation at Holm Elementary for Joann Trabert, the school secretary, who has been a staunch supporter of the Super Citizen Program. Joann will be presented with a "Super Citizen" tee-shirt of her very own.

**Hamilton Middle School Super Citizen's:** Karl Geil said that the Super Citizen Program at Hamilton Middle School had gone well, with 13 students being honored. Representing MSOC were Don Thomson, Karl Geil, and Al Gapuzan.

**DTC Optimist Club Wine Tasting:** Karl Geil also reminded us again of the DTC club's wine tasting which will be held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> (and not April 3 as was reported last week.) Karl also mentioned the need for judges for History Day, which will be April 9<sup>th</sup> (training to be held the previous Saturday on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.)

**New Member Mentoring Project:** Frank Middleton talked about the importance of the Mentoring Project. Designed by Les Larson, this project will team more long term members (notice I didn't say "old members") with new members in order to help them understand what Optimism is all about and to make them feel more a part of the group. We already have some volunteers, but if you would like to participate, please contact a board member or Les Larson.

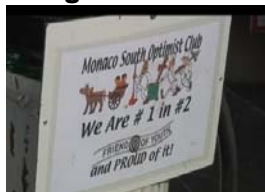
**Junior World Golf:** Joe Marci asked how many had received the e-mail regarding Junior World Golf. Since the response was tepid, at best, Joe asked how many people had opened their e-mail in the past month. Not a lot! Joe therefore announced that there would be a golfing event at Flatirons Golf Course in Boulder on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> to support the upcoming Optimist International Junior Golf Competition (OIJGC). Joe also made a plea for more participation by the distaff side, so invite wives, girl friends, etc. As an aside, Joe also announced that Ron Carlson, that fabulous prognosticator of the hardwood, was leading in the Final Four brackets by picking 12 winners.

**From Oscar "the Election Chairman" Sorenson:** You will be receiving a phone call soliciting your ambitions to become a member of the elite MSOC Board of

Directors. We need a President, two Vice Presidents and 4 Directors. These are the people who make all the official decisions for the club, so if you don't like what's been going on, or even if you do, let it be known that you would like to be considered for one of these positions. Currently we have one person who has thrown his hat in the ring for position of President and, while I am sure he is eminently qualified for the position, it would ever so much more exciting to have a true election.



**St. Patrick's Day Parade a Success:** Gary Strowbridge said that the club's participation in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade held on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> had, once again, been an overwhelming success. Those who participated, in all their splendor were: Curt Jefferies, Allen Yockey, John Young, Cy Regan, Don St. John, Craig Eley, Harry Fegley, Tom Hoch, Fred Pasternak, Russ Paul, Allen Pierce, Bryce Slaby, Donlie Smith, Jim Tapp, Bill Wells, and John "the snug fit rookie" Oss. Tom Hoch reminded us that we can see his 2011 "Pooper Scoopers" at work video by going to the club website, [www.monacosouth.org](http://www.monacosouth.org) or clicking [HERE](#).



**Thank You:** Paul Gleditsch, founder of *Bring On The Music* and our March 4<sup>th</sup> speaker, who collects musical instruments for kids, thanked the club for the donation of \$300 to his cause.

**Furry Scurry:** Don St. John announced that the Furry Scurry would be held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Washington Park. Although Don will be performing his official duties as Sergeant of Arms for the Colorado/Wyoming District Quarterly Board of Directors meeting on that date, he will leave the Furry Scurry in the able hands of Bryce Slaby.

**Tri-Star Basketball Final:** Jack Rife announced that the Colorado/Wyoming District Tri-Star Basketball final completion was held at the Pepsi Center on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Jack also said that 144 kids were invited to participate and all who attended had a great time playing in the giant venue of the Pepsi Center and also enjoyed the Nuggets game after the competition. Participants from the club were:

Bryce Slaby, Tom Overton, Michael Chavez, John Greene, Gary Laman, Kent Gloor, John Young, Don Thomson, and Craig Eley. Kudos to Jack for another great competition! You can get more information by going to [www.tristarbasketball.org](http://www.tristarbasketball.org).



## Announcements Continued

**Marlin Kent on the Move:** Charter MSOC member **Marlin Kent** will be moving from Quincy Place retirement home to his daughters at the end of the month. Marlin (pictured with "Chef T") has lived in Quincy Place for about 4 years and for the last two years has hosted several GUMS newsletter members for breakfast every Monday morning. After breakfast, the group folded, addressed, and stamped the newsletter for mailing—



Photo Dick Zolman

initially it was taken to the post office for bulk mailing. Marlin provided the address labels which varied from 40 plus to now about 12. Additionally, Marlin sorted and stamped all the Super Citizen pictures taken at our 10 schools before they were distributed to the schools and recipients. Wanting to remain an active participant in Monaco South activities, Marlin will continue to send the labels to the GUMS "mailers" in the future. All the best goes out to Marlin!

**Our Thoughts Go Out to Mike Snipes:** It was learned late yesterday, Saturday, that Mike Snipes' mother past away this week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mike and his family.

## Final Bell & Drawing

In spite of a number of tries, the pot of \$110 was not claimed. *Apparently there are no leprechauns in the Monaco South Optimist Club to claim the pot of gold.*

## Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
3/25/11	Joe Marci, Gary Miller, & Doug Arnold
4/1/11	Tom Hoch, Steve Kady, & Rich Wagner
4/8/11	Randy Marcove, Ron Carlson, & John Oss
4/15/11	Kent Gloor, Bob Avery, & Tom Wos
4/22/11	Frank Middleton, Woody Thibodeau, & Allen Pierce

## Super Citizen Presenters for March

24 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	Tom Wos
25 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Al Gapuzan
Super Citizen Presenters for April		
8 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	
13 @ 8:00 am	Highline	

## Monaco South Calendar

Mar 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Shannon Cardellina, Arapahoe House  
 Apr 1 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Michael Hancock, Denver City Councilman  
 Apr 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA  
 Apr 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day  
 Apr 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

**Do You have a speaker in mind?**

**Let Paul Bernard know. He can be reached at 720-339-8025**

## A Bit of Humor

### Toilet Rolls - For Those Who Take Longer



### Kids Pre-surgery Talk

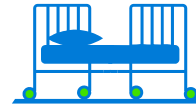
Two little kids are in a hospital, lying on stretchers next to each other outside the operating room. The first kid leans over and asks, "What are you in here for?"

The second kid says, "I'm in here to get my tonsils out and I'm a little nervous."

The first kid says, "You've got nothing to worry about. I had that done when I was four. They put you to sleep, and when you wake up they give you lots of Jell-O and ice cream. It's a breeze."

"The second kid then asks, "What are you here for?"

The first kid says, "A circumcision." "Whoa!" the second kid replies. "Good luck, buddy! I had that done just after I was born. Couldn't walk for a year!"



## Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bob Safe	1995-96
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Tom Overton	1996-97
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
John Young	1982-83	Cy Regan	1999-00
Pat Bush	1983-84	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Don St. John	2001-02
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Jack Rife	2002-03
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Karl Geil	2003-04
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bob Avery	1989-90	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Greg Young	2007-08
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Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ron Cisco	2009-10

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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.