



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimists!

You know what I like about Monaco South Optimist Club? Lots of things, but one of the good things is our "GREETERS" How many organizations have greeters meet you when you walk in? Not many. We do a lot of things right. I remember **Prez. Phil Perington** saying MSOC was one of the best Optimist Clubs in the nation! Right On! Anyway, the GREETERS were **Michael Chavez, Neil Atkinson,** and **Nick Newey.** Thanks Guys!

### Invocation & Pledge

**Bob Avery** thanked MSOC troops for donating to his soon-to-be Eagle Scout son, James, for donating to his fence project. Bob recited a wonderful prayer then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance of America.

### President Phil Presides

Who was that "fair weather Rockies fan" wearing a Colorado Rockies jersey this morning? Don't forget to wear that jersey when the Rockies are on a losing streak also!!! AND be wary of guys wearing Dodgers jerseys! They are among us!

I was writing as fast as I can and here is what I garnered from our President, on the hap'nens in history:

- 1651 – Anthony Johnson was the first man to join the Boys Club.
- 1758 – George Washington started his political career by getting the painting contract to paint the White House.

- 1847 – Brigham Young was selected the quarterback of the 1847 football team.
- 1925 – John Scoops trial is held in Wichita, Kansas. John claimed he invented the telescope but it really was a "knock-off" from a Chinese tube he won at Disneyland.
- 1965 – Colorado's Lake Dillon is named after Bob Dillon and Casey Stengel writes the poem "Casey at the Bat"

**President Phil** reported on the Board Meeting this past week:

The Treasury, so ably administered by Ron Gustas, is within \$4,000 of our budget. For lots of clubs, that is a big deal. For MSOC, it's very manageable.

The Board authorized \$300 to be spent on a new "Perfect Attendance" project with the schools we support in honor of our own **Jimmie Brown.**

Our membership is at 132 members. Just the right number needed for MSOC to heist our President Phil up on the pedestal and get all the accolades for an outstanding year as our Leader.

One of the reasons we are at the 132 member number is because **Bill Wells** and his team. They worked real hard to get our membership numbers where they needed to be. Now, Bill will do the same for Colorado-Wyoming District as he is now the District Membership Chairman for the upcoming year. Carry on Bill and great job!

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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

## President Phil Presides Continued

You should all be aware that the 2010 International Convention will be in Denver next year, July 7-10, 2010. MSOC will be in the limelight for that convention, I'm sure. So get ready!

AN IDEA IN THE WORKS The new JOOI Clubs (Junior Optimist Octagon International) will be formed, have virtual meetings, etc., through the internet in the future. Great idea!

### Guests

Brian Williams (the real Brian Williams, not that TV guy) was a guest of **Kent Gloor**. Brian is a Financial Planner for Chase Bank. Come back again Brian.

### ANNOUNCMENTS

THE DISTRICT CONVENTION is coming up on August 28-30 in Colorado Springs. On the first night, Friday, a ride up Pikes Peak on the Cog Railway is scheduled. Dinner will be served all for the price of \$30 each. Kids get a half price fare. If you haven't been to a District Convention, going to one in Colorado Springs will be lot's of fun and educational.



BRENT'S PLACE **Paul Bernard** said we will be flipping 2000 pancakes at Washington Park on July 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 am. Needed are 15 good men and one more griddle. The pancakes are "the carrots" for the walkers/runners fund-raiser for BRENT'S PLACE. Brent's Place operates two houses for children with cancer and their families.

SECOND HONEYMOON WEEKEND **Al Gapuzan** announced that the Second Honeymoon Weekend is fast approaching. September 11<sup>th</sup> at Winter Park will be here before you know it.

MUDD VOLLEYBALL MSOCers will be parking cars, starting at 6:00 am on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> for the March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball tournament said **Cy Regan**. Location is at Majestic Commercenter, on the corner of 32<sup>nd</sup> Parkway and Tower Road. Directions can be found at: <http://www.muddvolleyball.com/news.php>. Cy is car-pooling from the American Legion at 5:30am. You really need to go to the web site: <http://www.muddvolleyball.com/> to find out that \$1,000 sponsors a "filthy team" and you get access to the VIP Tent. The web site also asks you to carpool because traffic is *very chaotic*. (What??) The real reason to show up is that Cy is buying breakfast later. Cy guarantees everyone to get a bit dusty.

Ronald McDonald House **Steve Kady** said you can get breakfast and lunch if you show up at the Ronald McDonald House at 21<sup>st</sup> and Downing on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00am. The job is to go

through all the supplies and equipment in the basement. NO HEAVY LIFTING for us because young kids are also helping. We are there to sit, think, point, use our maturity, etc., to direct the heavy lifters. Call Steve at 303-931-1470 if you have questions.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING **Kale** (as in lettuce) **Smith** is heading up the Back-to-School Shopping at Sears on August 8<sup>th</sup>. On that Saturday, starting at 7:00 am, we will help young students shop for school supplies. This should be fun and it only lasts several hours.

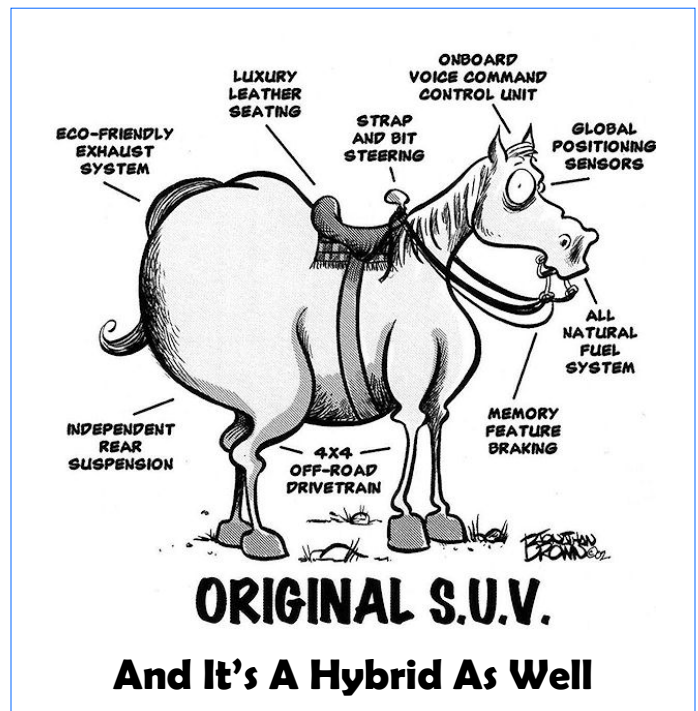
PALISADE PEACHES Bob Finkelmeier said the western slope peaches will be available mid August. For \$20 per lug, you can get these "world-famous" peaches. MS and Tamarac OC's gets \$3 from the \$20 depending on the number from each club. I wash them, put them in baggies and put them in the freezer to enjoy year round. Let Bob know if you are interested by calling 303-756-5829 or email [rfinkelmeier@comcast.net](mailto:rfinkelmeier@comcast.net).



### Final Bell

With the pot reaching \$70 and no one selecting the right card today the pot keeps growing.

**Cy Regan** reported that we collected \$1,275 in Safeway and King Sooper card sales this week.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
MSOC YEAR END BANQUET: SEPT. 26<sup>TH</sup>

## Speaker for Today

**Craig Eley** speaking on Beekeeping

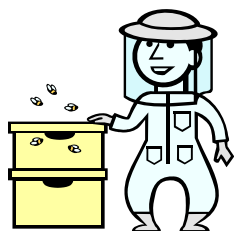
You know what else I like about Monaco South Optimist Club? **Craig Eley**. Is he funny! Craig gave us a talk on raising bees. He could go on the road and make money with all his talent. I liked the story about his daughter wanting to make a family project out of raising bees because they are becoming extinct. After lots of planning, ordering the 10,000 bees (plus the QUEEN) for \$70 from California, going to Loveland to pick them up, ordering the bee-boxes for \$600 and getting all excited, his daughter announces that she is going to Honduras to do volunteer work. Craig is now looking for a partner to make over \$1,000 per month harvesting the honey.



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All the equipment to be a bee keeper was presented. Craig dressed up in the official bee-keeper uniform, (sorry we didn't get a true picture, but it sorta looked like this.) gave a great, funny show. Some of the "buzz" words were *pollen*, *nectar*, *larva*, *grubs*, *pupa* and *royal jelly*. Do you know why bee keepers wear white? So the bees don't think you are a bear! Great show Craig. Thanks a lot!



For everything you want to know about honey bees, check out: [http://www.everythingabout.net/articles/biology/animals/arthropods/insects/bees/honey\\_bee/](http://www.everythingabout.net/articles/biology/animals/arthropods/insects/bees/honey_bee/)

## Good Ole Sayings...

Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, "Lillian, you should have remained a virgin."  
⇒ Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalog: - "No good in a bed, but fine against a wall."  
⇒ Eleanor Roosevelt

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement.  
⇒ Mark Twain

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.  
⇒ George Burns

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.  
⇒ Victor Borge

Be careful about reading health books... You may die of a misprint.  
⇒ Mark Twain

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.  
⇒ Socrates

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.  
⇒ Groucho Marx

## Monaco South Calendar

Jul 31	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Mike Hanbery: <b>Twitter and Facebook</b>
Aug 1	Sat	6:00 am	<b>Mud Volleyball</b> —parking crew and breakfast after
Aug 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Robert Case, <b>Story Teller and Writer</b>
Aug 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - <b>Camaraderie Day</b>
Aug 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - <b>East High School Constitutional Scholars</b>
Aug 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBD
Aug 28-30			<b>Colorado/Wyoming District Convention</b> , Colorado Springs
Sep 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Harry Fegley, The Other Side of Africa
Sep 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - John Angone, President & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver
Sep 11-13	Weekend		<b>Honeymoon/Getaway Weekend</b> - Colorado Arlberg Club-Winter Park
Sep 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - <b>Camaraderie Day</b>
Sep 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBD
Sep 26	Sat	6:00 pm	<b>Monaco South Year End Banquet</b> - BLOSSOMS Restaurant

## 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
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Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Tom Overton	1996-97
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
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Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
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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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