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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

Optimists Bring Out the  
Best in Children



## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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### Great to be an MSOOP Optimist

Gary Strowbridge, leader of the Clan, confirmed that the following reported for Pooper-Scooper duty for the St Patrick's Day Parade: **O.C. Larson, Don St John, Cy Regan, Bryce Slaby, Donlie Smith, Pater Zafian, Ed Collins, Allen Pierce, Curt Jefferies, Allen Yockey, AND SPECIAL THANKS** go to **John Young** (who supplied the truck), **Craig Eley** (did two rounds) **Russ Paul** (for doing the barrel clean-out with Gary), and **Fred Pasternack** (gave out wooden nickels).



At right Fred Pasternack, Allan Pearson and Peter Zafian inspecting and trying to figure out how to use the hi-tech scooping equipment.



The Pooper Scoopers: Standing (l-r): Cy Regan, Bryce Slaby, Allen Pierce, Peter Zafian, Fred Pasternack, O.C. Larson, Don St. John. Kneeling (l-r): Ed Collins, Russ Paul, Craig Eley.



Fred Pasternack being tolerated by 2 beauty queens.

Photos by Craig Eley

### Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado

Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

## Good Morning Optimist!

**Dick Zolman** greeted me this morning as I walked into a great Optimist meeting. Lots of energy, again!

**Jim Brown** led us in prayers. We all prayed for Carol Smith, wife of **Donlie Smith** and **Ron Gustas'** brother in law, who passed away this week. We will all support you, in your time of need, guys. Please call on us when you need a shoulder.

## Guests

Our club was graced this morning by members of Tamarac Optimist Club. Our guests included Tamarac Optimist Club President Abigail Nicholas, Dottie Jefferies, Annette Cohen, Charlene St. John, Sally Evans, Carol McAvoy and her husband Earl, Claire Young, Kathy Rife, Joyce Laman and Cindy Eley.

**Lese Larson** brought one of his childhood buddies from Canada named Garth Wilson. WELCOME ALL!


## Lindsay Shields goes to Washington!

Patricia Shields wrote to us saying, "when our daughter Lindsay was a middle school student at Hamilton Middle School MSOC honored her by giving her the Outstanding Citizenship Award. She still has her framed certificate hanging in her room. Lindsay is a Senior at East High School and has worked to keep her award winning status. She is a Constitutional Scholar at East this year and they have won the State Championship and will be traveling to Washington DC, competing to bring the National Championship to Colorado." MSOC is donating \$500 to East High for the 27 students and 4 chaperones to travel to Washington DC. We are invited to the send off at Governor's Mansion on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**David Lazaroff**, our newest member was in attendance this morning. Picture taken by **Paul Simon** using his cell phone—and you thought he only used it for calls.



## Announcements

**Jack Rife** said we need about 12  volunteers to work the sign-up desk for the 9Health Fair which is April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00am-12:00pm, Schlessman YMCA, 2625 S. Colorado Blvd.

Lowery Optimist's Wine Taste: **Carl Geil** told us there will be 8 wines, lots of food and fun at the new Citron Bistro (Yosemite & Hampden) on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00pm.

**Frank Middleton** said at next week's Camaraderie Day, we will have assigned seating in order to meet those whom we may not know (or like) in order to rectify both situations. Be warned!

**Tom Mauro** informed us that the MSOC Directory will be updated so make sure your information is correct and inform Tom if it is not.

Tri Star Basketball: **Jack Rife** announced that **Mike Snipes** posted some pictures of the Tri-Star Event. Go to: <http://www.metroeditions.com/tristar/tristarindex.html>. THEY ARE FABULOUS! *Thank you very much for taking the time to do this! I am sure some of the parents will be very happy to see them there!*



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March is national recruitment month, anyone who needs a **JUST ASK** button can get one from **Greg Young**. When visiting your local supermarket, church, school, work, or social gatherings, see how many people you can get to ask you about your **JUST ASK** button!

See the link below for a bit of Optimist Club Membership Magic:

[http://www.optimist.org/Publications/Just\\_Ask\\_membership\\_magic.pdf](http://www.optimist.org/Publications/Just_Ask_membership_magic.pdf)



## Announcements continued

History Day: **Randy Marcove** told us that we are invited to be judges for the state finals of National History Day on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at University of Colorado, Denver Aurora Campus. Judges and volunteers will receive a Jefferson Peace Medallion for their participation. Information can be found at [www.coloradohistoryday.org](http://www.coloradohistoryday.org). (Editors note: Randy is a new member. He is heading up a project and brought in new member, David Lazaroff. What an MSOC member!)

"We need you on the board of MSOC," barked **Oscar Sorensen!** If you're not at the meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>, you may be elected to the board. Be there and vote!

The Essay Contest Winners will be in attendance on April 11<sup>th</sup> to read their winning essays, reported **Joe Marci**.

**Joe Marci and Ron Cisco** are looking for *hole sponsors* (cost \$50) for Junior Golf.

Furry Scurry, May 3<sup>rd</sup> **Don St. John** reminded us!

**President Greg Young** honored **Mike Miller** who does tons of work co-chairing the Christmas Tree Lot. He was recognized for all his efforts.

## Speaker Today, Patrick Henry

Our own **Craig Eley**, "dressed as Patrick Henry," gave a great talk about that eloquent legislator, Patrick Henry. Craig did a magnificent job telling his story. Patrick Henry was the most famous man in America in 1736. Born as one of 11 kids and dropping out of school at age 10, he learned how to become a lawyer by working in a bar across the street from the Virginia state legislature. He became the youngest member in Virginia's Legislature in 1765. Patrick's "Act of Defiance" speech is said to be responsible for the Revolutionary War.

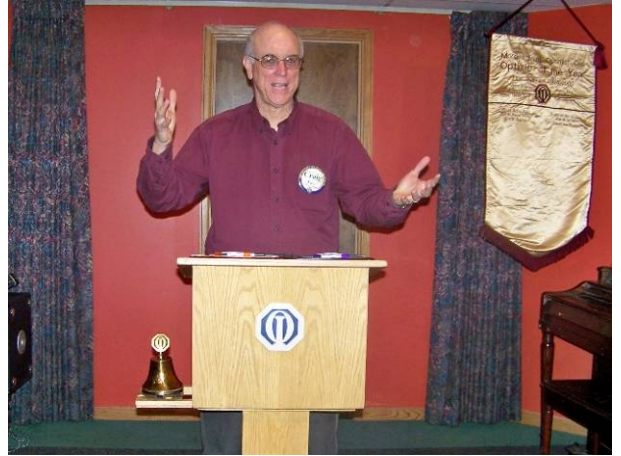


Photo by Don St. John

## Monaco South Calendar

Mar 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Apr 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - <i>Sara Winter: Nye Colorado Trails Association</i>
Apr 11	Fri	7:00 am	Essay Contest Winners - Joe Marci
Apr 11	Fri		Zone 9 Oratorical Contest - Windsor Gardens Centerpoint
Apr 13	Sun		Tri-Star Basketball District Finals
Apr 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Bob Fein: <i>Sports Marketing</i>
Apr 20	Sun		9Health Fair, Schlessman YMCA
Apr 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Kristen Bertuglia: <i>Pharmaceutical and Water</i>
May 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Dr. Richard Flanagan: <i>Longevity</i>
May 2-4			3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter District Conference, Pueblo, CO
May 3	Sat		Dumb Friends League Furry Scurry, Washington Park
May 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Cary Kennedy: State Treasurer
May 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
May 21	Wed	4:00pm	Montbello Boys and Girls Club, Darrent Williams Teen Center Dedication

## 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
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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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