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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

Optimists Bring Out the  
Best in Children



## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

Founded in 1976 Denver, Colorado

[www.monacosouth.org](http://www.monacosouth.org)

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# Happy 4th of July!

A small but enthusiastic group of members were greeted this morning by **Dick Cohen!**

This fine Independence Day made us realize it is a wonderful day to be in Colorado!

President **Greg Young's** invocation used this occasion to trumpet the cause of patriotism. Not just today, but every day. He then led the club in the pledge of allegiance.

No guests were announced to this morning's meeting!

President **Greg** told us on this day, tipping his cap to all the Star Wars fans, "May the fourth be with you."

The club received several thank you notes—from the Dumb Friends League; from Katie Fitzgerald, who was the valedictorian from Thomas Jefferson High School thanking the club for the scholarship she was awarded; and from the Colorado Neurological Institute for our support for the Cochlear Kids Camp in Estes Park.

It was reported that **Craig Eley** took over 325 pictures during the lunch stop for the Bike MS. See related story and pictures on page 2.

**Karl Geil** reports the **Jimmie Brown** is over the

pneumonia and resting comfortably at home. Get better soon Jimmie!

**Cy Regan** announces the upcoming March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, parking fun to follow. See (<http://www.muddvolleyball.com/>).

**Joe Marci** tells us all 18 spots for the Optimist Jr. Golf tournament in Florida have been filled. Some great talent is being sent down from the Co/ Wyoming region and we wish them good luck.

Member **David Lazeroff** gave an outstanding reading of the Declaration of Independence. A document that clearly has stood the test of time continues to amaze us.

**Cy Regan** won this weeks drawing for the free breakfast from Grocery Card sales. Cy was happy to report sales of over \$1,000, a good total for this week.

**Ron Cisco** and **Joe Marci** reported that 18 boys and girls are registered to compete at the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship at the end of July. This is a big undertaking made possible by the many volunteers from Monaco South. Many give of their time and money. We had 17 of our members as hole sponsors. We want to thank these individuals for their generous contributions: **Doug Morton, Allen Yockey, Jimmie Brown, Rich Wagner, Fred Pasternack, Jack Rife, Carl Brown, Cy Regan, Joe Marci, Jack Kitchell, Nick Newey, Jim Piccinelli, Phil Perington, John Marinos, Jim Leuschner, John Stoffel** and **Bob Avery**.

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

## MS Bike Ride Recap,

by your editor

Day one. Under a cloudy sky, 3,100 riders headed out June 28<sup>th</sup> for the annual bike ride for Multiple Sclerosis, formerly the MS-150. We started early and reached the Front Range Community College (FRCC) by 5:00 am, our VIP parking pass allowed us to park close to the food and starting line. Missed the 5:15 am breakfast with **Jake Rife** and **Howard Fry**, but saw them at the first rest stop and everyone seems in high spirits. The first part of the course saw some rolling hills and a chance for the heart and legs to get warmed up. Thank goodness for the clouds. At rest stop #2 your editor met **Allen Pierce** who was riding with the Motley Spokes riding team and a recent new member to MSOC. The course wound through Niwot and into the countryside of farms and ranches. The smell of the air was fresh and it felt crisp as we cruised into Hygiene, a lovely little town for our next rest stop. Thirty some miles into the ride and the feeling was good!

After the lunch stop near Longmont, we saw the crowds begin to build and as the lines for services continued to grow, the scope of the event becomes a bit clearer. This is a major event for the MS Society and the goal to raise \$3 million, which indicates the work that goes into fund-raising of this size. The clouds begin to leave and a warm sun greets us for the afternoon's ride. We past beautiful Carter Lake and pristine pasture as we continued on. The legs are feeling a bit weary as we make our way into the south entrance of Horsetooth Reservoir, again we marvel at this state's beauty. Coming out we get to coast into Fort Collins and bike the last remaining miles in a cruising gear. There, the finish of the first

day, and volunteers and family members greet the riders as they finish the first day's effort. What a great day!

Day two greets us with cool and clear weather and breakfast, supplied by the food service department of CSU. It included eggs, sausage, yogurt, fruit, juice, and coffee to fill the tank before we headed out. The route very nearly retraces the steps we took yesterday with one exception being the lunch stop manned by the **Monaco South** and **Tamarac Optimists**. We enjoyed great food, picture taking from our own **Craig Eley**, an excellent live band, and support from the members. The rest stop included medical supplies as well as water and refueling for the ride ahead. What a great rest stop! MSOC along with the Tamarac ladies have a wonderful reputation for putting on a well staffed, fun, and important resting point for the second day of the ride. Its place on this fundraising bike ride is important not only for the comfort it supplies, but also for the energy and positive affirmation it provides to all the riders. Well done!

We then travel on towards Boulder, weaving our way in and about rural, commercial, and residential areas. It was an interesting mix and helped take my mind off the sore parts of the body that were constantly cropping up. After 78 miles on day two the site of the FRCC campus was a welcome one, with more food and plenty of stories to relive. The 2008 version was a great one and the Monaco South and Tamarac Optimist Clubs should be proud of the role they played in making it a success. Thanks to one and all!

**See all the MS Riders pictures at:**

[www.monacosouth.org](http://www.monacosouth.org) <<http://www.monacosouth.org>>

Thanks to Mike Snipes & Paul Bernard!



Photographer Craig Eley  
taken by Don StJohn.



Monaco South & Tamarac Optimist's waiting  
for the riders, Photo by Craig Eley.



## Zone Picnic at Eisenhower Park

Remember to reserve August 9th for our Zone picnic at Eisenhower Park. Lots of fun, food and fellowship and an opportunity to meet with fellow optimists from other clubs! Please sign up soon and bring your money to a meeting in July.

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FRIENDS OF YOUTH

**FUN AND GAMES!!**

## OPTIMIST PICNIC

- WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 11:00-2:00
- WHERE: EISENHOWER PARK PAVILION SOUTH COLORADO BLVD. AT DARTMOUTH
- WHO: YOU! ALL ZONE 9 OPTIMISTS, SPOUSES, KIDS AND GRANDKIDS, AND RELATIVES
- COST: CATERED BARBEQUE FROM DICKEY'S: \$10.00 ADULTS, \$5.00 FOR KIDS OVER FIVE



BE A HERO, ATTEND THE PICNIC



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## Monaco South Calendar

Jul 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - <i>Urban Farming for Kids</i>
Jul 15	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
July 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
July 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Fred Clifford: <i>Weathering stormy financial times</i>
Aug 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Lisa Betchey, Donor Relations Manager, Mile High United Way
Aug 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Noel Cunningham: <i>Ethiopian Kids</i>
Aug 9	Sat	11:00 am	Zone Picnic - Eisenhower Park
Aug 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
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 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Judith Stucky, <i>Cochlear Kids Camp</i>

## Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
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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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