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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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### TODAY'S SPEAKER

Our speaker today was Carolyn Brink who serves on the Board of Directors of the Emily Griffith Foundation. Prior to that, she spent 15 years as an administrator at the Emily Griffith Opportunity School, serving as coordinator of Consumer and Family Studies, Assistant Principal, and Director of Support Services.

This is the 90th anniversary of the school and Carolyn told us of the early history of the school and Emily Griffith's life. Emily was born in 1868 in Ohio, moved to Nebraska and taught in a Sod school house before moving to Denver and starting the school that bears her name. She retired in 1933, moved to Pinecliffe and was murdered in 1947.

Located in downtown Denver since 1916 the school is a public post-secondary college dedicated to responding to the educational needs of the community. The school remains true to Emily Griffith's philosophy, "to serve all who wish to learn".

The Emily Griffith High School retrieves approximately 350 dropouts annually. They provide education in six of the fastest growing occupations. They have served 1.5 million students since 1916, have an 89% employment rate and a 69% graduation rate. Most programs provide marketable skills in one year or less!



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

## NEWS THROUGH OCTOBER 13

### Invocation & Pledge

**Bob Safe** offered the invocation and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guests

Frank Middleton introduced Kevin Keilbach (he joined this morning and is the Districts' Co-Chair of the Oratorical Contest). Jimmie Brown's guest was Mike Snipes and our third guest was Eric Carlson (everyone tried to claim him, but he came on his own!). A big Welcome to all three!

### Notes from the President

Paul reminded us of significant events and "birthdays" occurring on this date (forgetting to mention that the U.S. Navy's 231st was today!) Bill Culbertson had his 80th on the 8th, so we sang for all the October birthdays.

Paul mentioned that Curt Jefferies had gall bladder surgery and that Ron Carlson had an accident and injured his ribs. GET WELL guys!

### King Soopers

**Cy Regan** sold only \$500 worth of King Soopers certificates today. Guess we won't eat very well this week.

### Junior Diabetes Foundation

**Dick Cohen** and his wife Terri are riding in a fund-raising event in Death Valley for the Foundation. This is a serious illness affecting youth and deserves support. Please sign up!

### The Pumpkin Patch

**Bob Avery** says to come by Troop 457's Pumpkin Patch at the corner of Belleview & Holly from 10 a.m. till dusk –through Halloween. On Sundays –story telling at 3 p.m. Free crafts & tiny pumpkins for tiny tots you can take home. Come see the Great Pumpkin and the tiniest and help support Scouts while having fun!

### Hamilton Attendance Program

A new program to assist Hamilton Middle School will start on October 31st. Students who have been absent the previous week will be called on Mondays to ascertain their status and encourage them to return to school. A sign-up sheet will be passed around.

### Goblins Calling

Bob Avery announced our annual Goblins Calling effort will take place 31 October. We need lots of help, so please sign up! Kent Gloor tells me it will take place at the Schlessman YMCA starting at 6:00 p.m.

### Optimist International Membership

OI ended the 2005-2006 year with 890 more members and 42 more clubs than when the year started. There are now 3,237 Optimist Clubs and a grand total of 103,581 Optimists! Monaco South helped with that so lets keep it up!!

## NEW MEMBER BIOGRAPHY – CURT LILE

**Curt Lile** is one of the newest members of Monaco South. He has two step-children and a beautiful wife, Jennifer. His oldest child, Garrett is 12 and in the 7th grade and Dylan, 11, is in the 6th grade. Curt is looking forward to the teen years because, “who doesn’t love a challenge”? Garrett and Dylan are both 2nd Class Boy scouts in Troop 166 in Wheat Ridge and Garrett should be a 1st Class soon. Curt says he has been married two years and it keeps getting better! He is looking forward to his 50th!

Curt enjoys helping people and is a Personal Banking Representative at UMB Bank. He knows finance and uses that knowledge to help people make their money work for them by finding solutions for those who seek his services.

Curt is a striving golfer working on bettering his 20 handicap which he hopes will be soon. He also enjoys skiing, music, reading, concerts (all types of music) and racquetball. He says he has two feet on the dance floor and apologizes in advance for stepping on anyone’s feet! He is very excited to be a part of such a great community building club and he thanks each and every one of us for the opportunity!



**Freddie** says he wants his candy back as the **Broncos** are superb!!

A special **THANKS** to **JOHN YOUNG** for all he does, hats, etc. from Bryce on our behalf.

### Monaco South Calendar

Thu, Oct 19, 5: 30 p.m.	<a href="#">Super Citizen, Hamilton, Kent Gloor.</a>
Thu, Oct 19, 2: 30 p.m.	<a href="#">Super Citizen, MPB, John Young.</a>
Thu, Oct 19, 6: 30 p.m.	Board Meeting, Craig Eley’s office, 3515 S. Tamarac Dr., #200 (southwest corner of Tamarac & Hampden).
Fri, Oct 20, 7: 00 a.m.	Meeting, Legion Hall, Camaraderie Day
Fri, Oct 20, 3: 00 p.m.	<a href="#">Super Citizen, Bradley, Craig Eley</a>
Tue, Oct 24, 1:15 p.m.	<a href="#">Super Citizen, Samuels, Jim Vander Kamp</a>
Thu, Oct 26, 9: 00 a.m.	<a href="#">Super Citizen, Holm, Nick Newey</a>
Fri, Oct 27, 7: 00 a.m.	Meeting, Legion Hall, Buie Seawell, Business Ethics
???, Oct ? 2:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Super Citizen, Southmoor, Ed Collins</a>
Tue, Oct 30 6: 00 p.m.	Goblins Calling, Schlessman YMCA
Fri, Nov 3, 7:00 a.m.	Meeting, Legion Hall, Speaker TBA

## Past Presidents

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bill Walters	1991-92
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Bob Safe	1995-96
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Tom Overton	1996-97
John Young	1982-83	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Pat Bush	1983-84	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Cy Regan	1999-00
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Don St. John	2001-02
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Jack Rife	2002-03
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Avery	1989-90	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	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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