



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado  
Serving Youth and the Community for 39 Years  
National Philanthropy Day Colorado, Outstanding Service Organization, 2012  
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Editor for this Issue—Robert Wardlaw



### Good Morning Optimists

The sun is shining and it really does feel like spring.

This morning we are greeted by **Pat Bush**, shown on left, and **Terry Shroyer**, on right.

### First Bell

President **Mike Chavez** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. and provides his first greeting for this gathering.

### Invocation & Pledge

**Al Gapuzan** delivers the invocation this morning. *"God of Hope help us to cease to worry about things we cannot change. Instead of wishing things were different help us to make them different."* He then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

### A Special Morning Opening

OCMS Vice Prez **Randy Marcove** takes the microphone and introduces **Suzanne Morris-Scherer**, Principal at Thomas Jefferson High School. Suzanne gives the club a big "Thank You" for the support and updates the assembled on what is happening at TJ.



Suzanne  
Morris-Scherer  
Photo Teresa Wells

The school held a paint bucket challenge last fall and raised enough money to create a student lounge area, where students can come to study in a quiet focused area. They also were able to make improvements to the library facilities. TJ is a college focused school and these improvements are an effort to enhance the appearance of the school.

Also, AP offerings have made possible for students to complete college credited courses in Spanish and French. TJ was also recognized as a High Performing School. Accompanying Suzanne was Ms. **Robin Johnson**, music director at TJ along with five members of the TJHS Band drum line. Randy announces the club has donated \$200 to the music program, Robin thanks us and after the drum line introduces themselves, they launch into some very moving drum beats. Every meeting should start with such energy!



Members of Thomas Jefferson High School Band drumline.  
Photo Michael Chavez

### From the Prez

A memorial service will be held for **Pat Sorensen**, wife of past president and charter member **Oscar Sorensen**, on Monday, April 18 at 11 a.m., at the Mile High Church, Garrison and Alameda, 9077 West Alameda Avenue, Lakewood, CO. Pat passed away on March 21, 2016.

Tri Star Basketball District Finals took place on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Pepsi Center. Michael reported that 135 kids took part in this skills competitions. Members who assisted in this event included **John Bamford**, **Curt Merrill**, **John Greene**, **Mike McMahon**, **Gary Strowbridge**, **Donlie Smith**, **Phil Perington**, and **Wyatt McCallie**. See photo on next page.

The Oratorical Contest took place April 4<sup>th</sup> at Prairie Middle School. Two students were nominated to advance to the Zone 8 Contest. Helping out were judges **John Stoffel**, **Jon Wachter**, and **Craig Eley**. Time keeper was **Greg Young** and sergeant-at-arms was **Phil Perington**. The Zone 8 Oratorical contest will be held April 21, 2016 at Windsor Gardens. A photo of the winners is on the next page.

Last, Gateway Optimist Club is having a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Village Inn at Mississippi and I-225. Mike has tickets and they are \$8 per person. **Fred Paster-nack's** presence was in the room as Michael and **Craig Eley** were able to recount his distinct style about announcing this event and may we all be so well remembered.

**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\*\*\*\***

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## From the Prez continued



Finalist of 2016 Tri Star Basketball District Finals held at the Pepsi Center, April 2, 2016



OCMS Oratorical Contest Winners, April 4, 2016. From R to L, 1<sup>st</sup> Renat Mohamed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dominica Lopez, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Jordan Starr. Photos Michael Chavez

## Announcements

**OCMS Directory Update:** Craig Eley tells us that the new club directory is coming out in April and he invites those new members to assemble after the meeting to get their photo included. Also, if you have updated information to add or correct please note in the directory Master Copy that will be making the rounds. Craig is also looking for a trailer to use/borrow for some yard improvements.



**CO-WY District 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference:** Paul Simon talks about the upcoming District Conference to be held on Saturday, May 14. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference will be at Maggiano's Little Italy, I-25 and Dry Creek. The conference will feature OI Vice President **Al Clark**. Also featured will be the CO-WY Oratorical contest winner and the Communication Contest winner for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing. Channel 9 **Amelia Earhart** will also speak. Registration is \$30, of which the club will reimburse you \$25, cost goes up to \$35 after April 31. You can register online at district website [www.optimistcowy.org](http://www.optimistcowy.org).

Additionally, Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> is Casino Night to benefit CO-WY Childhood Cancer. The event will be held at South Metro Denver Realtor Association, 4899 S. Lincoln Court. Tickets are \$35 and includes \$1,000 of play chips, food, prizes, entertainment and a whole lot of fun. Tickets can be purchased early or you can purchase them at the door.

**Dime-A-Day Program:** Perry Allen is back from an extended stay in San Diego. He thanks **Greg Young** and **Phil Perington** for their help in continuing the charge for the Dime-A-Day Program which

benefits Childhood Cancer. **Greg Young** mentioned that credit cards are an option for payment, either at the meetings or online at <https://squareup.com/store/Optimist Club of Monaco South>. This is the new Monaco South online store, where you can make donations. And in the future pay dues or charges for events. If you have questions, contact Greg at 303-759-3921 or [gndyoung@comcast.net](mailto:gndyoung@comcast.net).

**T1DOC Online Auction:** Ron Gustas talked about the T1DOC online auction that is upcoming, please talk with Ron if you have items to donate. Proceeds from this auction will help send kids with diabetes to camp this summer. Ron also tells us about a recent shooting in Centennial that left a former neighbor Dr. Kenneth Atkinson dead, a man who was acting as a Good Samaritan. Ron reminds us to "... value each day, because you don't know which one might be your last." Editor, good advise for all of us!

**9Health Fair:** Don Thomson announces that his wife, **Joyce Thomson** has taken the lead at the 9Health Fair taking place at Augustana Lutheran Church, Monday and Tuesday, April 11-12. Pre-registration is available and saves time by allowing you to go straight into the event and begin the process. Twenty-eight screenings are available and no fasting is required. See Don if you would like to assist.

**Know Brainer:** Pat Bush tells us that the Know Brainer is coming, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Hamilton Middle School and is needing 5 more volunteers to help o. This event will be held in conjunction with Tamarac Optimist Club. He also reminds us that at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Friday meeting, the club will elect new officers. Members are encouraged to attend and vote for the new edition. See official announcement on distribution email.

**OI Foundation Report:** Member and CO-WY Governor **Curt Merrill** mentions that OI Foundation has counted **Optimist Club of Monaco South** as having raised over \$17,000 from the Dime-A-Day program, which puts us in second place. Stay at it!

**Colorado Correctional Industries (CCI) Visit:** Bob Avery once again confirms that April 28<sup>th</sup> is the date for the next tour of the CCI operation in Canon City. Members will carpool down and look at how the inmates are operating a model program that teaches them work ethic, efficiency, and business operations. Inmates involved in CCI have recidivism rates 25-30 percent lower than the prisoners not in program.

## Call for Drawing

**Prez Michael** asks, "do we have a drawing?" Yes we do have a drawing and there is a pot totaling \$40. Your editor was busy tracking down some information and did not hear what the Lucky Card was. Members who held winning tickets included **Bob Avery, OC Larson, Scott Walker, Paul Stratton, Tom Glazier, and Cy Regan**. **Craig Eley** then draws **Ralph Pedersen's** name from the plastic jug and **Chris Dunphy** acts in his place for a chance to pick the lucky card but comes up empty! No winning card was drawn so the pot grows!



**Robert Schutzius**  
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

**Paul Bernard** introduces Robert Schutzius from Anadarko Petroleum Corporation. Mr. Schutzius is Reserves Manager for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in Denver. Robert grew up in Aurora and has resided in Fort Collins for the past 14 years. Robert earned his BS of Science degree civil engineering at the University of Colorado at Boulder and his MBA from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Robert is also a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Colorado. Robert has more than 23 years of experience in the oil and gas industry, having held both technical and financial roles with Shell, ARCO, North American Exploration, and now Anadarko.

Robert and his wife, Trisha, a Colorado native, have been married for 33 years and have two daughters. Their oldest daughter is an alumnus of Colorado State University College of Engineering and their youngest daughter is an alumnus of the University of Colorado College of Engineering and Applied Science.

Oil is used primarily for transportation while Gas is used for home heating, cooking and in 2012 about 30 percent of the energy consumed came from natural gas. Over one-half of the homes in the United States are supplied with natural gas. About 21 percent of the natural gas consumed in the United States during 2013 went to homes. This gas is delivered to homes through pipelines or in tanks as compressed natural gas.



A display of the various industrial or household chemicals ingredients in hydraulic fracturing fluid.

Most of the natural gas consumed in homes is used for space heating and



Robert Schutzius  
Photos Don StJohn

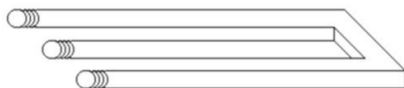
water heating. It is also used in stoves, ovens, clothes dryers, lighting fixtures and other appliances.

Currently Colorado ranks #7 in oil and gas production in the Nation. Hydraulic fracturing for these reserves is a method that is decades old having started back in the 1940's. Without fracturing the oil and gas reserves found here in Colorado and in many parts of the US would never be accessible. He shared, We are known for years that shale rock contains oil and natural gas that was too "tight" (or impermeable) to allow commercial production. Ongoing research and development optimized two key innovations. The first was hydraulic fracturing also known as "fracking" – injecting water under high pressure to create narrow micro-fissures in the rock. Since the late 1940s it has been used safely in more than a million wells. Separate research during the 1980s made it possible to drill wells that curve out laterally, thus gaining exposure to more potentially productive rock than was possible with conventional vertical wells. Hydraulic fracturing and horizontal wells were first combined in shale wells in the late 1990s, enabling commercial production of unconventional reservoirs.

It has also been shown that using Natural Gas in place of coal has reduced emissions by the burning of this fuel. Another factor that has been questioned is how the drilling effects the public health. Many are concerned by how this drilling and extraction will impact the environment and citizens. Robert showed data from Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment shows that the areas that have concentrated incidences of drilling and exploration have not resulted in negative impacts to the public health.

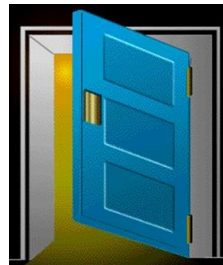
Thank you Robert for an informative presentation!

### Selected Works by M.C. Escher

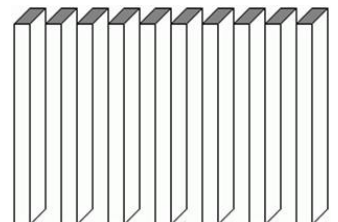


Above, the rod in the middle does not exist.

To right, are the columns round or square?



Above, is the door open to the inside or outside?



Above, how many, 7 or 10? Count at the top and then at the bottom.

#### April Super Citizen Presenters

April 20 @ 2:00	MPB	Paul Gibson
April 22 @ 8:15	Holm	Donlie Smith
April 28 @ 1:00	McMeen	Dave Peck
April 29 @ 8:30	Slavens	Bob Avery
April 29 @ 3:00	Bradley	Aaron Beery

#### Weekly Greeters

4/15/16	Don Roth & John Scarborough
4/22/16	Michael White & Don Thomson
4/29/16	Frank Middleton & Chris Dunphy

#### Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Apr 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Brittany Saunier & Mike McMahon, Special Olympics  
 Apr 21 Thur 6:30 pm Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way  
 Apr 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day & Club Election  
 Apr 29 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Lisa Weiss, Colorado/Wyoming CCDHH  
 Apr 30 Sat 1:00 pm CO-WY District Oratorical Contest, All Saints Lutheran Church, 15625 E. Illif Avenue



**Past Presidents of the  
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96		

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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.