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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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Denver, Colorado

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### Great to be an Optimist!

#### Camaraderie Day!

Members were greeted this morning by **Paul Bernard** and **Frank Ross**. **Frank Middleton** gave out cards for table seating assignments to each of us to participate in Camaraderie Day!

**Karl Geil** used the invocation to remind each of us how our efforts are felt by many we don't even know. Like the pebble in the pond the ripples spread out and continue beyond our initial effort. He then led the club in the pledge of allegiance.

No guests were announced to this morning's meeting.

**President Greg** announced, *"An Optimist is the human personification of spring!"*

OIF stands for Optimist International Foundation, of which our own **Jim Brown** is a board member. They also created the Dime a Day program, by saving one dime per day, simply by not spending money on things we really don't need, we can make a difference and help support the annual Optimist scholarship funds. This is an easy way each of us can help!

Members enjoying birthdays this month, including young **Danny Dorchuck**, (more about him later) were then serenaded by the **HAPPY BIRTHDAY SONG**. Well done members!

**President Greg** then read a thank you letter from the coach of the George Washington Lacrosse team. By supporting youth programs, kids are benefitted and the letter was signed by all team members.

Greg also pointed to a large container to be used for a sock collection. During the month of April, Holly Hills Elementary will be collecting **5280** pair's of socks for the homeless. Let's support the students in their drive to collect—one mile of SOCKS!! Any size, any color, but NEW socks are needed. We hope to collect at least 130 pair...one pair for each member. If you don't want to bother buying socks, just give a donation to President Greg, and if he collects enough we can buy 500 pairs at wholesale (need \$300 minimum). Put your FEATS in gear for the SOCK DRIVE!



#### Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

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

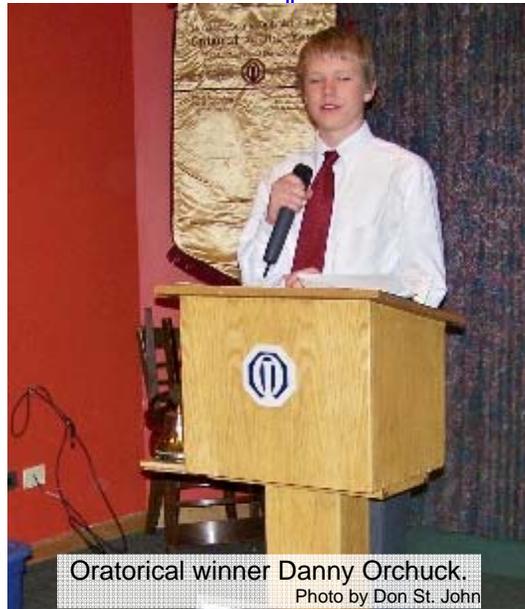
Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

## Oratorical Contest Winner!

As a special treat today, **Tom Hoch** introduced the winner of the local competition of the Oratorical Contest, Danny Dorchuck. The oratorical contest features students under the age of 16, who give a 4 to 5 minute speech on the topic which is determined by Optimist International.

Danny's speech focused on the ability each of us has to make a difference: Why me, Why Not? Something special drives a person to make a difference, to live a life that serves others as well as their community. It can be a special are of interest (the environment) or even a deep sense of patriotism that propels them forward in search of areas they can make a difference in. This may also require the person to continually fight for what they believe. This sense of duty, service and sacrifice was evident in our Fore Fathers and guided them to frame some of the most dramatic and influential writings in recorded history. Danny voiced his ambition to become a politician and to serve for the greater good. At the same time he pledged to do what was right and to do his best to achieve his goals and become a voice for the people. To take advantage of the massive opportunities available to each of us. To have the courage to chase our dreams and with a positive attitude, to find happiness in that search.

His wonderful speech was greeted by a standing ovation and it was surely a high point. Well done young man!



Oratorical winner Danny Orchuck.  
Photo by Don St. John

## Announcements

**Karl Geil** announced the DTC Optimist Club is hosting a wine tasting event on April 6<sup>th</sup>. See Karl for tickets to this fun event featuring 8 wines, food at the Citron Bistro at Yosemite and Hampden. Karl also announced the upcoming District conference and Colorado History Day.

**Frank Middleton** took a variety of praise and protests for the new seating arrangements. He also recently visited **Jerry Davis** and urged others who are in the area to stop by and say hello. Editors note, *I resolve to do this in the coming week.* Jerry can be found at St. Andrews Village, 2670 South Abeleno, East Bldg #216, Aurora, 80024. 303-755-1009.

**Paul Bernard** updated us on the success of the Colorado teams that are vying for the NCAA Championships in Hockey. DU, CC have regional games this weekend and Air Force is already in the Frozen Four which will be

held here in Denver next weekend. A great time for local college hockey!

**Tom Mauro** announced the last chance to get updates entered into the directory for the next 6 months. Business card space is also available for those interested.

**Jack Rife** has a few tickets left for the Tri Star basketball competition which will be held during halftime of the Nuggets - Rockets game. The 9 Health Fair will be held April 20<sup>th</sup>, and Jack needs several more volunteers. Lots of people are expected for this popular event.

**Joe Marci** spoke of the Junior Golf Activities and hole sponsorships opportunities. **Ron Cisco** informed your editor that the correct level for hole sponsorship is \$75!

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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

**Ron Gustas** mentioned that Cy has collected enough on the supermarket card sales to fill 2 of the \$500 scholarships that the club will fund and to consider these when considering worth while contributions.

**Don St. John** wants to round up volunteers for the Furry Scurry on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Can't wait to see you all at 5am on that day!

**Ron Cisco** looked to gauge interest in helping Habitat for Humanity build a house for a young family in Commerce City. Ron knows this family personally through his work with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Denver. After getting a positive response, he said he will follow up with details on when and where. **Phil Perington** mentioned through his work with the board of the Salvation Army, that furniture and appliances may be available.

The April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature Essay contest winners, Respect for Law Day presentation, and Board Elections.

And this in from Tucson: OCMS member **Eldon Strong** scores an ace on the Tucson Estates Golf Course. Details to follow, congratulations Eldon! He reports to be heading back to the Mile High City in early April. We look forward to seeing you!

Regarding the King Soopers and Safeway grocery cards, sales this week were \$1,150, better than in the past few weeks, but still lacking for our

goal. **Cy Regan** reports starting in April members who don't participate on a regular basis to purchase at least 1 or 2 of the \$25 cards should consider marking their calendar for the last Friday of each month to buy some cards. King Soopers and Safeway grocery cards come in \$25 and \$100, so you can buy as little or as much as you desire, and EVERYONE can spend at least \$25 at the store during a month. So buy and support the Cards. Five percent of each purchase goes to support the Scholarships of the Club.

**Greg** reminded everyone that Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm is Carol Smith's Memorial Service. The memorial will take place at The Overlook in Littleton, 1480 West Canal Court. Come and support our good member, **Donlie Smith**.

### April Fools Day Cancelled by OCMS

April Fools Day (April 1<sup>st</sup>), sometimes called *All Fools Day*, is the day of unknown origin. Yet, most of the western world knows this as a day set aside for good hearted pranks, hoaxes, gags, and giggles. It is a day that the gullible, well...gulp.



Since the OCMS Board noticed during the most recent Camaraderie Day that members are way too solemn, serious, and formal they declared that the traditional fools day be cancelled!

*So please don't have fun on Tuesday!*

### Monaco South Calendar

Apr 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Sara Winter Nye: <i>Colorado Trails Association</i>
Apr 11	Fri	7:00 am	Essay Contest Winners - Joe Marci. Respect for Law Day Presentation, & OCMS Board Election
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
May 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Eric Greenberg: <i>Magic</i>

## 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
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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
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
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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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