



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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## GOODBYE 2011, HELLO 2012



### Good Morning Optimists

Although our year was coming to a close on this cold December morning, we were greeted warmly by **OC Larson** and **Freddie Pasternack** with smiles.

### Opening Bell

**Paul Stratton** started us off with a prayer for the New Year—“*Let’s beware of being to critical.*” **John Young**, who authored the prayer, emphasized to the editor that we shouldn’t be too critical of ourselves. Yes, *let’s all press on to greater achievements, leaving mistakes and excess self-criticism behind.*



### Auld Lang Syne

FOO member, **Ron Gutru** played the traditional “year ending song,” *Auld Lang Syne*. Where did the year go?

Are you aware that, “*Auld Lang Syne*” is based on a Scottish poem written by Robert Burns in 1788? And that the song’s Scots title may be translated into English literally as “old long since,” or more idiomatically, “long long ago,” “days gone by,” or “old times.” Consequently “*For auld lang syne*,” as it appears in the first line of the chorus, is loosely translated as “for (the sake of) old times.”

### Tree Lot Clean Up

The final clean up of the Christmas Tree lot is scheduled for this morning at 9 a.m. Thanks to all for a

good Christmas tree season.

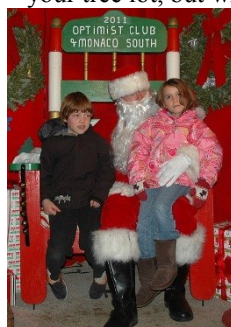
### Thank You Note

As you may recall, **Tom Overton** told us the benefits of playing Santa back in the December 16<sup>th</sup> edition of *GUMS*, when he shared the story of talking with a young boy named Vim. At the time Santa asked Vim questions, and then tells the boy he knows that his favorite food is—salad. With excitement, the boy tells his parents that he knows that Santa is real! Well here is a Thank You Note from Vim’s parents:

Our sincere thanks to you and Tom for keeping the spirit of Christmas so special for Vim and Kate. For several years I’ve been advertising to my co-workers at University Hospital about your tree lot, but what you did for Vim (the salad lover who wanted to quiz Santa) was over the top. We’ll never go anywhere else for our trees and wreaths!

Thanks for all the good work you do, all year long. We donate to Camp Wapiyap ([www.wapiyapi.org](http://www.wapiyapi.org)), a free camp for kids/sibling fighting cancer that is staffed entirely by volunteers (like my Emergency Medicine doctor buddies and me) as our way to “pay it forward,” so we know first-hand how important your volunteerism is to lots of folks.

Bruce Evans and Kati Watt



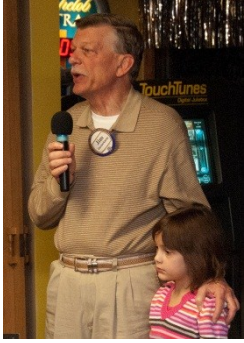
Vim and his sister Kate with Santa.



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\*\*\*\*

## Kids to Breakfast Visitors

Proud parents and grand parents reveled in introducing their visitors.



Jim Vander Kamp introduced his grand son Levi, and from Chicago, his grand daughter Mya.

Mike McMahon, our new super citizen speaker, brought his six and three year old sons.



Don Iley introduced his son David plus twin daughters Molly and Amie Grace. Molly and Amie appreciated our earlier support of buying girl scout cookies, while David appreciated our support of buying Cub Scout popcorn.



## Announcements

**Brain Bowl:** Karl Geil tells us again, "The brain bowl is coming!" Reader training begins January 14<sup>th</sup>, with the first bowl at Monarch High School in Louisville on January 21<sup>st</sup>. It takes 135 volunteers for each of the four tournaments. We have led the way with volunteers. **Karl** showed off the commitment of our club by having all past Monaco South Brail Bowl participants stand.



At left, Tom Hoch introduced his grand son Jackson (T Bow).



At right, Greg Young introduced his son Nick, and his grandsons Braden and Jamie.



It looks like everyone who's not new has participated. Wow! Think we newbies better join right in there for a lot of fun. You can sign up with an email to **Paul Simon** or **Karl Geil** or on one of the sign-up sheets.

**Walk with a Doc:** A health walk is coming up at Bible Park on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the baseball diamond at 8 a.m. More can be learned at: <http://www.walkwithadoc.org/our-locations/colorado/>

## Closing Bell Pot

The pot was up to \$130. All tries for the 2 of spades came up empty. Even **Bob Finkelmeier** got a shot at the pot, thanks to wearing his name badge. Thanks for the good example with the badge and for leaving the pot so that it continues to grow.



Ron Gustas, on the left, introduces to president Randy Marcove and the audience, his son-in-law, along with his grandchildren Carson, and Ellie. Ellie graciously thanked the club for supporting her walk team earlier this year.



## Kids to Breakfast Entertainment With Shawn Preston



For almost 20 years Shawn Preston, known to his many fans as The Magic Dude, has mesmerized audiences around the country at corporate functions, trade shows, private parties and other special events. His shows are filled with music, side splitting comedy, and remarkable demonstrations of mind power and magic. Shawn's spontaneous humor and quick delivery combined with his astounding sleight of hand skills have established him as one of Colorado's favorite performers.

Gentlemen ... Children of all ages, did Shawn do a great job, or what? Yes! Stuff just appeared and then was gone. This writer witnessed a budding young Harry Houdini, half way through an escape act, without our magician even catching him in the act. Ah, but, **Bob Avery** saw the act unfolding. Calling on this photographer, I arrived just in time to catch the budding Harry. See more at: <http://www.openthebackdoor.com/>.



All Photos Don StJohn and John Oss.

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
1/6/12	Joe Marci & James Riley
1/13/12	Paul Stratton & James Riley
1/20/12	Woody Thibodeau & Nick Newey
1/27/12	Bob Avery & Jim Riley
2/3/12	Terry Shroyer & ?
2/10/12	John Oss & Jim Riley

Be a Greeter, see OC Larson.

Super Citizen Presenters for January		
4 @ 2:30 pm	Highline	Joe Marci
12 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	?
18 @ 2:30 pm	MBP	?
20 @ 9:10 & 10:00 am	Holm	?
20 @ 12:25 pm	Samuels	Phil Perington
24 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	Steve Kady
27 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Tom Charters

Be a Presenter, see Joe Marci.

### Monaco South Calendar

Jan 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - The Brain Bowl is Coming!
Jan 9	Mon	6:30 pm	New Member Orientation, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Jan 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Leslie Pera, Boys Hope Girls Hope
Jan 14	Sat	9:00 am	Brain Bowl Reader Training, Valmont Presbyterian Church, Boulder, CO
Jan 17	Tue	6:00 pm	Brain Bowl Reader Training, Heritage High School, Littleton, CO
Jan 18	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Jan 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Jan 21	Sat	7:00 am	North Region Brain Bowl, Superior High School in Louisville, CO
Jan 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Karen Blackman, Colorado Oral-Deaf Pre-school
Jan 28	Sat	9:00 am	Brain Bowl Reader Training, Euclid Middle School, Littleton, CO



Did the Kids have fun?  
Well, just look at some of the action!





## Brain Bowls 2012

<b>North</b> Region Tournament :	Saturday, January 21, 2012	Monarch High School 329 Campus Drive Louisville, CO 80027
<b>Central</b> Region Tournament:	Saturday, February 4, 2012	Heritage High School 1401 West Geddes Ave Littleton, CO 80120
<b>South</b> Region Tournament:	February 25, 2012	Carson Middle School 6200 Prussman Blvd Colorado Springs, Colorado
<b>Championship</b> Tournament:	March 3, 2012	Douglas County High School 2842 Front St Castle Rock, CO 80104-9433

## Reader Training

Saturday, January 14, 2012	9 AM -11 AM	Valmont Presbyterian Church 3262 61st Street Boulder, CO 80301-2938
Tuesday, January 17, 2012	6 PM to 8 PM	Heritage High School 1401 West Geddes Ave Littleton, CO 80120
Saturday, January 28, 2012	9 AM to 11 AM	Euclid Middle School 777 West Euclid Ave Littleton, CO 80120

Colorado Springs Training Date and Location To Be Announced



**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
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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.