

# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist

On this overcast morning and after a week of spring weather we are greeted this morning by **Paul Stratton** and **Cap Hermann**. There is a full house this morning and the energy is positive as we gather, most particularly since we have many of the recipients of the **Robert Sullivan Scholarship**.

### First Bell

**President Paul** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. to begin the meeting. **Mark Metevia** reads the invocation this morning which asks for help with letting each of us become objects of peace, tranquility, and brotherhood as we lead our lives. Mark then leads us in reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance*.



### Guests

**President Paul** recognizes guests this morning including **Kathy Sullivan** from the Tamarac Optimist Club. **Bob Coulson**, who found us on-line, is back for a second meeting and he has submitted his new member application. **Bob Macias**, from Denver Parks and Recreation, Eisenhower Recreation Center, is here as guest of **Randy Marcove**. Bob tells members about the *Silver Sneakers Program*, a health, and fitness routine that can help with overall quality of life. For most of us, insurance will cover the cost for membership which makes this an attractive offering worth considering. **Jeff** is also here and he is actually filling out an application for membership. Your editor regrets not taking down Jeff's last name. **Steve Kady** introduces **Jacques Bensard**, who he has known for many years. Jacques served with Denver Police for 30 years and is interested in joining the club. Welcome to all our guests!

### From the Prez

**Prez Paul** asks for a quick show of hands from those assembled as to whether the club should continue the Championship round of the Brain Bowl. The committee met to recap the most recent Brain Bowl tournament and wonders if the last round stretches volunteers' resources. From a quick tally, members vote to continue this format.

The 3rd Quarter CO-WY District Conference will be taking place in Golden this weekend. The club will cover your lunch today—just bring your receipt for reimbursement to treasurer, **Greg Young**—and our own **Phil Parington**, who is District Governor will preside. Phil has purchased two extra lunch tickets, see him if you are so inclined.



The Robert Sullivan Scholarship recipients fill the center of our meeting room as Committee Chair Joe Marci introduces each of them. Kathy Sullivan was also present for this recognition and wished each graduate all the best as they head off to college.

Photo Don StJohn

### Member Announcements

**Know Brainer:** **Don Thomson** recaps the Know Brainer held at Hamilton Middle School this past Saturday. Special thanks to **Greg Young** for securing the \$500 Grant from OI for this event. This was a pet pro-

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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

ject for our President and Paul is extremely happy with the results and turnout. This is a younger version of the **Brain Bowl** for 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. Don looks forward to a great return next year. Know Brainer volunteers from MSOC included, **Jack Kitchell, Jack Rife, Pat Bush, Michael Short, Greg Young, Keith Galloway, Gary Strowbridge, OC Larson, Michael Chavez, Jon Wachter, Allen Pierce, Don Thomson,** and Prez **Paul Simon.**

**History Day:** **Karl Geil** recounts History Day last Saturday and how impressive the presentations were by the students. In addition to Karl, **Joe Marci, John Oss,** and **Frank Rowe** also helped in judging.

**Family Community Picnic:** **Greg Young** tells us to mark our calendars for the June 22<sup>nd</sup> community picnic that City Council Member Peggy Lehman's office and the club will be sponsoring a picnic at Bible Park from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Greg is looking for volunteers to assist with kid games and some light clean up duties after the fun.

Greg Young also welcomes the soon to be graduates here in attendance from Thomas Jefferson High School.

**Rockies Baseball:** **Michael Chavez** announces he has the 45 volunteers needed to work the upcoming Rockies game. He has information sheets to pass out for those participating as to where to park, carpooling, etc. The club receives money back for this event, well done Mike. Contact should you still like to get involved.

**OJ Junior Golf Championship:** **Joe Marci** tells us about the tournament for Jr. Golf that will take place Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The club will be sponsoring 22 kids this year for the national tournament in Florida. Joe has also been in contact with the property owners at of our tree lot location and has received assurances that our location is secure for the coming holiday season. More details on what will be happening to former Kmart property will be forthcoming.

## Sullivan Scholarship Winners

Joe Marci provided an overview of Robert (Bob) Sullivan, the Sullivan Scholarship Program and introduced Kathy Sullivan, along with this years winners. Many of the scholarship recipients were accompanied by their parents.

MSOC member Bob Sullivan was President of the Booster Club at Thomas Jefferson High School for many years with Joe assisting him for much of that time. The Monaco South Optimist Club helped sponsor the softball field and the club has strong ties with the school.



Also here this morning was Sandra Justice, the Principal at TJ, who has served in that position for the past eight years. In the near future she will be moving on to DPS headquarters downtown and Joe remarked on how much the school will miss her.



To date close to 150 Scholarships have been awarded. Those receiving scholarships this year are Halan Alemseged, Shelby Anderson, Kiote Clemens, Layth Dieyleh, Michael Harrison, Corey Hernandez, Kelly Honaman, Amadov Kromah, Nicholas Lednev, Braelah McGinnis, Sahel Negash, Tyler Snow, Dakota Trammel, Swaysen Trujillo, Elias Valenzuela, and Abraham Woldu. Each student came to the stage and told members about their college plans, fondest memories they had from High School and which teacher who made the biggest impact on them. Heartfelt words from these young people embarking on a new chapter of their lives.



Tabitha Rocha, College and Financial Aid Advisor, many of these students mentioned as having the most impact on them and she was also here this morning. Joe asked her to come to the stage and say a few words. She is the staff member who works with students' applying for college and scholarships. TJ students have received 365 scholarships worth over 2.4 million dollars in aid for pursuits in higher education. An astounding figure! She remarked on how proud she is of them and the work they have put in toward education. She thanked Principal Justice for her support and for South Monaco Optimist as well.

**Phil Parington**, CO-WY District Governor, took the microphone to say that these types of events are at the core of what Optimist Club's are all about. *Friend of Youth*, to grow and mature and become healthy, productive members of our society, and to hopefully enjoy the freedoms and opportunities that higher education can obtain. Perhaps even some may become Optimists themselves.



What a great morning!



## Closing Bell

As **Prez Paul** was bring the meeting to a close, he took the time to read the "memory letter" that our guest, Jacques Bensard, had written for his family and friends at the recent passing of his wife, Alexisa. She passed away on February 11, 2013. A copy of that wonderful document is attached to the newsletter distribution email. Thank you Jacques!

## Drawing

As the meeting comes to a close, **President Paul** asks for the drawing to commence. **Dr. Bob** announces the \$40 pot. With that the first to be called is **Terry Schroyer** winning a cup, along with **George Buzick**, and **Barry Barker**.



For wearing his name badge, **Craig Eley** calls **Allen Yockey** up to take a shot at drawing the right card—it was a "no luck" draw.

Unfortunately no guests or members won the big pot this week, so it keeps growing. We look forward to another chance next week.

The interment service for **Gus Magnotta**, a former MSOC member and board member, will be at Fort Logan Cemetery on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. Gus died at the age of 90, and is survived by his wife Nora, son Tony, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

## Senior Car Bumper Stickers

Shared by Steve Kady



## Super Citizen Presenters for April

May 23 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Mike Mauro
May 29 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Frank Rowe
May 29 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	George Buzick
May 31 @ 1:00 & 1:45 pm	McMeen	Mark Metevia

## Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
5/17/13	Bob Avery & Jim Vander Kamp
5/24/13	Harry Johnson & Mark Metevia
5/31/13	Al Gapuzan & ?
6/7/13	JR Gieck & Ed Collins
7/14/13	Frank Middleton & John Oss

## Monaco South Calendar

May 15 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102  
 May 17 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Chuck Stout, Colorful Coloradans in Aerospace History  
 May 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day  
 May 31 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim White, Volunteers of America

**Past Presidents of the  
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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Safe	1995-96
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Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
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 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.