



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado  
Serving Youth and the Community for 40 Years  
National Philanthropy Day Colorado, Outstanding Service Organization, 2012  
[www.monacosouth.org](http://www.monacosouth.org)

Editor for this Issue—George Buzick



### Good Morning Optimist



Left, Russ Paul and Ken Duffy get greeter instructions from Jon Wachter.  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

On this crisp November morning, with the first snow of winter on the ground, a good number of stalwart MSOC members braved the icy roads to attend this morning's meeting. Those who stayed the course were greeted by, depending on when you arrived, **Russ Paul**, **Ken Duffy**, and **Jon Wachter**. (You too can be a greeter, see Jon.)

### Invocation & Pledge

President **Craig Eley** called on **Karl Geil** to read the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guests

**Bill Blunden**, guest of **Craig Eley** was back again as was **Wallie Weld**, guest of **Steve Kady**, who also delivered his membership application. Treasurer **Greg Young** reminded Wallie to provide a check for his dues and to others in attendance to pay them as well.

**Luke Stratton**, son of **Paul Stratton**, was also here as a guest.

*Editor, Welcome all!*

### From the Prez

**Tree Lot Managers:** President **Craig**, once again, put out the plea for tree lot managers. We need two for each day of the week. The two would be required to ensure that the lot is fully staffed for every shift. Managers do not necessarily have to be on site for the entire day. *Editor, See related articles below.*

**Next Weeks Meeting:** The Friday after turkey day, **Brad Montgomery**, magician/comedian will help us kick off the tree lot. You won't want to miss it!

**Kids to Breakfast Day:** **Craig** also announced that December 30<sup>th</sup> will be "Kids to Breakfast Day." Magician **Tommy Walker** will amaze the youngsters, and maybe the oldsters! **The program will officially start at 8:00 a.m.**, but for those of you who will inevitably forget, there will probably be coffee starting at

7:00 a.m. and comradery as well.

**Need for Santa's:** We need more people to sign up for the Santa Haus, especially the weekend after Thanksgiving. Santa is in from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Shifts are for two hours (or more if you want). To see what shifts are available [Click Here](#) or talk to Craig for details.

**Tree Lot Chili Cookoff:** Dependent on interest, there will be a Chili Cookoff, organized by **Ron Cisco**. If you have a secret, dynamite chili recipe, let Ron know. There will be a blind taste test, probably on a Saturday afternoon.

### Announcements

**Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner:** Past Prez **Michael Chavez**, reported that he and **Chris Dunphy** are looking forward to their first **Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner** as co-chairs. He stated, "We appreciate all those who have signed up to volunteer. We are planning on serving over 800 meals." Plan on arriving between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. at either location. The addresses are:

⇒ **Owen Boys & Girls Club**, 3480 West Kentucky Avenue. Located West of Federal Blvd on West Kentucky, near Knox Court.

⇒ **Girls Inc.**, 1499 Julian Street. Located at the South East corner of West Colfax and Julian Street.

This event will be from 4 to 7 p.m., with dinner served at 5 p.m. and clean-up at 7 p.m. If you have not helped with this event, get involved, this is one of the premier opportunities to directly impact kids. For information contact Michael Chavez @ 303-960-5304. We will see you there!

**GUMS Editor:** At right this month's GUMS editor, **George Buzick** attempts to capture what is reported during the announcements. *As a reminder, it makes the job easier if you supply the details in writing.*



Photo Noel Hasselgren

**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

**Lowry Elementary Science Fair:** Paul Stratton reminded us that he is still looking for a few good men to judge and monitor the Science Fair at Lowry Elementary on Wednesday, November 30. Volunteers are needed throughout the day to help set up, for judging and generally wrangle the kids who will be participating (90 kids in grades 3-5 have signed up). No special talents or scientific knowledge required. For those interest, contact Paul at [pcstratton@comcast.net](mailto:pcstratton@comcast.net).

**The 2017 Brain Bowl is Coming:** Karl Geil reminded us that the Optimist Brain Bowl is an academic competition for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders throughout Colorado and Wyoming. It is like the old GE College Bowl, or Jeopardy with teams. Last year we served over 1,000 students at this event, and we are expecting about the same this year. Therefore, it is time to get the dates in your calendars before you start your holiday travels. The four tournaments this year are:

- **North:** Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Standley Lake High School in Westminster
- **Central:** Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Heritage High School in Littleton
- **South:** Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Horizon Middle School in Colorado Springs
- **Championship Tournament:** Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Hamilton Middle School in Denver.

As usual, anyone who would like to work one or more tournaments as a Reader needs to attend a Reader Training seminar before the tournament. Because Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on Saturdays this year, we had some trouble scheduling those, but the Denver/Boulder area **Reader Trainings** will be:

- Saturday, December 17, 2016, 9 a.m. to Noon at the Valmont Presbyterian Church, 3262 61<sup>st</sup> St., Boulder
- Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E Dartmouth Ave., Denver
- Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 6 to 9 p.m. at Heritage High School, 1401 W. Geddes Ave., Littleton

Also, there will be two Reader Training sessions in Colorado Springs this year, one of them occurring prior to the North Tournament. They are:

- Thursday, January 5, 2017, 6 to 9:00 p.m., Library 21C, 1175 Chapel Hills Dr., Colorado Springs
- Thursday, February 2, 2017, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Library 21C, 1175 Chapel Hills Dr. Colorado Springs

Go to <http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org/readers.html>, where you will find links to the 2017 tournament and Reader training schedule and a link to sign up for Reader training. Please note that this online sign up is ONLY for Readers. Other volunteers should e-mail their interest to Nancy DeNiro, at [ndeniro4@gmail.com](mailto:ndeniro4@gmail.com).

**TJ ArtFest:** Tom Glazier mentioned that he will be selling books at the TJ Artfest and could use some help setting up. In addition, he is collecting gently used book. You can drop them by the office at TJ, or get them to Tom. We will also be assisting people with parking and set up for their craft booths. Be there at 7:00 a.m. New this year is a pancake breakfast, which will run from 9:00 -11:30 a.m. The Artfest will happen on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to get to know other club members.



**MSOC Shirts:** Greg Young will be taking orders for the long or short sleeved shirts at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. He will have samples for you to try on if you need to check your size. Bring a check to pre-pay: \$25 for shirts with no name, \$30 for shirts with name embroidered.



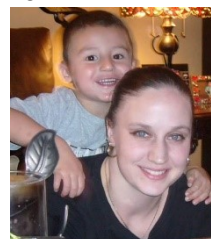
**Tree Lot Set Up:** Steve Kady shared that the tree lot is starting to take shape. Dick Boucher from Brinks heavy



Photos Steve Kady

towing pulled the trailer from our storage lot without a hitch. He used his little truck! A huge thank you to owner Debbie Renck for saving us from the task of moving it.

**Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner Pumpkin Pies:** Steve also had a *Thank You* to Naomi Buckeye of the Al-



Naomi Buckeye with her son, from Albertsons/Safeway bakery department.

bertsons/Safeway bakery department for coming through with the lowest price for the pumpkin pies. And to Hugo Gonzales of 4 G's Mexican Restaurant who had tried several suppliers and could not find one that was willing to help us out. Naomi went to her supervisor and got Hugo the price he needed.

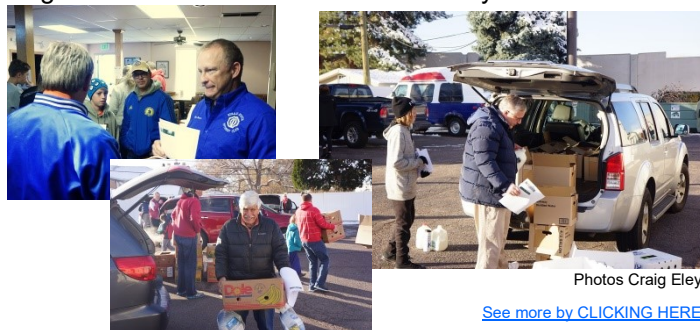
*A big Monaco South Thank you to both!*



At right, Hugo Gonzales of 4 G's Mexican Restaurant with past president Michael Chavez. Hugo paid for the pumpkin pies once again for this years Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner.

## Thanksgiving Baskets

On Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> a flock of Monaco South Optimists, friends and family gathered at the American Legion Post at 8 a.m. to take Thanksgiving Baskets to the needy of our community. About 50 braved the chilly morning to load turkeys, potatoes, and all the accouterments in cars and trucks before heading out to make Thanksgiving dinner a reality for over 40 families. **Jim Easton** and **Allen Pierce** organized this annual MSOC community service event.



Photos Craig Eley

[See more by CLICKING HERE](#)



## Christmas Tree Lot Oratory

### Greg Young, in absence of Joe Marci gives the instructions

In the absence of **Joe Marci**, who is visiting family in Florida, **Greg Young** gave Joe's usual Christmas Tree Lot oratory. By way of reference points, Greg said we sold approximately 1250 trees last year, and that 96 members worked over 1700 hours. The lot is the major fundraiser for the 35+ activities which the club sponsors every year. Set up of the lot requires a lot of manpower and will take place immediately after next

week's meeting, Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. In addition to setting up the tree stands, lights, etc. At 10:00 a.m. the first load of trees will be delivered. We also need people with pickup trucks to haul the stuff over from our storage area at Iliff and Valencia. We will be assisted by members of the Tamarac Optimist Club in pricing the trees.

The lot is located on the northwest corner of Iliff and Monaco. Thanks to **Steve Kady**, we once again have visible signage and the trailer is in place, Thanks to **Gary Miller** for arranging the generator. Thanks to **Mike Miller** for the garlands, wreaths and helping set up the electrical elements.

11/19/16		
TREE LOT DAY MANAGERS 2016		
LOT CELL PHONE:		
CHAIRMAN:	JOE MARCI	303-847-7844 C
Tree Deliveries, Tree orders		
FACILITIES:	MIKE MILLER	303-771-3748 H
Heater, propane, wreaths		
ELECTRICAL:	GARY MILLER	720-281-4513 C
Heater, propane, wreaths		
TREASURER:	GREG YOUNG	303-751-0838 H
Change, cash collection		
FOOD:	RON CISCO	303-759-3921 H
Change, cash collection		
SANTA HAUS:	CRAIG ELEY	303-886-1110 C
FOOD:		
SANTA HAUS:		
SCHEDULER (UPDATES THE ONLINE SCHEDULE AS NEEDED):		
PAUL BERNARD		
720-339-8025		
DAY MANAGERS:		
Make sure each shift is covered with workers each day, 4 shifts, per the staffing level indicated on the schedule		
	<u>MANAGER</u>	<u>Cell Phone</u>
MONDAY:	Frank Middleton	303-903-1716
	Allan Mahask	303-726-3700
TUESDAY:	Allen Pierce	303-883-8506
	Cy Regan	303-771-4662
WEDNESDAY:	Don Roth	303-332-4555
	O.C. Larson	720-939-2790
THURSDAY:	Michael Chavez	303-960-5304
	Ed Lucy	720-360-6535
FRIDAY:	Jim Easton	720-987-7684
	Ken Duffy	303-880-5072
SATURDAY:	Randy Marcove	303-667-3663
	Don Thomson	303-918-4595
SUNDAY:	Chris Dunphy	720-297-3111
	Tom Glazier	303-522-5214

### Weekly Drawing

We have a drawing and nobody wins. The card to draw is the **Jack of Diamonds** and the pot is at \$50. Past Governor **Phil Perington** sleeps through the first number he holds, then wakes up and hears his second number being called and draws, unsuccessfully.



*You snooze you lose!*

The key to a successful tree lot is staffing. To this end, there are two co-managers for each day of the week, whose responsibility it is to ensure the lot is properly staffed. There is an online calendar/signup sheet which you can get to by going to the Monaco South website [www.monacosouth.org](http://www.monacosouth.org), then click on "Tree Lot Schedule" (See left side of page). This will produce a sign on box. The User Name is: **msoc76** and the password is: **xmas2016**. Once this is completed you will see the calendar. This will show who is signed up for a given day and allow you to sign up by clicking on the "edit" button. Type in your name and do not forget to save!

**Once you have signed up, you are responsible for ensuring that the shift is staffed, either by yourself or by someone else. If you are unable to work the shift, you must find someone else to cover.**

Those who work 15-hours or more can buy anything on the lot at cost. Shifts are normally 3-hours, but you can work longer if your able. There are jobs for everyone, including those who may not be able to schlepp trees. Our goal is having at least 100 of our 140+ members participate.

This is a great time to meet your fellow members and to get to know them a little more personally.

This is also a time to "sell" Optimism, to explain what we are all about. You can have a great time while working. Most of our customers are repeats and are here not because we have the cheapest trees in town, but because they are treated well and they know we support their communities and, especially, their kids.

On the GUMS Distribution email see the "Guide to Selling Trees & Securing Trees to Car Tops," plus the OCMS "Tree Lot Press Release," and several tree lot ads. Should you like a personalized ad for a specific organization contact Bob Finkelmeier.

Weekly Greeters	
11/25/16	Pat Bush & Ralph Petersen
12/2/16	George Buzick & Ed Leuty
12/9/16	Don Roth & Terry Shroyer

November Super Citizen Presenters		
Nov 30 @ 1:00 New date	McMeen	Mike White
December Super Citizen Presenters		
Dec 9 @ 8:30	Slavens	?
Dec 9 @ 1:00	Samuels	Dick Nickoloff
Dec 15 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Casey Funk

### Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40<sup>th</sup> Year — Chartered in 1976

Nov 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Brad Montgomery, Magician and Comedian
Nov 25	Fri	8:30 am	TREE LOT SETUP — all hands are needed
Dec 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Bob Rhue, Animal Rescue & Welfare
Dec 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Karl Geil, Brain Bowl is coming, Brain Bowl is coming!
Dec 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Dec 17	Sat	9:00 am	Brain Bowl Training, Valmont Presbyterian Church, 3262 61st St., Boulder

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
Gary Stowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96	Michael Chavez	2015-16

**2015 - 2016 Officers**

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Vice President	Mike McMahon	303-514-5175
Secretary	Randy Marcove	303-667-3663
Treasurer	Greg Young	303-759-3921

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Allen Malask	303-726-3700
Bill Morgan	303-868-4384
Rob Gardner	720-263-6203
Wyatt McCallie	303-759-2275
Paul Stratton	303-474-4358
John Swick	720-422-2733
Michael Chavez (Past Pres.)	303-960-5304

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**NEWSLETTER EDITORS:** Nov **George Buzick**, Dec **Phil Perington**, Jan **Paul Stratton**

**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.