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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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## 100% Day - Food, Fun, Fellowship

It was a beautiful warm and sunny Friday as Monaco South welcomed members to its annual 100% Day, a day in which we try to get all 130 MSOCers at the meeting. The official count was 77, which means it ended up being 59.2% Day, but the glass was nevertheless certainly more than half full. Member **John Marinos** served up a special breakfast of steak, eggs, pancakes and hash browns which had the crowd applauding him for his extra effort. A number of members we haven't seen in awhile showed up, prompting a lot of glad handing and backslapping.

It was Camaraderie Day, so there was no speaker scheduled. Members conversed among themselves and then the Club sang the unique Monaco South rendition of "Happy Birthday" to our September celebrants.

The meeting adjourned a bit early so that the annual photograph could be taken outside. As can be seen below (if you are reading this online, just hit the magnify button) everyone seemed to be in a good mood and having a great time!



### Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

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

Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

## Proceedings of the Meeting of September 19, 2008

### Invocation & Pledge

Former District Governor **Jimmy Brown** led us in an invocation in which we were encouraged to look at the sunny side of everything. Then he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guests & New Members

**Charlie Gatewood** came to his second meeting and was seen filling out a membership application. He was seated next to **Jack Kleinheksel**, who was attending his first meeting as a new member. Jack was later inducted into the Club in the company of all the officers and Board members present. New member **Mychael Dave** was presented with his membership certificate, and **Woody Thibodeau** visited again and turned in a membership application.

### Congratulations

President **Greg Young**, in the penultimate week of his administration, handed out some awards to those recipients who had to miss last Saturday's Installation Banquet. **Paul Stratton** received a thank-you note from Lowry Elementary School for the Club's donation of school supplies. Despite its reputation as having an affluent student body, Paul told us that it has the highest percentage of students from homeless families of any Denver school.

### Liberty Day

President-Elect **Phil "Only One R" Perington** reported that the Club gave out 820 Liberty Day packets to kids from nine schools last week. Among the contents were copies of the Constitution and a booklet about how laws are made (how sausages are made will apparently have to wait for another day). Phil thanked **Les**



**Larson, Bob Avery, Donlie Smith, Bill Litchfield** and **Russ Paul** for help in assembling and distributing the materials.

### Bingo Was Its Name

**Don St. John** announced that the Highland Park Optimist Club is disbanding, and consequently its Bingo license will lapse. All Optimist Bingo workers were required to be members of the Highland Park Club in order to be legally permitted to work the games, and with the demise of that Club this fundraiser will have its last night this coming Thursday. Rumor has it that a huge accumulated pot will have to be awarded, so if you were ever going to try your luck at Bingo, Thursday's the night!

### Sad News

Former President **Bryce Slaby's** mother passed away recently. Consequently, Bryce was unable to attend the meeting but we look forward to seeing him soon.

### Thanks for the Memory Walk

Cub reporter **Greg Young** e-mailed your editor this photo of MSOCers helping with Saturday's Alzheimer's Association memory Walk. Greg apologized for the quality of the photo, but explained that he took it with his cell phone. He intended to bring his camera to the Memory walk but -- he forgot.



### Sports Report

**Fred Pasternack** informed us that the football team of the University of Colorado, from which Freddie said he "almost graduated," is now 3-0. The Broncos, he said, are also undefeated. Saves all the bother of watching the games, television news, or reading a newspaper.

## Down and Out

**Jim Easton** told us of a family in Aurora that he knows that lost everything in a house fire recently. They could use all of the basics: beds, sheets, clothing, etc. If you can help, Call Jim at 303-300-2431.

## Fishing for Laughs

**Greg Young, Paul Bernard** and **Donlie Smith** each told a political joke. Donlie's got the most laughs, and so has been deemed worthy of retelling in these pages.

The 2008 presidential election ends with each candidate receiving the same number of electoral votes. Minnesota, however, could not award its electoral votes, because a tie vote occurred in that state. They recounted ballots for months, but by the middle of January nothing had been resolved. With inauguration day approaching, the candidates met in Minnesota to work out a solution. They decided to have a three day ice fishing tournament, and whoever caught the most fish would be declared the winner of Minnesota's votes and, therefore, the election.

The candidates went to different corners of a large lake and the tournament began. After two days, the McCain-Palin team had caught 20 fish, while the Obama-Biden team had none. Joe Biden said to Barack Obama, "I know they're cheating. Tomorrow, I'm gonna spy on them and see what they're up to."

The next day Biden took off into the woods with his



**Greg Young installs Jack Kleinheksel as Monaco South's newest member.**

binoculars to sneak up on the Republicans. An hour later, he came running back and breathlessly told Obama "I told you they were cheating. They're drilling *holes* in the ice!"

## Last Call for Directory Listing

The new Club directory will be published soon, and **Tom Mauro** urged members to check their listings to see that they are current. Send any changes to [tmmauro@aol.com](mailto:tmmauro@aol.com).

Tom guarantees you will make up to one million dollars if you place a business-card sized ad in the new directory for the bargain price of \$25. Get your business card or ad copy to him as soon as possible so you can retire on easy street.

## And the Winner Is?

With only two cards left in the jackpot drawing, and \$20 at stake, it was a no-brainer for **Allen Yockey** when his number was the first drawn. With a 50% chance of success, he drew the winning card. Then cups of cash went to new member **Jack Kleinheksel**, and also to his table-mate, almost-member **Charlie Gatewood**. After the newbies won, old hand **Cy Regan's** number was drawn. Cy accepted the cash and then tried to read the next ticket he pulled. "181," he said, but no one believed him, since all the ticket numbers were in the 400 range. Squinting at the ticket again, Cy yelled out "762!." Again, no response from the crowd. So Bill Litchfield grabbed the ticket, read it and called "429!" Finally, someone won. We either have to get glasses for Cy or larger numbers on those tickets!

## Monaco South Calendar

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|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Sept 26</b> Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Vance Moorman, Strategic Business Consultant.                   |
| <b>Oct 3</b> Fri 7:00 am   | Meeting, Legion Hall - Professor Lucas Shamala, Support Africa Empowerment Foundation. |
| <b>Oct 10</b> Fri 7:00 am  | Meeting, Legion Hall - Janis Gaede, Colorado Boys Ranch.                               |

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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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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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