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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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### PAY ME NOW OR PAY ME LATER!

Scott Henke, owner of Onsite Consulting has been working with computers since 1982. He and his employees are a group of non-geeky computer experts that communicate well and can solve any and all of your computer problems. I speak from experience here. These guys are incredibly knowledgeable about computers and are really fast—fast—fast in problem solving and tuning up your computer. Those who listened to Scott's presentation received advice on free programs that can save hundreds, even \$1000s of dollars by preventing viruses and stopping spam and identity theft. Scott's website is

[www.onsitehero.com](http://www.onsitehero.com) and he recommended several other helpful websites:

- [www.dexonline.com](http://www.dexonline.com) to look up a phone number and map.
- [www.truthorfiction.com](http://www.truthorfiction.com) find out if that email is true before sending it out.
- [www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com) searches hundreds of airlines instantly
- [free.grisoft.com](http://free.grisoft.com) a great free anti-virus program is available

We could really use such a talented and smart guy as a Monaco South member. He is giving it strong consideration and I hope we'll have another new member soon.

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 October 5, 2007**

### **Invocation & Pledge**

Ron Carlson led us in the invocation and pledge and asked for divine guidance to help the Rockies go all the way and win the World Series. Lets all hope this prayer will be answered!

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

New president **Greg Young** started the club off with his motto for the year, "It's a great day to be an Optimist," and we all agreed with him. Every day is a good day to be an Optimist! **John Marinos** started us off with a great breakfast of sausage and eggs with French toast and juice. The 2 Frank's (Middleton and Ross) warmly welcomed 68 Optimists to our first meeting of the New Year and Greg started us off with the Quote of the Week. "GIVE A MAN A FISH, AND EATS FOR DAY. TEACH HIM HOW TO FISH, AND YOU GET RID OF HIM FOR THE WHOLE WEEKEND." attributed to a disgruntled housewife, Zenna Schaffer.

Greg thanked our last year's leaders and introduced all the officers for the New Year. Greg also recognized 33 project managers for the New Year, some of them having multiple projects to manage. We are really off to a great start and our best wishes go out to these leaders as they carry us through a wonderful 32<sup>nd</sup> year.

### **Holiday Party**

**Craig Eley** and **John Young** have volunteered to organize the Holiday Party. Current thinking is to have the party mid January after the holiday season rush and the tree lot closing so that everyone can participate.

We're looking for new and exciting ideas to spice up the party. Please share any ideas, locations, or help you might have with Craig or John. We want to have a large participation and celebrate the holiday season and new year.

### **T.J. Craft Fair**

We need a volunteer to chair the craft fair parking patrol on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Craig will be out of town. Please let **Greg Young** or **Craig Eley** know if you can chair this project. Also, sign up to help out on that day, and then come over to the hall to help distribute the Thanksgiving Baskets.

### **Directory Updates**

**Tom Mauro** has \$25.00 business card size advertising spaces available in the new directory to be published in the near future. This is your chance to let your fellow optimists know what you are up to and to generate extra business. **Craig Eley** is taking pictures after every meeting so if your current picture doesn't do you justice, and you need mercy, see Craig for a new picture.

### **Goblins Calling**

**Kent Gloor** and **Gary Miller** need 30 or more volunteers for Wednesday night October 31<sup>st</sup> to call 900+ kids to get them safely off the streets and out of danger Halloween night. This is a real fun project so please reserve that night for the kids we support. Activity starts at 6:00, with pizza provided!!

### **District Conference**

**Karl Geil** announced the district conference to be held October 26, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Fort Collins at the Hilton. Registration sheets are in your District Newsletter (a product of our own **Mike Snipes!**) Extra copies of the newsletter are available in the Guest Book box. Plan to go if you can, and when you register, let Mike Weston know if you plan on attending the Friday night bash with **George Buzick**, our District 25 Governor.

## Dues are Due

**Ron Gustas** is collecting Dues for the 2007-2008 Optimist year. Annual dues are \$102, if you pay up in October. **LIFE** members pay only \$75. Dues may be paid quarterly, but Ron prefers an annual payment if that is convenient for you. Ron's address is Ron Gustas, 7813 S. Locust Ct., Centennial, Co. 80112; or bring your check next week.

## Groceries, Groceries, Groceries Or Gas, Gas, Gas

**Cy Regan** sold \$775 King Soopers cards and \$0 Safeway this morning. Everyone buys groceries, so please think about purchasing gift cards as the club uses gift certificates as a fund raiser. It costs the same whether you pay cash or cards, but card purchases really help the club. Also, if you shop King Soopers regularly, there is a King Soopers gas station at Parker Road west of I-225...you can get a **10¢ per gallon savings and use your gift card**. They also make great gifts for the kids, mother-in-law, whoever. **BUY CARDS!!!!**

## Drawing

**Ron Cisco** is delighted with a new deck of "Optimist" cards and a heavy pewter case to hold them. No winner this week with the odds standing at 1 in 52 but they will dramatically improve next week when the odds drop to 1 in 51. After the regular drawing, **Robert**

**Duvall** declined a chance to pick a winner at 52 to 1. He's waiting till the odds get a little better. With his luck, 52 to 1 aren't really bad odds!

## DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!

Next week, **Gutspah!** we have an outstanding **Gutspah!** speaker. Bring a friend, bring a prospective member, bring a guest, and do not miss it!



**KAREN KATALINE**

Honest, direct communication is critical to getting what we want in almost every area of our lives. Sometimes, it seems as if others get what they want by lying, hyping or even bullying. But in the long run, it takes a heavy toll on their happiness and self-esteem. When the truth comes out, as it so often does, credibility is damaged and trust is gone--along with productivity and peace of mind. Come and hear how Karen can help with these issues.

## Thoughts to Ponder

An attitude of gratitude is what makes Optimism possible. If you love life, life will love you back. The best creed we can have is charity toward the creeds of others.

## Monaco South Calendar

<b>Oct 11</b>	Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, - Craig Eley's Office
<b>Oct 12</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Karen Kataline, Gutspah.
<b>Oct 19</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day.
<b>Oct 26</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Larry Botnick: Our Schools
<b>Oct 31</b>	Wed	6:00 pm	Goblins Calling—Location TBD
<b>Nov 2</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall.
<b>Nov 9</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall.
<b>Nov 16</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day.
<b>Nov 17</b>	Sat	7:00 am	Help Park Cars at TJ Craft Fair
<b>Nov 17</b>	Sat	8:00 am	Thanksgiving Baskets—Legion Hall

**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
Bill Litchfield.	1990-91	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Walters	1991-92		

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**THE OPTIMIST CREAM — 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 you 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.