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Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

Optimists Bring Out the
Best in Children



The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Junior Optimist Golf

Optimist Junior golfers returned from Palm Beach Gardens, Florida earlier this month and were our guests for Friday morning breakfast. **Ron Cisco** introduced and interviewed each of our guests. **John Stoffel** from MSOC, and Castle Rock Optimist member, Bob Meyer accompanied the sponsored golfers and shared their experiences.

Chris Weinstein was accompanied by his parents Arnold and Elvira. Chris related how he played golf with kids from Hawaii, Thailand, Mexico, Chili, Peru, Argentina, and lots of states in the United States. He said some did not speak English well but they all spoke golf.

Fourteen year old Kathleen Kershnik was in from Highland Ranch. Her experiences were that lots of the girls that she played with/against were REALLY, REALLY GOOD. She played with Lilian Commisa, of Córdoba, Argentina who shot +4 for the three rounds and won the 14 year old girl's division.



Photo by Don StJohn.

Austin Hardman was here with his mom, Tonya and his grandpa, **Bill Walters**. Austin related how difficult it was to get out of the sand. It is like powder compared to the sand in Colorado. Austin also liked the other activities like night golf and meeting kids from all over the world.

Joe Marci told us that the Junior Golf committee raises over \$20,000 to run the local tournaments and send as many kids on to Florida as do qualify.

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

Good Morning Optimist

Our greeters this morning were **Terry Shroyer** and **Tom McKee**. These guys were great!

Announcements

Words of Wisdom from Our President

"Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail."

Installation Banquet

Paul Bernard asked us all to sign up for the celebration and accomplishments of **Greg Young's** presidency plus the installation of **Phil Perington**, our new President along with the new board members for this coming year. The banquet will be held Saturday at 6:00pm, September 13th at Blossoms Restaurant, in Heather Ridge, 2888 South Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO.

Zone Picnic

Howard Fry said the summer picnic and BBQ was a real success with lots of great fun and food. Howard thanked **Tom and Cheryl Overton**, **Gary and Joyce Laman**, **Bryce Slaby** and Judy Williams for all their help in making this Zone Picnic succeed.

Brain Bowl

Karl Geil asked us all to be on the lookout for a new location for the Brain Bowl. He said the location from last year is no longer available. This can be a real good money maker for a school involved.

Lunches, snacks and soft drinks can be sold during the Brain Bowl and good money can be raised. Let Karl know ASAP if you have information.

Country Dinner Playhouse

Don't forget about John Young's project of the program at Country Dinner Playhouse on Tuesday night, August 18th.

GUMS Editors

Writers are needed for next year's *Optimist Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South* (GUMS). Not a large commitment but a very important one. MSOC has always had good involvement and we don't want to let **President Phil** hanging on this important project. Let **Phil Perington** know if you can get involved.

Ducks Across the Rockies

Only two weeks left to sign on for Ducks Across the Rockies. This duck race is the fund raiser for Fort Lupton Optimist club. Only a \$5 investment is needed to win the \$500 first prize. **Peter Dimond** is raising money for them because he is also Fort Lupton Optimist club member.

March of Dimes MUDD Volleyball

Cy Regan reported that the MUDD Volleyball tournament was successfully held on Saturday,

August 2nd. It was successful mostly because of MSOC's involvement. We were available for the parking only (Cy's words) But, in my opinion, we were there at 6:00am for the *Optimism we bring to all projects we work or run*, in addition we are there to play. The eleven MSOCers on hand to park cars were **Russ Paul**, **Bryce Slaby** (also known as dusty), **Pat Sullivan**, **Joe Marci**, **Greg Hurd**, **Robert Wardlaw**, **Curt Boell**, **Steve Kady**, **Donlie Smith**, **Phil Perington**, and **Cy Regan**. There were about 4,000 participants and visitors way out close to Kansas and we helped park all their cars. Cy said all of those working the parking project did an outstanding job in directing traffic and parking cars.

The field where the cars were parked was a dust bowl, the worst it has ever been in the last 10 years that we have been doing this. We thought we lost several members to the dust, but they turned up later at Village Inn where all participants were treated to breakfast. Everyone is to be thanked for an outstanding job!

Supermarket Sales

Another project that **Cy Regan** successfully runs is the sales of King Soopers and Safeway's gift cards. We make 5% of all sales. Cy's goal is to sell \$1,000 worth each Friday. This week's sales fell a bit short to \$875 in sales.

Annual Convention

Governor **George Buzick** invites you to the Colorado-Wyoming District Convention, August 22 thru August 24th at The Village at Breckenridge.

The welcome reception will be held before dinner at 4:30pm and a dessert will be held at Kent Gloor's home in Breckenridge after dinner. This convention is to get everyone ready to bring on the new Optimist year with plenty of great training and lots of fun.

There is training for the Optimist Essay, Oratorical, and Brain Bowl projects. Teaching kids the Optimist way of life is another class. There is a first-timers reception, a Jamaica Vibes Party and Buffet dinner, a breakfast honoring out-going Governor, **George Buzik**, plus training for all new presidents, treasurers, secretaries, and any project leaders. And Twyla Buzik and Donna Priester are taking anyone who wants to get away from training to a "learn to pan for gold" tour. If you have not been to an annual convention, they are lots of fun, plus you really get into the spirit of Optimism.

OI Foundation

Jim Brown is heading the OI Foundation for our district and we should all work on the fund raiser this year which is DIME-A-DAY for the OI Foundation. Or, \$36.50 per district is the goal that Jim and **Freddie Pasternack** are promoting.

Iowa Underwater

There are lots of needs for money today and we are inundated by requests. Here is another for you to choose from. Optimist clubs in the Heartland are trying to help many kids who have lost all their belongings to floods. Your direct donation to *Optimist International foundation* will help this worthwhile project.

INFO on some JR. Optimist Golf Directors

Joe Marci has done more for the Junior Golf program since he came aboard than anyone, in my opinion. Raising money for any project is the foundation of the project and Joe has brought lots of money-raising ideas to this great program.

Joe joined MSOC in 1978 and has brought over 20 new members into our club. Joe is the definition of volunteerism. He volunteers/has volunteered in the past for the Bowling Alliance, Mile High Young American Bowling Alliance, the Catholic Youth Recreation Association, T.J's Junior Varsity teams, plus all the work he does for Monaco South. Joe is from New York. Kathy and Joe have four kids, all doing very well in life.

John Stoffel was born and went to law school in Detroit. He was a radio repairman while in the Marine Corp, stationed in Florida. John and his family arrived in Denver in 1965, just in time to be part of the big flood. After joining the Colorado Bar Association, John worked as a clerk for the District Court than for the Denver City Attorney's office. John met Carolyn at a Young Democrats meeting and was married in 1962. They have two kids. **Joe Marci** was John's sponsor into MSOC. Skiing, bridge and golf are among John's avocations.

Useful Information for Golfers

Don't chew on the tees. One golfer who was in the habit of gnawing while paling golf, overdosed on pesticides while playing 36 holes of golf one day.

Since we're into the Olympics—

Here are some interesting Chinese food dishes. Please hide the recipes from **John Marions**.



Monaco South Calendar

Aug 19	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Aug 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Second Wind, <i>Teen suicide resources</i>
Aug 22 & 24			Colorado-Wyoming District Convention, The Village at Breckenridge
Aug 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Judith Stucky, <i>Cochlear Kids Camp</i>
Sept 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Sunne Reif, <i>Donor Alliance</i>
Sept 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Kris Kroncke, <i>District 3 Commander, Denver Police Department</i>
Sept 13	Sat	6:00 pm	Yearend & Installation Banquet - Blossoms Restaurant at Heather Ridge, 2888 South Heather Gardens Way, Aurora
Sept 16	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Sept 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie & 100% Day

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Tom Overton	1996-97
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John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
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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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