



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimists!

Our greeters this morning were **Jerry Gilbert** and **O.C. Larson**. Thanks for doing this for us this morning.

### Invocation & Pledge

**Jack Rife** graced us with his presence then presented grace before we all broke bread. The Pledge of Allegiance was also instigated by Jack.

### Guests

No guests were to be found this morning but **Bob DeSpain** was back for the second week in a row. If you are aware of members who have not been here for awhile, give them a call and tell them we miss them.

### President Phil Presides

MSOC Picture Time: You all need be here on September 11<sup>th</sup> for the MSOC Group Shot, which is the annual trek outside where we challenge our photographer to get us all into the one picture.

CO/WY Convention: Mark your calendars for the District Convention in Colorado Springs at the Crown Plaza Hotel on the week end of August 28<sup>th</sup> thru August 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of fun, socializing and training. Another note on training, a train ride to the top of Pikes Peak is on the addendum, also.

Board Meeting: The monthly Board Meeting will be held at 3540 South Poplar on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Remember, it's budget time for the upcoming 2009-10year.

### GUMS EDITOR'S NEEDED

We need GUMS Editors for next year. Each year we try to get four editors so the burden is not that much. **Greg Young** is moving into the Treasurer position, while **Robert Wardlaw** is becoming the Secretary on the **Ron Cisco's** MSOC Leadership Team. This month will be my (Bill Walters) last stint as a GUMS editor as well. So we need at least three. Ralph Pedersen can be your mentor if you can sign up. Please contact **Ron, Greg, or Bob Finkelmeier** telling them you are ready to assist.

*Get involved and get your name in print!*

Car Maintenance Log: Not only do we run a great meeting but we give tons of stuff away. Now you can get a free mileage log book to go with your free MSOC baseball cap. If you go into your IRS audit with your MSOC cap and the "filled-out mileage log book, it is guaranteed that you will be exonerated. Wow and optimist guarantee!

A True Optimist: Steve Yates presented this special cartoon poster to President Phil last week.



Photo by Don St.John

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\*\*\*\*

## More Utterings from the Prez Weekly History Lesson

The weekly musings by Prez Phil are as follows:

- 1457 Oldest known exactly dated printed book (c. 3 yrs after Guttenberg Press
- 1784 1<sup>st</sup> Russian Colony in Alaska is found on Kodiak Island
- 1846 Henry David Thoreau jailed for tax resistance
- 1862 Lincoln receives 1<sup>st</sup> group of Blacks to confer with US President
- 1893 France issues 1<sup>st</sup> driving lessons which included a required test
- 1935 Social Security Act becomes law
- 1945 V-D Day: Japan surrenders unconditionally to end WWII
- 1947 India granted Independence from British Government, also Pakistan
- 1965 Beatles tape their appearance on Ed Sullivan show
- 1984 IBM releases MS DOS version 3.0

### August Birthdays

#### Girls

- Halle Berry (42)
- Susan St. James (62)
- Rose Marie (62)
- Julia Child (96)
- Annie Oakley (149)

#### Boys

- Ervin (Magic) Johnson (49)
- Steve Martin (63)
- David Crosby (67)
- Don Ho (79)
- Fidel Castro (83)
- Alfred Hitchcock (110)
- Napoleon Bonaparte (239)

### Announcements

Project Leaders-Important: Our new MSOC Treasure, **Greg Young**, reminded that all Project Leaders should be formulating their budgets for the next fiscal year (2009-2010) and sending your formulations to Greg or Ron Cisco for their consideration at the Budget Meeting, Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Monaco South Banquet: Greg Young is heading up this project and he needs your affirmation. On Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the great year we had because of the participation of our membership. Blossoms Restaurant at Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way in Aurora, will host this fun event. Please sign up and plan to be there at 6:00pm.

Honeymoon Weekend: For only \$138 per person

you will enjoy a great weekend at Winter Park's Arlberg Club, September 11 - 13. The festivities will start with a Friday evening mixer and Bar-B-Q and end with Sunday Brunch. Lots of activities to choose from are available. This is always a fun event and if you have never been, you should plan on it. **Al Gapuzan, Kent Gloor, Howard Fry and Randy Marcove** will be there because they are doing all the planning.

#### School Supplies Report:

With his signed-up team, **Oscar Sorensen**, will be delivering boxes of supplies on the first day of school (Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>). Holly, the manager of the Dollar Store at Holly and Quebec donated lots of school supplies and made this project a real success.



Don Thomson and Oscar Sorensen stand with the Dollar Store manager who donated some school supplies.

Photo by Don StJohn

New School Year Super Citizen Program: **Don Thomson** reported that the Principals of the nine (9) schools we support will be our breakfast guests on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Listed are the schools supported, principal and the MSOC school representative:

- **Bradley International School**  
Principal: Heather Reagan, 303-756-8386  
MSOC Rep: Tom McKee
- **Hamilton Middle School**  
Principal: Reina Gutierrez, 720-423-9500  
MSOC Rep: Tom Mauro
- **Holm Elementary School**  
Principal: Jim Metcalfe 303-751-3157  
MSOC Rep: Donlie Smith
- **McMeen Elementary School**  
Principal: Dr. Mike Deguire 303-388-5649  
MSOC Rep: Don Thomson
- **Most Precious Blood School**  
Principal: Colleen McManamon 303-757-1279  
MSOC Rep: Pat Sullivan
- **Samuels Elementary School**  
Principal: Jim Kimbrough 303-770-2215  
MSOC Rep: Kent Gloor
- **Slavens School**  
Principal: Kurt Siebold 303-753-9151  
MSOC Rep: Tom Hoch
- **University Park Elementary**  
Principal: Dana Williams 303-756-9407  
MSOC Rep: Jack Rife
- **Lowry Elementary School**  
Principal: Cari Reidlin 303-371-378  
MSOC Rep: Paul Stratton

**Thank you all for continuing  
this great MSOC program!**

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Super Citizen Program continued: Members, if you would like to participate in a wonderful, personally rewarding project, which takes only about an hour, sign up to be a Supper Citizenship Certificate presenter. See you **Joe Marci** to get your choice of presentation dates.



Tamarac Optimist Club Boutique: By the time you read this, the Tamarac Optimist Club will have completed their Boutique, held at **John & Clair Young's** home on Saturday. John Young called the pressroom to report it was quite successful.

East High School Constitution Scholars: **Tom Mauro** told the club that we will have East High School's Constitution Scholars as our guests next week to report on the tournament they attended in Washington DC.

Junior Golf Report: **Joe Marci** and **Ron Cisco** are the driving force behind Junior Golf in Colorado-Wyoming and submitted the following report and thank-you notes from participants:

Dear District Chairs:

The 2009 Optimist International Junior Golf Championships were a huge success! Please take a moment to visit [www.optimist.org/golf](http://www.optimist.org/golf) to review the tournament results, photo galleries, copies of The Daily Divot newsletter, press releases and more.

Congratulations to the following 2009 Optimist champions!

- Boys 10-11: Terrence Zhang (Orlando, FL) – North Florida District qualifier
- Girls 10-11: Clare Amelia Legaspi (Philippines)
- Boys 12-13: Jacob Choi (Collierville, TN) –

Tennessee District winner

- Girls 12-13: Natalia Forero (Colombia)
- Boys 14-15: Jonathan Sanders (Chatsworth, CA) – Pacific Southwest District winner
- Girls 14-15: Panitta Yusabai (Thailand)
- Boys 16-18: A.J. Crouch (Jacksonville, FL)
- Girls 16-18: Chihiro Ikeda (Philippines)

A big THANK YOU to all District Chairs and volunteers for making the event such a success. Take care and please enjoy the rest of your summer!

Andy Hudson, Director  
Optimist Junior Golf Program

Mud Volleyball: The MSOC Parkers at the March of Dimes Mud Volleyball Games were **Cy Regan** (who runs this project), **Joe Marci**, **Greg Hurd**, **Bob Avery**, **Donlie Smith**, **Curt Boell**, **Russ Paul**, **Fred Pasternack**, **Ron Carlson**, **O.C. Larson**, **Steve Kady**, **Ralph Pedersen**, **Al Gapuzan**, **Bryce Slaby**, **Robert Wardlaw**, and **Pat Sullivan**. Thanks guys!

Weekly Drawing: **Cy Regan** reported that he collected \$1,675 for King Soopers' (\$1,025) and Safeway's (\$650) gift cards. That's \$82.50 Cy made for the club this morning. Thanks!

### Thoughts and Prayers

Say a prayer for **Bob Hugo**, who is under going back surgery. We are all pulling for you, Mr. Hugo!

Not seen for awhile member, **Jim Leuschner**, lost his father on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Our sympathy goes out to Jim and his family.

## Monaco South Calendar

Aug 18	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
Aug 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - <b>East High School Constitutional Scholars</b>
Aug 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
Aug 28-30			<b>Colorado/Wyoming District Convention</b> , Colorado Springs
Sep 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Harry Fegley, <b>The Other Side of Africa</b>
Sep 9	Wed	7:00 pm	Budget Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
Sep 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - John Arigoni, Pres. & CEO, <b>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Metro Denver</b>
Sep 11-13	Weekend		<b>Honeymoon/Getaway Weekend</b> - Colorado Arlberg Club-Winter Park
Sep 15	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
Sep 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - <b>Camaraderie Day</b>
Sep 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
Sep 26	Sat	6:00 pm	<b>Monaco South Year End Banquet</b> —Blossoms Restaurant

## 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	Greg Young	2007-08

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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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