



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Editor for this Issue—Ralph Pedersen



### Good Morning Optimist

Hats off to our greeters; they help us start the day right. Today we were greeted by **Greg** (the train man) **Hurd** and **Harry** (the Jaguar enthusiast) **Fegley**, some of the best. Thanks, fellas, you did good!

### Invocation and Pledge

**Jon Wachter**, new member, offered the Morning Prayer, asking the Almighty to help us with our fears, as in our creed “too strong for fear.” He then led us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

### Guests

**Phil Perington** waved an application and check from his guest, Mike Short. And **Bob Finkelmeier** had a guest, Doug Arnold, who also turned in his application before he left. Welcome to you both. Please feel free to get involved.



Carol McLaughlin, Sergeant of Arms at the American Legion Hall Post 1 Auxiliary, invited us all to their Hawaiian L'uau on Saturday, January 15th. She enticed us with Hawaiian Menu and Music, plus Pig Races, which sounds interesting. To bad for the short notice, for the price \$12 at the door, it sounded like fun.

### Thank You

**President Ed** read a thank you note from the Tamarac Club for a donation of \$400.

He also mentioned the donations being received in memory of Pat Regan, wife of **Cy Regan**. Cy intended to be with us today, but had to postpone his return until next week. We look forward to seeing you Cy!

### Member Updates

**Bill Walters** is receiving chemotherapy, antibiotics, and red blood cells. Daughter Tonya Hardman, who keeps us all up to date on CarePages, states, *Dad came home last night and said he slept well. He got up early for his 7:30 chemotherapy appointment as an outpatient. He didn't need any blood products this morning (i.e. red blood cells or platelets). He received his chemo and an IV antibiotic and tolerated both without any difficulties. He premeditated to help prevent any side effects and so far so good. He had a good lunch and hopefully a good dinner. I think he'll tolerate the chemotherapy better than he will my cooking. I'm giving my best shot at pork chops and noodles, apparently a Kansas favorite! He continues to be in good spirits and thanks everyone for their support. Have a great day and a nice weekend. Be safe.*

You can join his CarePages website at [www.carepages.com](http://www.carepages.com) for updates on his condition and to send him a message. Set up an account by entering your email address and a password of your choosing. Bill asks for continued prayer and please continue to send greetings and calls of encouragement.

**Ralph Pedersen** is home from the hospital and was in attendance today, writing the newsletter. He is very weak from fighting off the enflamed pancreas. Thanks go to George Buzick for filling in last Friday.

### Condolences

**President Ed** announced that **Gerald “Jerry” Davis** passed away on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Tentative arrangements for his service have been made at Fairmont Cemetery, Wednesday, January 26 at 2 p.m. Jerry took over the coordination of our Super Citizen program in 1992, after **Charlie Korsoski** passed away. We will miss him greatly.

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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

In regard to **Jerry Davis'** services, his daughter writes, *Dad's service is Wednesday, January 26; that's a week from this coming Wednesday. It is at Fairmount cemetery at 2 p.m. It is going to be a joyous celebration of his life. Is there anyway you can make sure that someone from Optimist will stand up and briefly discuss the Citizenship Award program and Dad's work with that? It would also be nice if someone would briefly discuss the choral group of which he was a member. Also, "in lieu of flowers" contributions should go to Monaco South Optimist club, Ducks Unlimited, or the Alzheimer's association.*



File photo

## Eley Shenanigans

**Craig**, sergeant at arms, **Eley** had some fun with **President Ed** today for not having the banners up for the meeting. He pointed out his name on one banner, which he sorely missed. He consulted with **Carol McLaughlin**, a former sergeant at arms at the American Legion, about the fine; she suggested that he buy breakfast for everyone! Of course this resulted in loud cheers from everyone. Thanks Ed!

## Announcements

**Boys and Girls Clubs:** Remember the open house at the Boys and Girls Clubs on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> to thank us for the Thanksgiving Dinner.

**Brain Bowl:** **Karl Geil** mentioned that **Paul Simon**, who is in charge of volunteers, needs more participation from members. Here are the dates of the three Brain Bowls this year:

- North Regional Brain Bowl, Saturday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Central Region Brain Bowl, Saturday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- South Region Brain Bowl, Saturday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.

Full information is available at <http://optimistbrainbowl.org/>.

**Destination Imagination:** **John Stoffel** - Needs judges for Destination Imagination. See John or call him at 720-837-3013.

**Bronco Update:** **Fred Pasternack** reported the Bronco news, new coach of John Fox being brought in to coach the team. Fred's back to being optimistic about the future of the Broncos. He also recommends attending the Stock Show going on now.

**Kent Gloor Update:** **Dick Nickoloff** shared that he had lunch with **Kent Gloor** this past week. He says Kent is looking better. He was banged up on the slopes by a collision with a snowboarder and has a torn ACL, a torn MCL, and a blood clot in his leg. He is resting at home and would welcome telephone calls, cards, etc.

**Optimist Essay Contest:** February 28<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for submitting your club's winning Essay to the District Chair, Jean Shelton. This year's topic: "How My Education is the Key to a Successful Future"

**Tri-Star Basketball:** Tri-Star Basketball March 20<sup>th</sup>

at the Pepsi Center combined with Optimist Day at the Nuggets game. Phil White is the District Chair.

**Speaking of Basketball,** all of you might want to see the actions of Jordan McCabe. This twelve year old was born to play basketball, one look at his crazy skills and you will agree. Go to Seattle's KOMONews station by [CLICKING HERE](#). And, let the 10 second ad go by and be amazed.

**COWYO District:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference Friday and Saturday, February 18-20 at the beautiful Hyatt DTC Hotel, Denver. Cost is \$75 per night, a special rate for such a fine hotel. Reservations 303-779-1234 or <http://resweb.passkey.com/go/CWOC2011>.

## Closing Bell

Again, many were winners in the drawing today; **Nick Newey** and **Frank Ross** both won twice! The pot of \$30 continues to grow. Grocery sales were good according to **Donlie Smith** who had a big thanks to **Doug Morton**, but the closing amount was lost.

New member **Fred Daniels** led us in the Optimist Creed.

## Binary Dates in 2010 and 2011

By Rick Regan

People have been tweeting about the upcoming dates that look like binary numbers. 10/10/10 seems to be a favorite, both because of its symmetry and because 101010 = 42 in decimal (you know, the answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe, and everything). Here are the nine dates in 2010 and the twelve dates in 2011, interpreted as binary numbers, and with their decimal equivalents:

Binary Dates in 2010 (mm/dd/yy)

Date	mm/dd/yy	Binary	Decimal
January 1st, 2010	1/1/10	1110	14
	1/01/10	10110	22
January 10th, 2010	1/10/10	11010	26
January 11th, 2010	1/11/10	11110	30
October 1st, 2010	10/1/10	10110	22
	10/01/10	100110	38
October 10th, 2010	10/10/10	101010	42
October 11th, 2010	10/11/10	101110	46
November 1st, 2010	11/1/10	11110	30
	11/01/10	110110	54
November 10th, 2010	11/10/10	111010	58
November 11th, 2010	11/11/10	111110	62

Binary Dates in 2011 (mm/dd/yy)

Date	mm/dd/yy	Binary	Decimal
January 1st, 2011	1/1/11	1111	15
	1/01/11	10111	23
January 10th, 2011	1/10/11	11011	27
January 11th, 2011	1/11/11	11111	31
October 1st, 2011	10/1/11	10111	23
	10/01/11	100111	39
October 10th, 2011	10/10/11	101011	43
October 11th, 2011	10/11/11	101111	47
November 1st, 2011	11/1/11	11111	31
	11/01/11	110111	55
November 10th, 2011	11/10/11	111011	59
November 11th, 2011	11/11/11	111111	63

And in case you were wondering, 2010 = 11111011010 in binary, and 2011 = 11111011011 in binary. Can you tell us when we will see the next year where will have Binary dates? See next page.

## Speaker

Our speaker for today, Monica Villa Lobos, from Girls Inc., failed to show until close to the end of the meeting. She will be rescheduled. Therefore, camaraderie erupted with the assistance of visitor, Carol McLaughlin, Sergeant of Arms at the American Legion Hall Post 1 Auxiliary, who shared a few stories and laughs.



Photo Don StJohn

### Take Some Time and Laugh a Little

As You Slide Down the Banister of Life in 2011- Remember:

1. Jim Baker and Jimmy Swaggert have written An impressive new book. It's called... "Ministers Do More Than Lay People."
2. Transvestite: A guy who likes to eat, drink And be Mary.
3. The difference between the Pope and your boss, the Pope only expects you To kiss his ring.
4. My mind works like lightning, One brilliant Flash and it is gone.
5. The only time the world beats a path to Your door is if you're in the bathroom.
6. It used to be only death and taxes Now, of course, there's shipping and handling, too.
7. A husband is someone who, after taking the trash out, gives the impression that he just cleaned the whole house.
8. My next house will have no kitchen—just Vending machines and a large trash can.

9. Definition of a teenager?  
God's punishment...for enjoying sex.
10. As you slide down the banister of life, may  
The splinters never point the wrong way...  
Be who you are and say what you feel...  
because those that matter... don't mind...  
and those that mind...**don't matter!**

A blonde lady motorist was about two hours from San Diego when she was flagged down by a man whose truck had broken down. The man walked up to the car and asked, "Are you going to San Diego?" "Sure," answered the blonde, "do you need a lift?"

"Not for me. I'll be spending the next three hours fixing my truck. My problem is I've got two chimpanzees in the back which have to be taken to the San Diego Zoo. They're a bit stressed already so I don't want to keep them on the road all day. Could you possibly take them to the zoo for me? I'll give you \$100 for your trouble."

"I'd be happy to," said the blonde. So the two chimpanzees were ushered into the back seat of the blonde's car and carefully strapped into their seat belts. Off they went.

Five hours later, the truck driver was driving through the heart of San Diego when suddenly he was horrified! There was the blonde walking down the street and holding hands with the two chimps, much to the amusement of a big crowd. With a screech of brakes he pulled off the road and ran over to the blonde."

"What the heck are you doing here?" he demanded. "I gave you \$100 to take these chimpanzees to the zoo!"

"Yes, I know you did," said the blonde, "but we had money left over---so now we're going to Sea World."

### Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
1/21/11	Robert Wardlaw, Paul Gleditsch, & Russ Paul
1/28/11	Greg Young, Brian Williams, & Michael Short
2/4/11	Ron Cisco, Nick Newey, & Tom Wos

### Super Citizen Presenters for January

19 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	George Buzick
21 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Phil Perington
26 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Ed Collins
28 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Joe Marci

Binary Answer: After 11th November next year, there will be no more binary dates until the year 2100.

### Monaco South Calendar

Jan 19 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

Jan 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

Jan 22 Sat 7:00 am North Region Brain Bowl, Monarch High School, Louisville, CO

Jan 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Steve Wooton, Colorado Cattlemen's Association

Feb 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Perry Jowsey, Freedom Service Dogs

Feb 5 Sat 7:00 am Central Region Brain Bowl, Overland High School, Aurora, CO

Feb 11 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Sharon Cardelina, Arapahoe House

Feb 18 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

Feb 18-20, Fri-Sun Second Quarter District Conference, Hyatt DTC Hotel

Feb 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

## 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
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Bill Walters	1991-92	Phil Perington	2008-09
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.