



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist It's Opening Day for the Rockies



We were greeted this Morning by **Carl Brown** and a whole lot of Rockies Supporter's, wearing the purple that included, **Joe Marci, Frank Ross, Harry Fegley, Bob Avery, Jon Wachter, Ralph Pederson, Tom Mauro, Paul Stratton, Greg Hurd, Freddie Pasternack, Randy Marcove** and yours truly, **Phil Perington**.



Randy Marcove  
Photo Don StJohn

**Randy** was dressed "Full-Rockie" head to toe, and **Frank** was in his finest "Official Greeter" cap and jersey. **Craig Eley** was reminiscing about his day on a recent DIA train ride when a youngster staring at his Rockford College jacket was muttering Rocky, Rocky!

**Donlie Smith** offered a \$10 payoff to anyone reading this article and giving him a call and mentioning this secret number 3-0. **Perry and**

**Debbie Allen** will be going to Opening Day because of a gift bestowed by Randy. What a Guy!

**Jon Wachter** was still muttering about a 1985 St. Louis Cardinals game whereby Umpire John Decklinger made a call that cost the Cardinals the game (see Jon for more painful details). **Tom Mauro** showed up with a pocket full of Season Tickets as well. *It is going to be a wonderful Opening Day for everyone except the CUBS!*

### First Bell - Invocation - Pledge

**President John Oss** realizing it was way past 6:30 a.m., and gavelled the meeting to order at 7 a.m. sharp. **Craig Eley** pre-empted the invocation with an explanation of why we should always have respect for law and some lawyers, by reciting a thoughtful "Inspiration for law and live in harmony...", followed by an energetic Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag, and rabid cries of **PLAY BALL!**

### From the Prez

I arrived at 6:30 to find the parking lot half-full already. What a contrast to other venues where members arrive just before the doors open. It may be hard trying to get a word in edgewise, but very satisfying to see the great camaraderie. We can be very grateful for many members, projects, and acts of service that make this club so dynamic.

The Heather Gardens Optimist Club held a pancake breakfast yesterday. It was a great way to meet other Optimists. We are less than a month away from the 3rd Quarter CO/WY conference. It will be at Bethany Lutheran, a mile south, and half mile west of our Legion Hall location. Fill out the reservation form that came with this GUMS, and send in your check.

### Guests

**Steve Kady** introduced **Jim Czuper**, principal of The InterPro Group representing the Denver Auto Show and offering eight free tickets good for the Denver Car Show at the Colorado Convention Center. They were subsequently distributed by means of a special mini-trivia contest conducted by Steve. *Thanks Jim, we all appreciate your generous hospitality!*

**Don Thomson** then introduced **Ed Lopez** an old West High School buddy who's 8-year old grandson, Christian, representing Blessed Sacrament placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the North High Tri-Star Finals this year. Ed had such a good time he submitted an application for membership and has jumped on board the Monaco South Magic Train. *Thank you Ed, you are going to have a great trip!*

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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

**Western Hoedown:** Frank Middleton announced two door prizes for the Hoedown on Saturday night. "Howdy" Fry and Past Prez Jon Wachter each contributed dinner cards for BONEFISH and 52 Restaurants. Frank also gave a free pass to **Craig Eley** for volunteer services as the official event photographer.

**Super Citizen Presenters:** Robert Wardlaw said there are six opportunities to participate in upcoming Super Citizen ceremonies, Most Precious Blood being the first. Please sign up. Let Robert or **Rob Gardner** know your availability. There are three empty slots for the rest of the regular school year and all of the Korsoski Award presentations in early June left.



**Know Brainer:** Michael Chavez shared that the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Know Brainer for fifth graders will be held at Hamilton Elementary on May 2. He still needs three scorekeepers and one timer. There will also be an information and membership table as well.

**MSOC Directory:** Craig Eley and Tom Mauro passed out the new semi-annual, bright yellow Club Directory this morning. It was later pointed out to Craig that he has, for the second time, failed to note on the cover that the Club Secretary is no longer **Pat Bush** but is **Curt Boell**. Craig promises to correct this in the next Directory, but because it is only published twice a year, in order to make it onto the cover Curt will have to re-up for another term as Secretary. If he does, Craig has given an iron-clad, 85% guarantee that he will get it right next time. Both Craig and Tom thanked long time member **Doug Morton** for contributing free printing.

**Smarter Than the Brain Bowl Chair:** Craig Eley also announced a special Brain Bowl mini-contest ... "Are you Smarter than **Karl Geil**" or an 8-year old at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Brain Bowl buzzers will be used, and the proceedings will follow strict Brain Bowl rules. Despite suspicions expressed by certain MSOCers, the quiz questions will not be obtained from Brain Bowl Chair Karl Geil, but will come from an unimpeachable source who, rumor has it, is always as sober as a judge. Going against Karl will be the best and the brightest (apparently) that Monaco South has to offer: **Paul Stratton, Scott Walker, Perry Allen** and **Tom Glazier**. Some worry that even this powerhouse team will not be sufficient to lay low the Brain Bowl Chair, so an "anonymous ringer" has been summoned from out of town. Get the odds, place your bets, and be there on May 8!

**Monaco South Election:** Power Broker Oscar Sorensen reviewed the candidates for our Club Election. They are **Don Iley** (President); **Michael Chavez** and **Randy Marcove** (Vice Presidents); **Jim Easton, Mike McMahon, Allen Malask, Bill Morgan** (Board Members). In a display of unselfish unity all candidates have decided not to campaign, but will accept contributions.

**Living Kidney Donor:** Randy Marcove reported **Mike McMahon**, shown at left, is in the hospital donating a kidney to his neighbor. May our blessings and prayers be with both him and a most grateful recipient.



**JDRF Gala:** Ron Gustas reminded us that TI-DOC volunteers will be loading Auction items this afternoon for the Annual JDRF Saturday Fundraising Dinner at 1:00 p.m. and to meet at the JDRF Offices.

**Kudos for the Silver Beaver:** Jack Kleinheksel gave accolades to **Donlie Smith** for the recent Silver Beaver award presented to him at the Annual Eagle Scout Awards Dinner. This is the highest honor awarded to volunteers involved with Boy Scouts of America. **Prez John** also noted we have received a thank you card from the Area Boy Scouts for our \$1,000 table sponsorship and volunteer participation.

**Tri-Star Basketball Finals:** Jack Rife thanked all the volunteers attending the Tri-Star Championships held at the Metro State University Gymnasium on April 4. In attendance were **John Greene, Bryce Slaby, Prez John Oss, Co-Chair Michael Chavez, Kent Gloor, Craig Eley, Keith Gallaway** and **Phil Perington** (Banners-Up). Host Club NW Denver Optimists President **Bob Bramble** and NOW Volunteer **Hank Fischer** were also in attendance. There were 144 entrants with 36- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners presented to all four boys and girls age groups. Governor **Abigail Nicholas** presented the awards and a very popular post awards photo session followed. There were close to 500 parents and family members in attendance.



This years TriStar winners with CO-WY Gov. Abigail Nicholas in the center.

**Thanks to the Early Birds:** President **John Oss** thanked the early morning set-up crew of **Gary Strowbridge, Joe Marci, Frank Ross** and **Cy Regan** for their undying devotion to making sure everything was in place and ready to go for our morning meetings. There was some concern expressed by the President however, concerning how so many members seemed to be ready to start at 6:30 a.m., actually 5:30 if not for Daylight Savings Time.

**Pictures from the 2014 Holiday Party:** Frank Middleton shared these links to pictures taken by **Jim Easton** at the Glenmoor County Club. Check out Jill Wachter and Dr. Ed, Tom kidding with Joie, Prez John, Karl Geil and Tom Hoch, Santa Freddie and his choirs, Frank Ross singing the last dance, and find yourself in all the pictures. [CLICK HERE](#) for [Set 1 of 2](#) and [CLICK HERE](#) for [Set 2 of 2](#).



## CO-WY District Optimist Junior Golf

Bob Meyer, Joe Marci, and Ron Cisco

**Bob Meyer** opened with a video produced by O.I. detailing the highlights and vision for the Optimist International Golf Tournament for 10-18 year old boys and girls. You can see this video by going to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Amdl04x40ZY>.

The Tournament is held in Florida at the same course the PGA conducts their annual Honda Classic. The long tee boxes are used by all for the 16 - 18 year old flights. Highlights from the 2-minute video included a large selection of different ways to say, "How in believe in myself." There was also consensus for "The #17 Bear Trap" as being the hardest and best hole on all the courses. It should be noted Jack Nicklaus is the designer of the Championship Course. The entire layout consists of 4 - 18 hole regulation courses.

Every year the O.I. Tournament has 600 + entrants from 30 countries. The Opening ceremonies, led by bagpipers, features flags from all the countries represented and is held in the PGA Ballroom and attended by over 1,000 families, friends, coaches, sponsors and players. There is also a wide assortment of family and entertainment venues, including pool, games, swimming and hanging out. "It's a blast!" Seems to be the common theme. Mark Hubbard, a recent winner in the 16 - 18 age group is currently playing on the PGA Tour, Windham Clark is on the Oklahoma State golf team, and Hanna Ward was recently featured on the cover of Golf Week, just to name a few past players.

The cost of sending a player to the tournament is \$3,000. A \$500 of which is contributed by the CO/WY Optimist District for the benefit of each entry. Last year there were twenty players from the District, with 23 - 25



Bob Meyer  
Photo Don StJohn

anticipated this year. **Ron Cisco** is heading up the fundraising for hole sponsorship beginning with \$100. Please see Ron for all the other available opportunities. Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, and many other PGA notables have contributed to the Championships in the past.

**Joe Marci** has a Rockies fundraiser scheduled in June. Tickets are \$15 each and are on the field level third base side, Section 141. You can use the O.I. pass through program to gain tax deductions for your contributions. Last year **Pat Bush** purchased \$300 worth of hole sponsorships. We anticipate a record number of young hopeful qualifiers participating this

year. Volunteers and observers are needed at every venue, so please consider helping out. We need to raise \$25,000 in order to adequately sponsor our winners.

Locally, we conduct three qualifying tournaments held at Boulder and Denver area courses, as well as a District fundraiser tournament at Park Hill Golf Club on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. See Joe for details. The featured events at the tournament will be both the Ron Cisco long and short drive contests. Plus, Joe and Bob will supervise a blind-folded putting contest, closest to the pin. Do not miss this exciting and fun filled extravaganza.

Junior Golf is a wonderful O.I. Program. Without the expert guidance and commitment of Joe, Ron, Bob and others, our District could not have become one of the most active and productive Districts in all of Optimist International.

For more district information visit the Junior Golf website at <https://sites.google.com/site/cowyooptimistgolf/home>. Additionally, there are a number of other CO-WY information sheets attached to GUMS distribution email.

| <b>Weekly Greeters</b>   |                               |
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| <b>4/17/15</b>   | Barry Barker & Harry Arkin    |
| <b>4/24/15</b>   | Mark Metevia & Robert Wardlaw |
| <b>5/1/15</b>  | ?                             |
| <b>Need Friday morning greeters,<br/>see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or<br/><a href="mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com">jon_wachter@msn.com</a></b> |                               |

| <b>Super Citizen Presenters April</b>  |         |                |
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| <b>April 15 @ 2:30</b>   | MPB     | Joe Marci      |
| <b>April 21 @ 1:00</b>   | Samuels | Bob Avery      |
| <b>April 24 @ 8:30</b>   | Slavens | Michael Chavez |
| <b>April 24 @ 9:00</b>   | Holm    | Donlie Smith   |
| <b>April 24 @ 3:00</b>   | Bradley | Jon Wachter    |
| <b>April 30 @ 1:30</b>   | McMeen  | ?              |
| <b>Be a Super Citizen Presenter<br/>See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203<br/><a href="mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com">gardnerrb@gmail.com</a></b> |         |                |

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| Apt 15 | Thu | 6:30 pm | Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102             |
| Apt 17 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day  |
| Apt 24 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Respect for Law, guests Police Officer's from DPD District 3 |
| Apt 26 | Sun | 9-Noon  | 9 HealthFair, Schlessman YMCA   |
| May 1  | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Essay Contest Winners  |
| May 2  | Sat |         | Know Brainer at Hamilton Middle School — See Pat Bush                               |
| May 8  | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - 2nd Annual "Are you smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair"       |

**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 |
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| 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 Strowbridge | 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.