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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

Optimists Bring Out the  
Best in Children



## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

Founded in 1976 Denver, Colorado

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### Camaraderie Day

#### VISITATION FROM THE TJ BASEBALL TEAM

Coach Tory Humphrey and 9 of his baseball players, from Thomas Jefferson High School (TJ), paid Monaco South a visit this morning. TJ has a great baseball team! They have been ranked first in state with a record of 45 and 7. This year they finished as the 4A State runner up. And equally as impressive have a collective 3.4 grade point average, highest in Denver. Fifteen of the eighteen team members are seniors, and all are going to college. Memorable moments for the players included beating Cherry Creek, playing on Coors Field, playing in two state championship games, and winning 6 straight city titles. **Joe Marci** gifted each player a Colorado Pin and we all wish them well next year.



Photos by Don Stroh

Meeting Place  
American Legion Hall Post 1  
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado  
Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

## Good Morning Optimists!

President **Greg Young** called the Comaraderie Day meeting to order promptly at 7:00 am. **Greg** shared with us a great Yogi Berra quote, “*Baseball is 90% mental, the other half is physical.*”

**Robert Wardlaw** and **Frank Middleton** were greeters and chef **John Marinos** had one of his traditional breakfasts prepared. June 20<sup>th</sup>, the 171<sup>st</sup> day of the year, and marks the start of summer. The first day of the summer season is the day of the year when the Sun is farthest north and is known as the Summer Solstice.

## Invocation & Pledge

**Ron Carlson** fully realizes that for an invocation to be immortal it need not be eternal. He set a record with a five word invocation which surprised and delighted his audience. Personally I love the 46 Invocations **Craig Eley** has gifted us with, but its fun to hear a somewhat shorter version occasionally.

## Club Visitors

Steve Yates, guest of Randy Marcove, visited us for a second time and appears to be close to applying for membership.

## Optimist International Life Membership

Past-president **Paul Bernard** awarded President **Greg Young** a life membership in Optimist International. Our tradition is to award all presidents this special award as they leave office, which reduces optimist dues for the recipient at the same time it raises money for OI. Special thanks to Greg for guiding us through another successful year!

## Happy Birthday to Tamarac

Our “daughter” club celebrated their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday last Thursday. From 45 charter members, the club has grown to 74. They have been an honor club every year. Tamarac has contributed thousands of hours and dollars to benefit kids and the community. Five members have been Lt. Governor’s, one a past Governor, and many have chaired district committees. Are we proud of this teenager? You bet! And unlike most 15 year olds, we have absolutely no worries about their future success. They already are a huge success!



## Zone Picnic

**Howard Fry** reminded us, once again to keep open Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> for the zone picnic at Eisenhower Park from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The party will be catered by Dickey’s Barbeque. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 3 free so

bring the grandkids). Howard has arranged for a lot of fun activities including games for the kids and a watermelon seed spiting contest for the big guys.

## Special Mixer Next Week

**Frank Middleton** will mix us up again next week so we can make new friends with Optimist members we rarely sit next to. **Ron Cisco** is concerned but thinks he can deal with it. Use this opportunity to get to know your fellow optimists better.

## Fly Fishing Lessons a Real Lesson

**Bryce Slaby** hired an extra person to help teach the 19 optimists who signed up for his fly fishing lessons. Only two showed up!! Many thanks to **Eldon Strong** and **Ed Collins** for showing. The moral to the story is to SHOW UP IF YOU SIGN UP, PLEASE!!!

## Habitat for Humanity

**Ron Cisco** reminded us of the commitment for ten volunteers for the Habitat for Humanity building project on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 58<sup>th</sup> and Olive Street. Be there before 9:00am for an obligatory safety class. You can’t participate without attending the class. All tools are supplied so you don’t need to bring your own, but bring your own lunch!

## Great West Life MS-150

**Don Stroh** needs members signed up for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Great-West Life Bike MS Colorado’s Ride 2008 project at the Silver Creek High School in Longmont Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. *The Tamarac Optimist Club* ladies will be joining us. Arrive early, the first rider’s will start arriving about 8:00 am. Please bring a large cooler of ice in case the ice delivery doesn’t get there. Be prepared: bring large hat, sunscreen, neck coolers, lip gloss, sun glasses, lawn chairs, etc. Be sure to sign the release form available from the website, [MS Volunteer Registration](#) (click here) or from Don. You can also contact Kristina Lentell at [kristina.lentell@nmss.org](mailto:kristina.lentell@nmss.org).



## Groceries

**Cy Regan**’s sales dropped off a little from last week. A total of \$1,075—\$875 for Kings and \$200 for Safeway. Please keep buying as it really helps the club in fund raising.

## Colorado/Wyoming District Convention

Anyone needing schedule or registration information for the District Convention on August 21-24<sup>th</sup> should email **President Greg** at [gndyoung@msn.com](mailto:gndyoung@msn.com) or call at 303-759-3921.

## Super Citizen Thank You

A thank you note from a Korsoski Super Citizen recipient:

*Dear Mr. Thomson and Optimist Club of Monaco South: Thank you for giving me the Charlie Korsoski Award at Bradley. I really appreciate it. It was very special to me and I was surprised when you called my name. I think it's really kind of you to give this award and the Super Citizen Award to our school. I wanted to be a Super Citizen since I was in first grade because it sounded so special. I tried to act like a Super Citizen so that I could get the award and I am glad my teacher saw my effort. My mom and dad and sister are really proud of me. Thank you again. Sincerely, David Peterson.*

## Junior Golfers Shoot Low Scores

This year 156 golfers entered the Optimist Junior Golf Tournaments. The young golfers made all the Optimists proud of the skills they displayed at Flatirons and Fitzsimons Golf courses. Governor **George Buzick** presented the trophies to each of the top two golfers and shared a message with all, "You are all champions! We have received many compliments from the parents and grandparents about the quality of these two tournaments. The Optimist Tournament is regarded as the top youth tournament in the country."

The 8 champions and 10 others will play in the Optimist Jr. Golf Championship at PGA National next month. **John Stoffel** and Bob Meyer will represent the District as volunteers in Palm Gardens

Florida. There were many volunteers at the two tournaments this past week including: **Greg Young, Russ Paul, Tom Hoch, Sewell Black, John Greene, George Buzick, Cy Regan, Ron Cisco, Joe Marci** and **Don Thomson**. A special thanks to **Ralph Pedersen** who received the applications from all the golfers.

### The low scores were as follows:

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
10-11	Jackson Vacek, 87	Jennifer Kupcho, 83
12-13	Jack Adolfson, 74	Taylor Dorans, & Dani Urman, 81
14-15	Wyndham Clark, 70	Allie Johnson, 72
16-18	Nick Umholtz, 68	Somin Lee, 79

## The Pot Drops!

Our Governor George Buzick won the \$100 pot on a lucky card draw and the nametags dropped off all over the place. We'll start fresh next week, so remember to wear your badges again.



## Mark Your Calendar Correction

Saturday, September 13, 2008, Monaco South Installation Banquet. All members, with significant other are welcome. It will include installation of new officers and celebration of awards and achievements. Time and place to be announced.

## Monaco South Calendar

Jun 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Jason Stout, Judi's House: <i>Hope and healing for grieving children</i>
Jun 27	Fri	9:00 am	Habitat for Humanity Work Detail at 58 <sup>th</sup> and Olive Street
Jun 29	Sun	8:00 am	Great-West Life Bike MS (MS 150) - Man the lunch stop at Silver Creek High School, 4901 Nelson Road, Longmont
Jul 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Independence Day
Jul 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - <i>Urban Farming for Kids</i>
Jul 15	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
July 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
July 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Fred Clifford: <i>Weathering stormy financial times</i>
Aug 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Lisa Betchey, Donor Relations Manager, Mile High United Way
Aug 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Noel Cunningham: <i>Ethiopian Kids</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
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bob Safe	1995-96
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
Bob Avery	1989-90	Donlie Smith	2005-06
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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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