



# 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 39 Years  
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### Good Morning Optimist Greeting

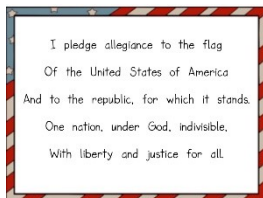
**Pat Bush** did yeoman's work, shaking hands with both fists as our solo greeter today, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

Did you know: August is the eighth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar and its predecessor, the Julian calendar. The month of August was originally named "*Sextilis*" in Latin since it was the sixth month in the ancient Roman calendar. The name of the month was changed to August in honor of *Augustus Caesar* in 8 BCE.

- Latin - *Augustus mensis* - Month of Augustus
- Latin - *sextilis mensis* - Sixth month

### Frist Bell

**Jon Wachter**, past president, covering for the newly returned **John Oss**, began the meeting by asking **Prez Oss** to deliver the invocation. Prez Oss reminded us to avoid the petty jealousies that creeps into our lives. He then led us in the recitation of the *Pledge of Allegiance* to our flag.



### Guests

**Ron Cisco** introduced **Scott Pasternack** and his



Fred's son, Scott Pasternack and grandson, Gavin.  
Photo Don StJohn

son **Gavin**, son and grandson of our friend and member **Fred Pasternack**. Wonderful to have them both!

**Pat Bush** introduced **John Swick's** guest **Scott** (Sorry, I missed his last name.) who joined us, even though John did not! Scott works for the

Rockies and met John through the handout program. He is new to Denver, coming from Kansas and interested in getting to know new people.

**Bob Avery** introduced **Joe Mahoney**, who met **Cy Regan** at Church of the Risen Christ. He works for Kaiser Permanente and is interested in learning more about our Optimist Club.

### August Birthdays

The birth flower of the month of August is the Poppy, a fact certainly know by **Barry Barker**, **Bud Black**, **JR Gieck**, **Marc Goodbody**, **Bob Hugo**, **Les Larson**, **Mike Miller**, **Fred Pasternack**, **Al Perington**, **Dean Sotiriou**, and **Greg Young**. These August birthday boys received their present with a stirring rendition of "Happy Birthday," performed as only MSOC choir, members, can do it.



August's birth flower is Poppy.

### Announcements

**Last Call for Peaches:** Bob Finkelmeier let members know, that the last shipment of Palisade peaches are expected to arrive this coming Thursday. If interested in getting a box give Bob a call at 303-756-5829 or email him at [finkelmeier@comcast.net](mailto:finkelmeier@comcast.net) by Tuesday of next week.



**Operation School Supplies:** **Oscar Sorensen** let us know that Operation School Supplies is underway.



The representative of our Super Citizen schools can pick up a check from treasure **Greg Young** to deliver to their school to help kids who are without basic school supplies.

**Table Setups:** **John Oss** is looking for 5 or 6 good workers to help him set up 20 tables, plus chairs for the annual *Frontier Airlines Picnic*, Saturday, August 22 at the *Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum*. It is a fund raising and recruiting opportunity. You also get to see the museum and get a free BBQ lunch. Setup at starts at 8:30 a.m. and tear down at 3:30 p.m. Let John know if you can help ASAP—call 303-973-7934 or his cell phone at 720-210-8056.

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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**  
**\*\*\*\*INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN\*\*\*\***

## Announcements Continued

### March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball Tournament:

**Pat Bush** delivered thanks to those who helped parking cars at the mud volleyball tournament. While they were light on manpower, they were high with their efficiency rate as they managed to do the work load normally requiring about a dozen volunteers. They even managed to get the lines of cars facing the right direction and fairly straight with a minimum about of dust eaten. The seven members were **Russ Paul** controlling the entrance; new member **Don Roth** and **Gary Miller** handling traffic circulation; **Pat Bush** and **Curt Boell** parking cars in upper lot; while **Barry Barker** and **Gary Strowbridge** parked cars in the lower lot. We finished on time with no mishaps and all done with no defined leadership—it was amazing!

**MS-150 Bike Ride:** **Bob Avery**, well rested now that he is back from an Italian cruise, let us know that the MS-150 raised \$3.4 million from this year's ride. He has a handful of members who pledged but have not submitted their checks yet, so please follow up with him if you are one.

**Remembrance & Dime-A-Day:** **Greg Young** suggested that you could honor **Fred Pasternack** or **Pat Sullivan** by writing a check for Ol's Dime-A-Day program. Thanks to **Jim Easton** for doing so today. Fred will get a patch on our banner also. Greg has pins if you have not received yours for your contribution in the past.

**King Soopers and Safeway Cards:** King Soopers and Safeway gift cards sales have dropped off - do not forget to get them from Cy. They can be reloaded up to \$500, and used at not only the stores but also their gas stations. The club gets 5% back, so it is an easy way to help the club and therefore help kids!

**Remembrance of Fred Pasternack:** **Karl Geil** announced that **Karen Pasternak** wanted to remind us of the remembrance of Fred that she is hosting on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at their house, 3300 S Leyden, starting at 3 p.m. That is Fred's birthday, and will be a chance to visit and share memories with friends and family.

**Club Building:** **Michael Chavez** is working on forming a club in the Stapleton area. There will be an informational meeting help on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Smart Space, 2373 Central Park Blvd., Suite 100, Denver, CO 80238. Speak with Michael for further details and now you might help.

**Celebrate Les Larson's 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday:** Join Les and his wife, Ruth, in celebrating Les' birthday on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 8101 E. Dartmouth Avenue #70, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. See the invitation attached to GUMS distribution email.

**Alzheimer's Walk:** **Cap Hermann** reminded us that the Alzheimer's Walk is coming up on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. This is about the fourth year that Monaco South has supplied volunteers for the walk. Contact Cap at 303-693-7769 or 303-387-5575.

**Update from Rod Winget:** *My wife (Carol) and I*

*have spent the last 4 months in Latin America (Costa Rica, Panama, and Ecuador). Yesterday we engaged an attorney to apply for residency in Ecuador. This is one gorgeous and fascinating country. Today we take a shuttle from Cuenca (the center of culture in Ecuador and also where most of gringos hang out) to Vilcabamba in the valley of longevity. We spent the last half of July in a spiritual retreat near Cuenca. Please give my best to the club.*

**Update from Ralph Pedersen:** *Sorry I have not been able to attend meetings recently. I had a bad fall which gave me a large wound on my back. Now 7 a.m. comes around too early in the morning for me. I am thankful for cards, visits, cookies, etc. from my good friends in MSOC. I will be there as soon as I can. All the best, Ralph Pedersen.*



Ralph Pedersen  
Photo Craig Eley

### Memorial W. Patrick Sullivan

July 22, 1933 - July 31, 2015

**Pat Sullivan**, who joined our club in 1986, and sponsored by **Bill Anderson**, passed away on Friday, July 31, 2015 at the age of 82. Born in 1933 to Gerald and Mildred Sullivan in Denver. Pat is survived by his loving wife **Mary Jean** and son **Michael Sullivan**. A celebration of Life Reception was held at Horan & McConaty on Saturday. Several MSOC members attended this remembrance and viewed numerous pictures of Pat's life and career. Several of these pictures are shown below.



Note the picture bottom left of Mary Jean, Pat, and Bill Anderson skiing.



A picture from 1995 participating as an extra in Opera Colorado's performance of Aida. See if you can identify Pat, Bill, and former member, Bill Litchfield.



In lieu of flowers memorial donations are suggested to Camp Chief Ouray YMCA of the Rockies, Capital Building Campaign, 2515 Tunnel Road, Estes Park, Colorado 80511, Attn: Jinetta Zentmire.

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## OI Junior Golf CO-WY District Participants

Our VIP guests today were three Junior Golfers, recently returned from Florida. **Bob Meier** from the Jr.



Bob Meyer  
Photos Don StJohn

Golf Program gave us some facts about the Optimist Tournament, held at the PGA National in Palm Beach, where the pros play the Honda Classic.



Drew Anderson shared a slide show he and his mom Jennifer put together. He will be a sophomore in high school this year, and finished 21<sup>st</sup> out of 130 in his first year at the tournament, shooting 74, 78, and 75. He played with a kid from Bermuda and another from Venezuela, so golf is helping him learn geography! Jennifer shared that the OI Junior

Over 140 kids played in the qualifiers, 30 kids became eligible, and 28 Colorado kids went to Florida. **Barry Barker** was a volunteer at the event, and Bob was there for the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row. **Joe Marci** and **Ron Cisco** have been upwards of 20 times each and have been involved for more than 30 years. The Jr. Golf program raised over \$20,000 to help get the kids to Florida.

We heard from Marie (age 13) and Caroline Jordaan (14), sisters who shared their experience and their thanks. They made friends from all around the globe. This was Caroline's third year playing and her best showing yet. She shot 78, 76, and 78. Marie has played in over 100 tournaments in 13 states, and reports that the Optimist tournament is her favorite, especially since the volunteers make the event special. She shot 79, 84, and 82. Both girls attend Colorado Academy.

Golf Event was the best-run event she and her kids have experienced across many sports and shared her thanks for all of the many volunteers who worked the event.

Morgan Sahn will be a senior at Grandview High School this year. She plans to attend UNC on a golf scholarship. This was her second year at the tourney, and this year she missed the cut by one stroke but enjoyed meeting people from other states. She shot 82, 78, and 74, for 234, which by coincidence equals Ron Cisco's best score ever (for two rounds).



Drew Anderson

### Do We Have A Drawing?

The 7 of Clubs was being sought, with the prize of \$20 awaiting in the pot. Cups went to:



**Steve Kady, Eldon Strong, Craig Eley, John Stoffel, John Greene, and Karl Geil.**

**Tom Glazier** went for the big payoff, to no avail. Then **Ron Gustas** allowed Jr. Golfer



Marie Jordaan to draw in his place, and she won the \$20! Ron was kind enough to let her pocket the big money (golf balls are expensive, you know). With no money remaining, there was no need to do the nametag drawing. *Editor, besides, my name is not even in that bucket.*



#### Weekly Greeters

8/14/15	Joe Marci & Perry Allen
8/21/15	Lynn Jones & Robert Wardlaw

**Help, Help, Help — we need  
Friday morning greeters,  
see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or  
[jon\\_wachter@msn.com](mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com)**

#### Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Aug 14 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Dr. Penny Montgomery, Treating Brain Damage
Aug 20 Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's Home, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Aug 21 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Jack Corrigan, KOA - Voice of the Colorado Rockies
Aug 27-30		CO/WY 4th Qtr. Convention, Glenwood Springs, CO
Aug 28 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Sept 4 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Sept 19 Sat	6:00 pm	MSOC Installation & Celebration, Piccolo's, 3563 South Monaco Parkway



**Past Presidents of the  
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bob Safe	1995-96
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Cy Regan	1999-00
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Stan Cohen	2000-01
John Young	1982-83	Don St. John	2001-02
Pat Bush	1983-84	Jack Rife	2002-03
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Greg Young	2007-08
Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Gary Stowbridge	1993-94	Paul Simon	2012-13
Mark Metevia	1994-95	Jon Wachter	2013-14

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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.