



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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### Good Morning Optimist

Greeting us this morning with a warm smile and a hearty handshake were **Woody Thibodeau**, **Frank Middleton** and a campaigning **Allen Pierce**. It's a great way to start our day! BTW, Frank is still waiting for his invitation to the Royal Wedding!

### First Bell

President **Ed Collins** was punctual with his striking of the first bell at 7:00 a.m. He recognized a "Lost Sheep" home from Arizona - **Eldon Strong**, whom directed us in a wonderful Invocation and then the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and our great country. Welcome back Eldon!

### Guests

Surprise! **Fred Pasternack** had two guests today, and one showed! Not only did Hearing-Aid salesman Don Kim come as a returning guest, he also came with a check in hand! Originally deciding to join as a FOO, Don changed his mind and applied to become a regular member after witnessing how much fun we have as well as what we do. Fred's other guest, a car salesman, will probably join us next week? Word of note: Fred's guest from last week, David Bakke, rescued a Weed Whacker from certain disposal for only \$20 for **Dick Nickoloff**. Kudos to all!

### Seen in the Crowd

**Greg Young** announced that three times distinguished past President (#19) **Mark Metevia** has rejoined our club. We're glad to have you back Mark!

### Utterings from the Prez

President **Ed** shared with us some results of the week's Board meeting. First, we will write a letter to District Governor Elect Donna Priester to notify her of our support of **Phil Perington** in his bid to become our next District Governor Elect. Also, after twenty years of service in support of the Denver Dumb Friend's League, we were notified that our

services will no longer be needed to set up tents. Now none of us have an excuse to miss the Colorado/Wyoming Third Quarter District Conference meeting in Fort Collins, May 6-8<sup>th</sup>. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

### Announcements

**Project Breathe:** Steve Kady reported that the Project



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BREATHE.

Breathe presentation, held Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> was a big success. Fifty pet oxygen mask kits were presented to every fire



President **Ed Collins** addresses the attendees while Dr. **Jack Rife** demonstrates techniques for using the pet oxygen masks.

Photo Allen Yockey

truck's in the City of Denver, Glendale, and Sheridan, plus the fire trucks at Denver International Airport through a donation from Invisible Fence® of Colorado. Steve worked to facilitated the connection between Invisible Fence and all the fire departments. Tom Hoch captured this presentation which can be found at: <http://vimeo.com/22764765>.

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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\*\*\*\*

## Announcements Continued

**Project Breathe Follow-up:** Sargent at Arms **Tom Hoch** passed the Collection Cuspidor around to fine President **Ed Collins** for butchering our Optimist Creed at the Project Breathe presentation. It appeared to have cost Ed \$5 to make amends. Dr. **Jack Rife** was fined \$1 for not wearing an Optimist International shirt while demonstrating the use of a pet-modified oxygen mask on his dog Barklee - although he looked great in his Denver Post picture and in the Associated Press video clip, which can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#). Again, a very special thank you to **Steve Kady** for making this happen. Great job to all involved too!

**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation: Ron Gustas** mentioned that JDRF raises research funds seeking a cure and improved treatments for kids with Type 1 diabetes and asked for our help in setting up for a fund raising event. Their Board Chair and Executive Director spoke to our club last fall. Help is needed at 10 a.m. on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> to move materials from their office in the Tech Center to INVESCO Field for the "*Fund-A-Cure Dream Gala*" to be held the next night. These research funds support the Barbara Davis Childhood Diabetes Center here in Denver which treats 2-3,000 kids. One in every 250-300 Colorado kids develops Type 1 Diabetes including those of several of our member families. Please contact **Ron Gustas** at 303-770-9640 or [rgustas@earthlink.net](mailto:rgustas@earthlink.net) to sign up. Maps and more detail instructions to follow. **Added note:** one of our Super Citizen schools, Bradley International, conducted a Walk-a-Thon last week to raise awareness and funds in support of JDRF. It is believed to be the first walk done with a DPS school, and \$3,000 was raised. Great job kids!

**Side by Side by Sondheim:** **Dick Cohen** shared that there is a Group Rate discount available for MSOC members to see *Side by Side* by Sondheim at the new Cherry Creek Theatre on May 14<sup>th</sup>. You may purchase tickets at [www.cherrycreektheatre.org](http://www.cherrycreektheatre.org) or by calling 303-800-6578. Please see Dick for more details and watch Dick's video clip announcement on the Home Page.

**Great West Life Bike MS Bicycle Ride:** On June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> this bike ride will be held. MSOC organizer **Michael Chavez** passed around a sign-up sheet looking for individuals to man our rest stop for this event, as well as cheer on our very own **Bob Avery** as he passes through. We will be meeting at the West View Middle School in Longmont. Please see **Michael** or **Robert Wardlaw** for additional information and tune up your body and your bike to ride with Bob!

**MSOC Elections:** Officer elections are this Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> for the new fiscal year starting October 1, 2011—you must be present to vote. **Oscar Sorensen** asked all candidates to stand up and sit down fast as he read their names. Running for President: **Randy Marcove**, Vice Presidents: **Frank Ross** and **Howdy Fry**, Directors: **Paul Gleditsch**, **Allen Pierce**, **Fred Pasternack**, **Al Perington**, **John Oss**, and **Jim Tapp**. Make your vote count—be at the meeting and be reckoned!

**9 Health Fair:** The Optimist Club of Mon-aco South participated for the sixth year in the 9 Health Fair on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Schlessman Family YMCA. Fifteen Optimists including **Don St. John**, **Bryce Slaby**, **George Buzick**, **Leo Hagele**, **Sewell Black**,

**Harry Fegley**, **Pat Sullivan**, **Russ Paul**, **Fred Pasternack**, **John Stoffel**, **Les Larson**, **Kent Gloor**, **Pat Sullivan**, **Jack Rife** and **Howdy Fry** volunteered to manage the Cashier function of the Health Fair. Arriving at 6:30 a.m., these fine men prepared to work five hours processing 935 participant's transactions. At the end of the day, we collected over \$50,000 and balanced to within 3/10s of a percent. Thank you for your hard work and friendly Optimist smile! **Added note:** Fred Pasternack created a bit of a stir when he disappeared into the Women's Only "Best Exam" area.



Pictured from left: Russ Paul, Fred Pasternack and Pat Sullivan.



Pictured from right: George Buzick, Don St. John, Harry Fegley and Leo Hagele. Photo Howdy Fry

**Duck Drop:** Last chance to sponsor a Duck! Purchase a ticket or five from **Greg Young**, \$5 or \$20 respectively, for a chance at some fabulous prizes. This is a fund-raising event organized by Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann and her staff for the benefit the Denver Public Schools in District #4. Get your Super Donald Duck now before they're sold out! See you Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the George Wallace Park.



**2010-11 Super Citizen Programs Coming to a Close:** Super Citizen is winding down for the school year. **Don Thomson** informed us that we had a very busy week at McMeen, MPB, Holm, and Samuels, with **Rich Wagner**, **John Oss**, **Gary Miller**, **Donlie Smith**, **Frank Middleton**, **Dick Nickoloff** and **Nick Newey**, who all had the honors of presenting the certificates and t-shirts to the fine students of their respective schools.

## Closing Bell

**Drawing:** Today's lucky card was the Seven of Spades for a pot of \$40. Lucky cup winning members and their numbers were **John Oss**, **Don Thomson**, **Gary Strowbridge**, and **Bob Avery**. Second Place Essay Contest winner Audrey Colleen Morris-Reihl won a cup, as did Third Place Essay Contest winner Rachael Newman's mom Yvette. Speaking of Rachel, her ticket was drawn, and she went for the \$40 pot. Both she and **Cy Regan** came up with losing cards! It's good to be a guest!



**Grocery Card Sales:** **Cy Regan** reported our grocery card sales total of \$1,525 for the week. We are now using the new reloadable King Soopers cards. It is available for purchase for either \$25 or \$50 initial values, and then they may be reloaded for up to \$500 dollars at any King Soopers Customer Service Center. Each time the card is reloaded our club will receive 5% of it's value. PLUS, you may reload it with your rewards type credit card, and receive that value as well.



Has anybody seen our missing Banners?  
If you know where that are, please let the morning set-up group know.



## Essay Contest Winners from Thomas Jefferson High School

MSOC members were treated with the Essay Contest Winners from Thomas Jefferson High School. This year's Optimist International theme was: "How my Education is the key to a successful future."

First Place winner was Brianna Romero, who was absent due to an illness. In her place was TJ's own AP Literature Teacher, Ms. Susan Stokley, to read Brianna's winning essay. Second place winner was Audrey Colleen Morris-Reihl



with her mom Brenda and dad John. Third place winner (and Super Citizen recipient) Rachael Angele Newman was with her mother Yvette. Also present was TJ's Principal, Ms. Sandra Just and ten year veteran judge Paula Kauffman representing the Essay Contest judges.

**Wyatt McCallie** shared with the group how the Essay Contest works. Ms. Stokley advertises the program at Thomas Jefferson, and subsequently the six top submitted essays are selected. Wyatt then reproduces and delivers three sets of the essays, scrubbed of the writer's names, to **Joe Marci**. Joe, in turn, delivers the essays to three judges. The essays are graded by a ranking method, and the tabulated results determine the winners. With complete anonym-



ity, the winning Essay is then submitted to district, where Brianna Romero finished in Second Place. Outstanding job Brianna!

Ms. Stokley read Brianna's impressive essay with great articulation, starting with, "Education has provided an ample supply of hopes and dreams..." Questions were directed to both Ms. Stokley and Principal

Just relevant to performance statistics of Thomas Jefferson. Two very significant facts were revealed: six years ago, 150 AP examinations were taken by TJ students. This year, 460 were taken. Additionally, a phenomenal 82% of the 237 Seniors will be considered College Ready. Congratulations to Ms. Just and her staff!



Photos Don StJohn

## Sullivan Scholarship Winners Selected

The Thomas Jefferson High School Sullivan Scholarship winners have been selected; although not announced as yet. They will be invited and recognized with their families at our morning meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. President **Ed Collins** will speak at the TJHS Senior Awards Assembly on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at

7:00 p.m. This years selection committee members were: **Gary Miller, Ed Collins, Greg Young, Tom Mauro and Joe Marci**. More information will be forthcoming after the Senior Awards Assembly.

<b>Weekly Greeters</b>	
Date	Greeters
4/29/11	Ron Carlson & Michael Chavez
5/6/11	Fred Pasternack & Doug Arnold
5/13/11	Fran Middleton & Doug Arnold
5/20/11	Paul Gleditsch & Harry Johnson
5/27/11	Phil Perington & Robert Wardlaw

<b>Super Citizen Presenters for April</b>		
29 @ 2:30 pm	Univ. Park	Bob Avery
29 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Howard Fry
<b>May Charlie Korsoski Presentation's</b>		
11 @ 8:00 am	Highline	TBA
12 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	TBA
19 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	TBA
26 @ 2:30 pm	Univ. Park	TBA
27 @ 8:30 am	Samuels	TBA
<b>All other schools TBA</b>		

### Monaco South Calendar

- Apr 29 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Super Optimist Bill Walters' Visitation
- May 6 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Stacey Pendleton, Colorado History Day
- May 6-8 Colorado-Wyoming 3rd Quarter Conference, Ft. Collins Hilton
- May 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Donn Eley, President & Founder of Brent's Place
- May 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

## Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

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

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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.