



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimists

Greetings

On this beautiful fall (actually more like summer) morning our official greeters this morning were **Bob Avery** and **Harry Johnson**. Our new President **Randy Marcove** called our meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. and **Doug Arnold** gave the invocation.

Guests

Frank Middleton the Founder of our Cub Scout Pack #813 at Bradley Elementary introduced Ryan Thompson as the lesion between the Scouting offices and our Pack #813. Our own **Jon Wachter** will be the *Charter Original Representative* at Bradley Elementary and the lesion between Monaco South and the Cub Scout Pack.

Harry Johnson introduced Floyd Bussey who had walked in to check us out. We are sure you will like what you see.

Fred Pasternack introduced two guests, David Reed and Marty Lev. Marty and David own the Quality auto sales lot on Evans Avenue and approximately Jasmine Street. We think Fred has them looking for an engine for his old Porsche. Fred also said **Russ Paul** is recovering from his operation and has lost 40 lbs. Note Russ is now recovering at home and has a new cell phone number if you like to connect with him. The Number is : 720-431-0449.

John Oss introduced his daughter-in-law Deirde Oss, who was a past super citizen award winner at Columbine Elementary in 1982. Deirde told a story of having a Christmas tree from our lot fall off the top of her car after the tree was tied on by some of our Optimist sales staff.

Presidents Report

The October Board Meeting will be next week Wednesday October 19th at 6:30 p.m. at Peggy Lehmann's Office 3540 S. Poplar, suite #102 Denver, CO.

There will also be a new member orientation on Monday October 24th at 6:30 p.m. at Peggy Lehmann's Office. New members who are invited are: Mike McMahon, Bruce Siegrist, Don Kim, John Swick, Tom Charters, James Riley, Frank Rowe, Ryan Thompson and Richard Wray. Of course all members are welcome to participate as well.

Services for **Paul Gleditsch** have not been set at this time. Randy will keep us posted.

Announcements

Looking for Santa's: **Craig Eley** wants a few club members to volunteer for Santa duties during the Christmas tree sales days. Let Craig know if you are interested, he'll suit you up.

Tree Lot Meeting: **Joe Marci** stated that there will be a Christmas tree lot meeting in two weeks (October 28th) after our regular Friday morning meeting. He also has more entertainment books for sale.

Tree Cutting Date: **Ed Collins** reported that the annual Christmas tree cutting on his mountain property is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th.

New MSOC Directory Available: An updated membership directory is now available for members. See **Craig Eley** for a copy.

Halloween Pumpkins: **Bob Avery** reported that his new Boy Scout Troop will be selling pumpkins at the Belleview and Holly location.

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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

OCMS & OI Dues: It's that time of year again. Get your check in to **Greg Young** for 2011-12 Club Dues. Pay early and in full, and you will save \$5.

Super Citizen Presenters: **Joe Marci** is still looking for Super Citizen Presenter's for the months to come. If interested see Joe.

4th Annual Homespun Holiday Market: The Tamarac Optimist Craft Fair is scheduled once again. It will be held on Saturday, November 5th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 8 Cherry Hills Drive, in Englewood. See the accompanying flier with this GUMS.

Peach Sale Update: After a very late shipment the final sales number are in. A total of 146 lugs were sold, generating a profit of \$320 to the Tamarac Club ladies and \$264 to Monaco South. Thanks to all for your support to this once a year project.

Drawing

A \$20 in pot was awaiting the lucky drawer of the Queen of Hearts. But no such luck! Cup winners were; **Kent Gloor, Bob Avery, Robert Duvall, Frank Middleton, Tom Wos, and John Stoffel. Jon Wachter and Frank Middleton** drew from the pot but came up short. **Gary Laman** also drew and lost when his name was picked and he was warring his badge.



Closing

Rich Mahony led us in our closing creed. *Promise Yourself . . . To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.*



Are you Aware of Optimist History?

1900s – The Beginnings

As industrialization and urbanization brought many new problems to society, citizens began forming voluntary organizations to address the needs of their communities. In some areas, groups took the name "optimist club" to express their desire for a positive outlook in the face of all these problems. The first official Optimist Club was formed in Buffalo, New York, in 1911.

Impetus for a nationwide Optimist movement began when the Optimist Club of Indianapolis, Indiana, was formed in May 1916. Envisioning a nationwide organization, founders of the Indianapolis club moved ahead in the summer of 1916 to start Optimist Clubs in many other major cities.

These clubs quickly grew to more than 100 members each. As a result, a national conference of the American clubs took place in 1917 in Indianapolis.

1919 – The Founding of Optimist International

Times were good. World War I had been fought and won and spirits were high in America. It was an ideal time for the

birth of Optimism. The association of clubs that is known today as Optimist International was formed on June 19, 1919, when representatives of 11 clubs held a convention in Louisville, Kentucky, and adopted the name International Optimist Club. During the convention, William Henry Harrison, a descendent of the ninth president of the United States bearing the same name, was elected the first International President of Optimist international.

Over the next three years, the organization grew to 49 clubs and 4,000 members.

1920s – A Full-fledged Organization is Formed

In October 1920, the first edition of The Optimist magazine was published. Each of the 27 clubs was asked to report in at least once a month with news of their club.

In 1922, the Optimist Creed was adopted as the official creed of the organization. Written by Christian Larson, the creed was originally published under the title "Promise Yourself" in 1912. Optimists in California found the Optimist spirit well-expressed in the 10-line statement and pushed to have it adopted organization-wide. The wife of Los Angeles Optimist James V. Westervelt saw the item in a newspaper and clipped it for her husband. After publishing it in his club's bulletin, Westervelt and other Los Angeles Optimists encouraged other California clubs to use the creed. Soon after, the creed's popularity grew.

In August 1922, the first official emblem of Optimist International was developed and adopted. The emblem consisted of a youngster with a beaming countenance and the words "International Optimist Club." Along with the smiling face appeared another symbol. It had a sun in its center and the words "Friendship, Sociability, Loyalty, Reciprocity" around it as a border.

See the rest of the story in the electronic version "Of Dreams and Deeds," first published in 1966, which chronicles the history of Optimist International. [Go to Dream Deeds, by clicking here.](#)

Humor from Ralph Petersen

For Lexophiles (Lovers of Words)

1. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
2. A will is a dead giveaway.
3. A backward poet writes inverse.
4. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
5. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
6. You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
7. He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
8. A calendar's days are numbered.
9. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
10. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
11. The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison: a small medium at large.
12. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
13. A butcher backed into the meat grinder: a little behind in his orders.

Guest Speakers

**Jim Anderson, Prime Life Benefits &
Scott Van Order, United Healthcare**

Gary Strowbridge introduced our speakers today; Jim Anderson (shown on the right) with Prime Life Benefits, LLC, and Scott Van Order (shown below right) with United Healthcare. The majority of our members indicated that they are receiving Medicare benefits at this time. Eligibility requirements are: Over 65 years of age, US citizenship, and being a US resident for 5 years.

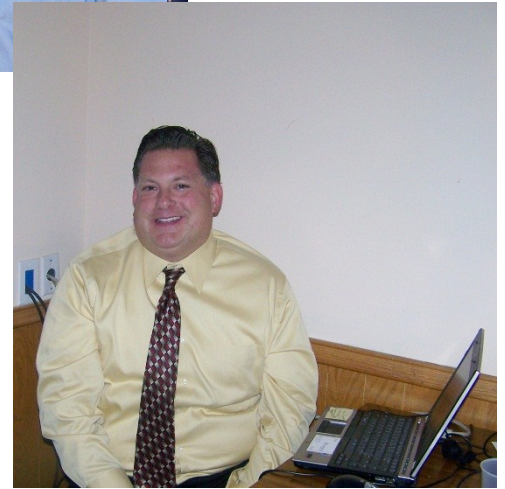
Election Period this year is October 15 through December 7th

Basic components:

- Part A: Hospital Costs covers 1-60 days
- Part B: Physicians Costs and other medical costs - 80/20 split Medicare and Supplement
- Part C: Supplement or Advantage Plans pays what Medicare doesn't
- Part D: Drug Costs
 - Initial coverage up to \$2,930
 - Coverage Gap \$2,930 - \$4,700
 - Catastrophic above \$4,700

All coverage's are as approved by Medicare. Contact either Jim or Scott for more information.

- ⇒ Jim Anderson, Prime time Benefits, LLC, 720-240-4456
- ⇒ Scott Van Order, United Healthcare, 303-714-1067



Photos Don StJohn

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
10/21/11	Leo Hagele & Fred Pasternack
10/28/11	Craig Eley & Ron Gustas
11/4/11	Frank Middleton & Casey Funk
11/11/11	John Oss & Karl Geil
11/18/11	Jim VanderKamp & Woody Thibodeau
11/25/11	Leo Hagele & Bob Hugo

Super Citizen Presenters for October

17 @ 9:45 am	Samuels	Gary Strowbridge
19 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	John Stoffel
20 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Frank Middleton
21 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	John Young
27 @ 9:10, 10:00, & 10:40 am	Holm	Ron Cisco
27 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	Les Larson

Note date change for Holm

Monaco South Calendar

- Oct 15 Sat 10:00 am Parking TJ High School, 50th Anniversary, Homecoming, and Hall of Fame
- Oct 19 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Oct 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Oct 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Oct 28-29 Colorado-Wyoming District 1st Quarter Bard Meeting, Marriott Hotel, Colorado, Springs

**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		

2011 - 2012 Officers

President	Randy S. Marcove	303-667-3663
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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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