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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist

Our Friday morning meeting began with hearty and sincere “hellos” from our greeters, **Frank Ross** and **Art Erickson**, along with **Al Gapuzan** helping out.

### First Bell

President **Randy Marcove**, looking resplendent in royal purple, rang the bell at 7:00:15 a.m., slightly late but there were no outward objections to his tardiness. With today being “*Principals to Breakfast*” day, **Frank Rowe** dedicated his invocation to students, and challenged them to “*expect only the best.*” **Ron Gurtu** tickled the ivories and out came a rollicking rendition of “*Yankee Doodle Dandy*” - Keep it up, Ron!

### Welcome Guests

Our first guest of the day, Anne Rowe, was introduced by **Frank Rowe** (it seemed only fitting that he handled the intro, seeing as how she is his wife). Anne is the SE representative on the Denver Public School Board, and with multiple DPS principals in attendance, she chose a great day to visit the club. Anne praised the principals for the “heroic” work they do as leaders to create a great environment for education.



Anne Rowe, SE  
Denver School Board  
Representative.

### From the Prez

**Prez Randy** introduced his guest, Elvin Herberg. Elvin is a drummer and bicyclist, as well as being a neighbor of Randy’s. He feels that Randy personifies the Optimist Creed (every last line!), so maybe we should not give our Prez such a hard time. However, Elvin was seen without a membership application in his hand, so we will be sure that Randy gets him one.

The board of directors met on August 15<sup>th</sup> and named the following members to be delegates at the upcoming convention—vote early and often, men! **John Oss, Mike McMahon, John Wachter**, Randy Marcove and Paul Simon.

National Philanthropy Day is the special day set aside to recognize and pay tribute to the great contributions that philanthropy—and those people active in the philanthropic community—have made to our lives, our communities and our world. Celebrations are held annually in many states across the nation. The 2012 National Philanthropy Day in Colorado will be celebrated on November 9, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver Colorado. We bring this up because on Thursday night, Randy had a dream, and in this dream, he learned that the Optimist Club of Monaco South has been selected as the 2012 Outstanding Service Organization by the folks at National Philanthropy Day. “*That’s strange,*” Randy thought. “*I’m sure that the announcement of the 2102 National Philanthropy Day award winners isn’t until August 24th.*” He did not feel comfortable sharing this dream of his on Friday morning with the group, but if he was able to say anything, I am sure he would have thanked the members responsible for getting our great group nominated: **Craig Ely, Jack Rife, Frank Ross, Karl Geil, Wyatt McCallie, Joe Marci and Greg Young**. In addition, if he had said anything, it is possible—nay, probable—he would have forgotten to mention one name on that list that deserves recognition also—**Frank Middleton!** So keep an eye on the headlines on August 24<sup>th</sup> - perhaps Randy’s dream will come true!

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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\*\*\*\*

## From the Prez Continued

Previous recipients of the *Outstanding Service Organization* over the past five years have been:

- ◇ 2011: Zonta Service Club of Denver
- ◇ 2010: Fruita Thrift Shop
- ◇ 2009: Italians of America, North Denver
- ◇ 2008: Rotary Club of Denver
- ◇ 2006: Assistance League of Denver Clubs of Alameda West, Arvada, Jefferson, Columbine, Lakeside and Lakewood

## Announcements

**OCMS Installation Dinner:** Greg Young and Ed Collins reminded everyone that the yearend banquet/installation dinner will be held September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Park Hill Golf Course. So far 38 members have signed up—the cost is either \$25 or \$30 per person, depending on how much Ed likes you, so be sure to smile when you RSVP to him, and compliment him on what he is wearing.

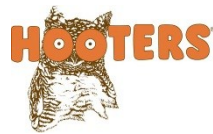
**New Budget Year:** Greg Young, in his treasure role, also noted that the fiscal year begins on October 1<sup>st</sup> and the club is in the budgeting process. So, if you have projects with budget requests, email Greg.

**Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Bike Ride:** Dick Cohen reminded us the JDRF ride is September 16<sup>th</sup>. He is looking for members to ride, pledge and/or work the rest stop for this great event and great cause.

**Depression & Unhappiness about the News:** With a heavy heart, Steve Kady rose and addressed the group, asking for a moment of silence in honor of the Hooters on Colorado Boulevard, after 23 years, is gone now but forever in our hearts. Steve was wearing a black armband with the image of a chicken wing on it, as was appropriate.

**Missy Franklin Update:** Steve Kady's mood was buoyed when he gave us an update on Missy Franklin. He has been trying to get her to dive in to one of our Friday morning meetings. That's has become a high degree of difficulty for her, as she's been flooded with requests and is pretty swamped—it's been hard for her to keep her head above water, you might say—no pun intended. But Steve's not in over his head, he'd like the club to consider a Monday night pizza and beer event at the Bonnie Brea Tavern (open for just us on a Monday) and use it as a party or a fundraiser where funds would go to the charity of Missy's choice. The idea seemed to be widely supported. Check back with Steve to see if this idea is on World Record pace.

**Gateway Club Optimist Club:** Fred Pasternak is selling tickets for his Gateway Club's breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. \$7 a ticket. It will be held at Applebee's, 14091 Iliff Ave. (I225 & Iliff) from 8-10 a.m.



Missy Franklin wins Gold, Sets World Record on Night 7 at 2012 Olympic Games.

**Bradley International Ice Cream Social:** Jon Wachter let us know that the Bradley International Ice Cream Social is Wednesday the August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Some members have already agreed, but Jon would like one or two more to help with the Boy Scout Troop sign up. See Jon for details.



**Walk to End Alzheimer's:** Joe Marci says that the Memory Walk is being held on September 15<sup>th</sup> in City Park, Colorado Blvd. & E. 23rd Ave. The club is helping out from 7-10 a.m., while there are 11 members signed up, Joe would like a few more.



**Optimist Golf Tourney:** Joe Marci also mentioned, there is an Optimist golf tourney benefiting the Castle Rock club on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at Plum Creek. Let Joe know if you want to play.

**Boy Scout Trailer Stolen:** Bob Avery reports sadly that a Boy Scout trailer was stolen from a church parking lot. Between the trailer and all of the gear inside, it is about a \$15,000 loss. Keep an eye out if you happen to see anyone trying to sell tents and gear that look as if they could have been part of this theft.

## Reminders from the Prez

**Prez Randy** says Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> will be **100% Day**, so mark that day down! A group photo is scheduled to follow the meeting that day, so not only plan on attending, but plan on bathing at least 72 hours in advance and combing your hair, plus bringing your best-looking face with you.

**Members Needed:** Randy says the club is 9 members short of being an Honor Club, so the question is, "Who do you know...", who would be a great addition to our merry band?



## Closing Bell

Our world-famous drawing took place, and **Donlie Smith, Terry Shroyer, Karl Geil, Ryan Thompson, Greg Young** and **OC Larson** walked away with cups full of cash, while **Harry Johnson** and Bradley's own **Steve Wera** came up empty on the card draw. **Wyatt McCallie** had his name tag on, but "close" only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades, Wyatt!

Our creed was led by our newest member, Doc Gardner. Thanks Doc!



Promise yourself

To **think** only of the best,  
to **work** only for the best,  
and to **expect** only the best.

Optimist Creed

## Speaker, Super Citizen School Principals

**Prez Randy** introducing the school representatives for each of our Super Citizen schools, who in turn introduced the principals and vice-principals in attendance:

- Bradley International: **Randy Marcove**, Principal Steve Wera
- Lowry Elementary: **Paul Stratton**, Principal Becky Bicha and Vice Principal Renee Vanhorn
- McMeen Elementary: **Wyatt McCallie**, stepping in for **Don Thomson**, Principal Adam Valek and Vice Principal Mary Rose Varveris
- University Park Elementary: Dr. **Jack Rife**, Principal Dana Williams
- Slavens Elementary: **Tom Hoch**, Principal Kurt Siebol
- Hamilton Middle: **Tom Mauro** and **Karl Geil**, Assistant Principal Brian Truak

The Club also sponsors Super Citizen programs at:

- Holm Elementary: **Donlie Smith**
- Samuels Elementary: **Kent Gloor**
- Highline Academy: **Jim Easton**
- Most Precious Blood: **Pat Sullivan**

**Karl Geil** gave a history of this long-standing program (started 1981) and cited many members instrumental in its development. Randy and Karl acknowledged many who play active roles now, including: **Oscar Sorenson** - handling the school supplies drive. **Greg Young, John Oss, Wyatt McCallie** and others who take photos at the events.



**Joe Marci** - scheduling the presenters.

Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier**, who does the printing all of the certificates

And of course, **Don Thomson**, driving the engine of the program and making it purr and grow for (I believe) 8 years now. *Keep it up Don!*

All of the principals were very happy to be in attendance and hear from club members who have enjoyed the program for years. They love the program - here is to another great year!



Photos Don StJohn

### A Few Chuckles

**NUDITY:** I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!"

**OPINIONS:** On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

### Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
8/24/12	Ed Collins & Aaron Berry
8/31/12	Michael Chavez & Casey Funk
9/7/12	Doc Gardner & Woody Thibodeau
9/14/12	Joe Marci & Pat Bush
9/21/12	Frank Middleton & Ryan Thompson

### Monaco South Calendar

Aug 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Aug 31	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - The Adoption Exchange
Sep 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Sep 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Sep 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - 100% Day & Camaraderie Day
Sep 22	Sat	5:30 pm	OCMS Installation Dinner, Park Hill Golf Course
Dec 9	Sun		Winter Holiday Party, Copper Fields Event Chateau - See Frank Middleton

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Safe	1995-96
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ed Collins	2010-11
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94		

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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.