



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimists!

Our greeters this morning were **Karl Geil** and **Robert Wardlaw**. Great to see you greeters!

### Invocation & Pledge

**Ron Carlson** was wearing his Rockies jersey this morning. Ron, who still believes that the Rockies are going to win the World Series, said a short, wonderful, and insightful invocation then started the Pledge of Allegiance.

### President Phil Presides

From the editor: I asked our president to give me his notes from the meeting so I would get his “ponderings” correct, BUT I misplaced all my meeting notes. SO I am winging all the information and hope I am close. I will put Prez Phil’s ponderings into the newsletter in the next few weeks, when/if I find my notes. Sorry Prez. On that same note, I will come up with a prize/contest to see who finds the current ponderings vs. the one’s not in the newsletter this week.

### Guests

I cannot remember if we had guests. I do remember that we did have members who have not been here for a while:

**Bill Carpenter**, who has been a member since May of 1992, was here this morning. Bill said he has a full time job being a Grandpa. Carry on Bill!!!

**Terry Shroyer** was here after being gone for some time. Welcome back Terry!

### GUMS EDITOR’S NEEDED

We need GUMS Editors for next year. Each year we try to get four editors so the burden is not that much. **Greg Young** is moving into the Treasurer position, while **Robert Wardlaw** is becoming the Secretary on the **Ron Cisco’s** MSOC Leadership Team. This month will be my (Bill Walters) last stint as a GUMS editor as well. So we need at least three. Ralph Pedersen can be your mentor if you can sign up. Please contact **Ron, Greg, or Bob Finkelmeier** telling them you are ready to assist.

By the way, all you really need to be able to do is capture the Friday morning proceedings and place your notes into a WORD document, should you not be familiar with the MS Office 2007 Publisher program. Bob, who oversees all of our GUMS newsletters, can assist you in getting your work into print and can teach you how to use the Publisher program should you like to learn.

**Richard Daly** was here this morning also. Good to see you Mr. Daly. Dick’s main job in life is getting his two kids through college. His job interferes with Friday morning meetings but he is getting close to completion.

I know I missed some. My apologizes for that.

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

### Project Leaders...Important Information

**Greg Young**, our new upcoming treasurer, asked me to tell all the Project Leaders that you should be formulating your budgets for the next fiscal year and sending your formulations to **Greg** or **Ron Cisco** for their consideration at the Budget meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Second Honeymoon Weekend

Join your MSOC friends, and their significant other, on September 11<sup>th</sup> for a terrific weekend being planned by **Al Gapuzan**, **Kent Gloor**, **Howard Fry**, and **Randy Marcove**. For only \$138 per person you will enjoy a great weekend at Colorado Arlberg Club in Winter Park. The festivities will start with a Friday evening mixer and Bar-B-Q and end with a great Sunday Brunch. Lots of activities to choose from are available in between. This is always a fun event and if you have never been, you should. Create a "Significant Memory with your Significant Other."

### Junior Golfers Play Great at OIJGC

**Joe Marci** heads up the Colorado Wyoming Junior Golf project. BTW, Joe is the Best Leader as far as fundraisers, participation, etc., of any leader in the entire Optimist International organization (this is according to the national Optimist leadership), turned in this report:

This year's golfers had some fantastic scores as shown in the following listing. Sydney Merchant in the 10-11 girls division had the best finish at 5<sup>th</sup> in the World.

Name	Div	Ind Low Score	Div Low Score
Joshua Mathis	16-18	72	66
Wyndham Clark		69	
Clay LaBrec		74	
Tyler Lovato		74	
John Ahern		76	
Jocelyn Thompson	16-18	80	66
Amy Carlson		91	
Claudia Davis	14-15	75	68
Shinwoo Lee		77	
Connor Klein	14-15	72	68
Palmer Giro		78	
Cole Nygren		84	
Payton Deventcenty	12-13	79	66
Clayton Crawford		80	
Jackson Burke		78	
Tyler Zhang	10-11	79	70
Sydney Merchant	10-11	78	68
Mary Weinstein		92	

We can be proud of these junior golfers who represented the Colorado-Wyoming District.

### Banquet to Celebrate President Phil's Outstanding Year

On Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the great year we had under the leadership of President **Phil Perington**. Blossoms Restaurant will host this important event. Please sign up and plan to be there at 6:00pm.

### School Supplies Anyone?

**Oscar Sorensen** has organized a drive for school supplies for years to distributed at the 10 schools we support. Oscar is asking each school representative (the Super Citizen representative) to contact their school to find out any particular needs they may have. We want to have boxes of supplies delivered on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, the first day of school.

### District Convention

The District Convention is coming. The District Convention is coming!

The weekend of August 28 – 30<sup>th</sup> is when the newly remodeled Crown Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs (I-25 & Exit 138) will host all of us. Tommy Vaughn from Gilbert, AZ is the official Optimist International President's representative. He will be involved in training and be presenting the OI Recognition Program for 2009-2010. Our Colorado-Wyoming Governor, **Joe Priester**, is presiding. The Pikes Peak Cog Railway has made a special train available for us to ride to the top of the Peak. The price of \$30 for adults and \$15 for kids will make this a very fun weekend. Also, there will be a prize of \$100 given to someone who has registered for this District Convention before Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Good Citizenship

**Don Thompson**, who has done a wonderful job running this great project, told us that the Super Citizen Program will be starting in a few weeks. One way to participate with one of MSOC's many projects is be a presenter at one of the 10 schools we support. It doesn't take all day and you get a lot of "feel-good" from being a presenter.

### Cy Regan's Report

**Cy's** information is among the missing but I do remember Cy saying that EVERYONE was on time for the March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball tournament parking activity. He didn't say how everyone enjoyed the get together after all the cars were parked at the event, but I'm sure no one missed this part. Names will be printed next week.

Cy also reported about \$1,300 in King Soopers/Safeway card sales.

### Weekly Drawing

No one won the big jackpot. Yea!

## OUR SPEAKER

Our speaker this morning was story teller, Robert William Case who told us "The True Story of Icarus." You remember that Icarus is the boy who had wings built for him by his father, Daedalus. Daedalus told Icarus not to fly too close to the sun because his wings, made of feathers and wax, would melt. That is all the teen-aged Icarus needed to hear. Of course, he flew too close to the sun and perished.

That story has always bothered Robert William Case by how it ended. The story was passed on over the years. This is Robert William Case's version. It is a story about growing up. I bought his book, "*Daedalus Rising, The True Story of Icarus*" Daedalus Rising is a story about what every man on this earth has in common with every other man. It is a story of the natural completion and unfolding of the ancient myth and its telling, a metaphor for the potential within each of us.

*Daedalus Rising, The True Story of Icarus* is available at good book stores, or go to: <http://bookstobelievein.com/DaedalusRising-TheTrueStoryofIcarus.php>.



Daedalus and Icarus by Frederick, Lord Leighton, ca 1869

## GUMS Pictures

Sorry, but all of **Don St.John's** pictures that he took on Friday got lost on their way to Chicago as well. When Bob went to put together this issue they could not be found on his computer. Will include them next week.

**SIGN UP SOON**  
**SIGN UP SHEET FOR THE**  
**YEAR END BANQUET**  
IS GOING AROUND  
SAVE THE DATE: SEPT. 26<sup>TH</sup>  
BLOSSOMS RESTAURANT, 6:00 PM

### From One of Our Seniors Lovemaking Tips

1. Wear your glasses. Make sure your partner is actually in the bed.
2. Set timer for 3 minutes, in case you doze off in the middle.
3. Set the mood with lighting. (Turn them All Off!)
4. Make sure you put 911 on your speed dial before you begin.
5. Write partner's name on your hand in case you can't remember.
6. Keep the Poligrip close by so your teeth don't end up under the bed.
7. Have Tylenol ready in case you actually complete the act.
8. Make all the noise you want; the neighbors are deaf too.
9. If it works, call everyone you know with the good news.
10. Don't even think about trying it twice.

## Monaco South Calendar

Aug 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - <b>Camaraderie Day</b>
Aug 18	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
Aug 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall— <b>East High School Constitutional Scholars</b>
Aug 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—TBD
Aug 28-30			<b>Colorado/Wyoming District Convention</b> , Colorado Springs
Sep 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Harry Fegley, <b>The Other Side of Africa</b>
Sep 9	Wed	7:00 pm	Budget Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
Sep 11-13	Weekend		<b>Honeymoon/Getaway Weekend</b> -Colorado Arlberg Club-Winter Park
Sep 15	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
Sep 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - <b>Camaraderie Day</b>
Sep 26	Sat	6:00 pm	<b>Monaco South Year End Banquet</b> —BLOSSOMS Restaurant

## Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

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