



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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### Good Morning Optimists Greeting Us Today

**Fred Pasternack**, retired from the pawn shop, and **Ron Cisco**, retired from the US Postal Service, showed their charm and grace in welcoming us with glad countenance and warm hands. Good job, Fred and Ron!

### Invocation and Pledge

**President Ed Collins** himself read the prayer, addressing the God of Joy. The invocation was to help us with a “cheerful countenance” AT ALL TIMES, as stated in the Optimist Creed, and as displayed by our greeters today. We proceeded with our customary, but not perfunctory, pledge to the flag of the United States of America. *Long may she wave in freedom!*

### Guests

**Russ Paul** brought Bob Paterson again, hoping to sign him up. We would welcome you, Bob! **President Ed** also had a second-timer, Bruce Siegrist, who was reminded that the free breakfast has ended. We would welcome you as well, Bruce, as a member. Jim Best was the guest of new member **John Swick**. Additionally, Andrew Fieliz came from Portland, OR to check us out. Thanks for coming, guests; and thanks to these members for inviting friends and acquaintances to

our fabulous meetings. We also should recognize the return of member **Mike Prete**, who we haven't seen for a while. Mike, please keep attending; we remember your very active time with us. Also, we need to get your mug shot for the directory.

### Where is “President to Be” Randy Marcove?

While many thought that **Randy Marcove**, our soon to be Prez, was off preparing for the *MS 150 Bike Ride*, one of GUM's roving reporters spotted him in the high country. He was on some jeep trail slipping through just *By The Hairs On His Chinny-Chin-Chin!*

He was quoted as saying, *Little tolerance for error, I was able to squeeze through without any carnage. Please notice the pitch of the road behind me! I shot this through my window to see how my clearance was—no intention of being in the picture. I'm not smiling, I'm praying! Next time: I'm Rock-Crawling!*

*Looking forward to seeing you all,  
Randy*



Photos Randy Marcove

Colorado/Wyoming District Convention  
Breckenridge, Colorado  
August 26-28, 2011

For Convention Registration, [CLICK HERE](#)  
For Convention Agenda, [CLICK HERE](#)

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

**Monaco South Members Support Optimist Junior Golf:** Joe Marci reported that this year many members stepped up to support the Colorado/Wyoming District Jr. Golf program. Pictures were presented to the following by **Ron Cisco**, District Tri-Chairman, to **Bob Avery, John Marinos, Cy Regan, John Stoffel, Phil Perington, Rich Wagner, Fred Pasternack, Randy Marcove, Doug Morton, Don Thomson, Ed Collins, Paul Bernard**, who represented both MSOC and the DTCCOC, and **Joe Marci**.



Photo Don StJohn

Absent from the picture, but a hole sponsor was **Jim Piccinelli**.

Joe thanked all who participated in this year's program and shared he knows the 22 Junior Golfers will represent the District very well at the Optimist International Golf Championships in Florida next month.

**Rockies Tickets:** Joe Marci also announced he has Rockies tickets for sale as a fund raiser; we are sending some twenty young golfers to Florida for the OIJGC (Optimist International Junior Golf Championships) to be held in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida July 21-26<sup>th</sup> for Boys 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 & Girls 10-12, 13-14, and July 26-31<sup>st</sup> for Boys 16-18 & Girls 15-18. More can be learned about this tournament by [CLICKING HERE](#).

**MS150 Bike Run:** Michael Chavez gave the final announcement prior to the bike run venting on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Riders this year include **Jack Rife, Eldon Strong, Bob Avery and Randy Marcove**. Bob Avery explained the colorful shirts on the bar as his personal collection from 20+ years of riding for the cure of MS. Bob also added **Allen Pierce** to the names of riders this year.

**New Boy Scout Troop:** Frank Middleton reported on the possibility of our club sponsoring a new troop in the area. He introduced Ryan Thompson representing the Boy Scouts of America, who will facilitate a meeting of interested members following our Monaco South meeting today.

**Support our Denver Police:** Steve Kady gave an impassioned invitation to an event to support our men in blue. Be at South High School, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM to show your support. The Chief, **Jerry Whitman**, a member of Monaco South; and given the degree of



criticism toward Jerry and the department, we need to show that there are those who believe in them and appreciate what they do for our city.

## This Week's Drawings

The big winner of the pot, \$80, was **Frank Ross** who drew the correct card, the 9 of Clubs. Congratulations to Frank!

Other cup winners were:

- **Karl Geil**
- **Doug Morton**
- **Ron Carlson**
- **Gary Strowbridge** and Walker Stapleton, our speaker for today.



Photo Don StJohn

## Photos from Colorado/Wyoming Junior Golf

Photo Tom Hoch

Colo/Wyo District Governor **Ron Benson** with some of the Junior Golf winners.



Pictured are **Ron Cisco** and **Joe Marci**, on the right, pictured with **Ron Benson** and some other District Junior Golf volunteers.



## Speaker Walker Stapleton, Colorado Treasurer

**Frank Middleton** introduced Colorado State Treasurer, Walker Stapleton, who was sworn in as Colorado's 43<sup>rd</sup> State Treasurer on January 11, 2011, and has an impressive pedigree of education: a degree from Williams College in Massachusetts, a graduate of the London School of Economics, a Harvard MBA, to name a few. Prior to moving into the State Treasurer position Walker served as CEO and CFO of various private and publicly traded companies. His extensive private sector background in finance has uniquely prepared him for the job of State Treasurer.

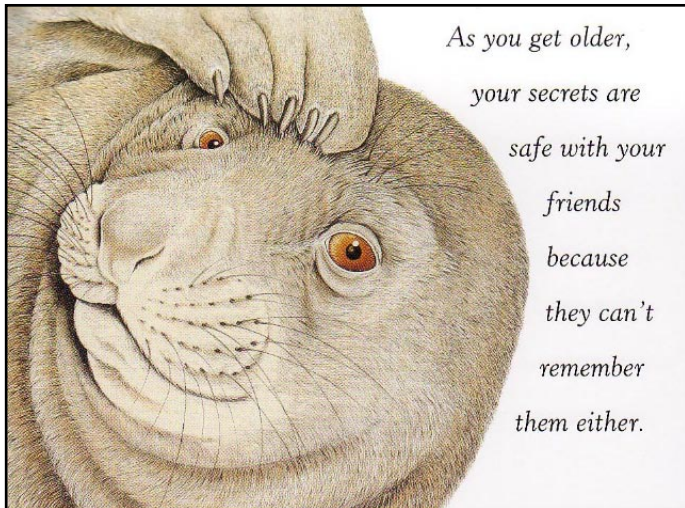


Photo Don StJohn

Mr. Stapleton admitted he worked hard on an optimistic speech for an Optimist Club, but it didn't happen. He told a story of his first days in office, hanging pictures on the walls. And then his assistant said that he was not to do this; he had to call maintenance for that job. When maintenance came, he asked, "When will my pictures be hung?" The answer: "Oh, in about 10 or 12 days." Welcome to reality in the public sector.

He spoke of an \$18 billion budget, but his job is to manage a pool of \$7.5 billion to invest for safety and liquidity. He is also on the Board of Corrections and the Pension System. He described the pension system as unsustainable and not affordable. Mr. Stapleton spoke mostly from a position in the private sector, a refreshing concept.

Walker envisions a more fiscally responsible and effective state government. His priorities as Colorado's Treasurer are to safely and prudently invest Colorado's tax dollars, reform Colorado's PERA, and bring a higher level of accountability and transparency to government. More can be learned about Mr. Stapleton and Colorado's Department of Treasury by going to <http://www.colorado.gov/treasury/>.



<b>Weekly Greeters</b>	
Date	Greeters
<b>7/1/11</b>	Frank Ross & Mark Metevia
<b>7/8/11</b>	John Oss & Michael Chavez
<b>7/15/11</b>	Bob Hugo & Tom Wos
<b>7/22/11</b>	Greg Young & Tom Charters
<b>7/29/11</b>	Terry Shroyer & Jon Wachter
<b>8/5/11</b>	Phil Perington & James Riley

### Monaco South Calendar

- July 1    Fri    7:00 am    Meeting, Legion Hall - Joanne Kelley, What Colorado Foundations Do for Nonprofits
- July 3-5   Sun-Tues    93<sup>rd</sup> Optimist International Convention, Baltimore, MD
- July 8    Fri    7:00 am    Meeting, Legion Hall - Phil Hahn, Building the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge
- July 15   Fri    7:00 am    Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- July 20   Wed   6:30 pm    Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- July 22   Fri    7:00 am    Meeting, Legion Hall - Andrea Mauro, Legacy Videos, A Gift for Your Family
- July 24   Sat    6:30 am    Brent's Place Fund Raiser - Pancake Breakfast at Washington Park
- July 29   Fri    7:00 am    Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA

## Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

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

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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.