



# 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 Optimists

A Reminder of our Mission Statement: *By providing hope and a positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.*

### Greeting Us Today

On this beautiful August day our membership was greeted by **Doug Arnold** and Broncos' number 84, known to fans as Shannon Sharpe and to the members of MSOC as **Freddie "Phantom Guest" Paster-nack**.

### Starting Bell

President **Ed Collins** gaveled the meeting to order and gave the invocation, which reminded us to "make our Optimism come true."

### Guests

Chris Martin, who was a good friend of **Bill Walters** visited today. **Ron Cisco** said her had three guests who were not here and that he couldn't remember their names. **Freddie Pasternack** said "a guy from Mudd Volleyball" had promised to come, but didn't show. Ron Gutru, friend of **Steve Kady**, apparently got the word and brought an application with him this time and is now a *Friend of Optimist*.

### Member Updates & News

**Andy McKean**, our very own "Liberty Day" guy has lost 40 pounds and is off to California for a visit.

**John Stoffel** (who probably won't see this because he "never reads the newsletter," is allowing his wife to re-do their kitchen. She is doing all the work. That's what I call a generous husband.

**Paul Stratton** was here in his standard issue Ed-

ward Jones blue blazer.

Also seen were **Woody Thibodeau** and **Casey Funk**.

**Curt Jefferies** showed up to drum up support for Rockies handouts. Seems Curt had a bout of pneumonia, from which he is now (mostly) recovered.

Also, in spite of being newlyweds, both **Howie Fry** and **Nick Newey** were present.

*Hi Optimists,*

*I wanted to share with all of you a great story Of Optimists Gary and Sharon Miner of Greenfield, Iowa. Gary is the current Governor of the OI Iowa district. He and Sharon live in a town of 2,000 people.*

*They went out and in two weeks, signed up 20 Friends of Optimist (FOO) members!!!!!!!!!!*

*As most of you know, my FOO membership goal for 2010-2011 is 100 NEW FOO MEMBERS. As of yesterday, the Colorado/Wyoming district is up to 75 NEW FOO MEMBERS. Our district is now # 1 in NEW FOO MEMBERS among the other 48 districts in the world!!!*

*I am asking each of you to go to your club as well the Lt. Governors to correspond with all the clubs in their zone to BRING IN THE FINAL 25 MEMBERS BY SEPTEMBER #) or sooner!!*

*If Gary and Sharon can recruit 20 NEW FOO members in two weeks, our 1,800 member district can get 25 or more additional FOO members.*

**LET'S DO IT!!!!!! CO-WY District Governor Ron Benson**



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

**MSOC Installation Dinner:** Ron Cisco said that the annual installation banquet was being arranged by him and **Phil Perington**, so you know it's gotta' be good. Date will be September 24, at Blossoms in Heather Gardens. Sign up list was circulated. This is always a great social event, so sign up and put it on your calendar.

**Emma Alexander, Up With People Speaker:** Paul **Bernard** mentioned that, in talking to Emma Alexander, our Up With People speaker, he had found out that the reason she contacted Monaco South to sponsor her is that she had been a Super Citizen and knew of the great things we do. *We need to get Southmoor back in the program!*

**Hand Out Tulowitzki T-shirts:** Curt Jefferies said he was looking for a few good men (and women) to hand out Tulowitzki T-shirts at the Rockies versus San



Francisco Giants game on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.



He needs a minimum of 25 people. You can get a T-shirt and a free ticket to the game for about 1 hours work. The club will get \$500!

**Entertainment Books:** After a marginally funny joke from **Dick Nickoloff**, **Joe Marci** announced that he had a number of Entertainment Books and would appreciate some help selling them. Joe also said that we would have guests for the next couple of meetings. On August 19<sup>th</sup>, five of the golfers who represented Colorado/Wyoming District in Florida will be here to tell about their experiences. On August 26<sup>th</sup>, principals from our Super Citizen schools will join us.

**MSOC Table Sale:** **Greg** "show me the money" **Young** let everyone know that we are cleaning up the storage facility and that there were several tables available. They are 8 feet long, have screw on legs and weigh a ton, but are functional. If you, a charity, someone you love, need a table, let Greg know no later than Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Channel 6 Telethon:** **Bryce Slaby** thanked those who manned the phones at Channel 6, for their annual fund raiser. Those present were: **John Stoffel, Randy Marcove, Russ Paul, Mark Metevia, OC Larsen, Les Larson, Michael Chavez, Harry Johnson, Craig Eley, Gary Strowbridge, Tom Charters, Jack Rife, Bryce** led this esteem Optimistic group.

**Mudd Volley Ball Update:** **Cy Regan** thanked those who had worked the Mudd Volley Ball parking lot. This event is a major fund raiser for the March of Dimes Colorado chapter. Over 300 coed teams played volley ball in knee deep mud. Those who got up early on Saturday morning, to assist in parking cars were: **Pat Sullivan, Mark Metevia, Gary Strowbridge, Joe Marci, Leo Hagele, Steve Kady, Greg Hurd, Curt Boell, Bryce Slaby, OC Larson, Donlie Smith and Russ Paul.** All of this happened while Cy enjoyed his

sons Wedding.

**On This Significant Day 9/11:** **Andy McKean** announced that there will be a free Beach Boys concert on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Civic Center Park. He is planning to have people available to hand out copies of the Constitution. Join Andy and others for this special concert and also take some time to visit Liberty Day website at: <http://www.libertyday.org/>.



**Marlin Kent Call:** In follow-up to last weeks GUMS note, **Frank Middleton** said that Marlin Kent, one of the founding fathers of our club, will be celebrating his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday and would appreciate hearing from club members. Marlin can be reach at: 303-246-6794.



**Freddie's Preseason Broncos Update:** **Freddie Pasternack** gave his assessment of the play of the various Denver Broncos quarterbacks in Thursday's preseason game and pronounced that they were "OK". Shakespeare might call this, "*Damned by faint praise.*" Or, according to [Wikipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Damned_by_faint_praise), "*In other words, this phrase identifies the act of expressing a compliment so feeble that it amounts to no compliment at all, or even implies a kind of condemnation.*"

**CO/WY District Annual Convention:** Don't forget the Colorado/Wyoming District Annual Convention in Breckenridge the weekend of August 26-27<sup>th</sup>. Talk to Greg Young for details.

**Did You Miss This:** For those of you who missed Andrea Mauro's presentation on preserving your own heritage, here are a few tips for a good interviewer:

- Organize your thoughts. Plan a way to group questions, i.e., chronological, by family, by importance to you, etc.
- Plan out the questions. Meet with your interviewee to discuss specifics about the interview.
- Speak loudly and clearly enunciate.
- Do not interrupt. Half of the question-answer process is telling the story around it.
- Always make the subject comfortable. Take breaks. The more at ease they are, the more they will share.

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### More Gems of Wisdom: We Think

- *If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?*
- *Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.*
- *What happens if you get scared half to death twice?*
- *My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."*
- *Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?*
- *If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.*
- *A conclusion is the place where you got tired of t*
- *Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.*
- *To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.*

**Speaker: Keir Mathur**  
**Memory Magic**

Our speaker today was Keir Mathur, aka Keir Royale, master magician, motivational speaker, and memory magic entertainer.

We have seen Keir before, in the guise of a magician performing various feats of magic. Today, Keir was practicing another sort of magic, as he demonstrated his phenomenal ability to remember in a program entitled, "Memory Magic." Having made the rounds of the various table during breakfast, Keir was able to remember the names of all with whom he had come in contact. Although he hesitated on some, his ability to remember names of more than 50 people was phenomenal. Keir demonstrated that (almost) anyone can improve their memory, the secret being in putting together mind pictures to connect things together. Given a list of 15 items, Keir led the group through a story connecting the various items together with some pretty bizarre connections. Most were able to recall all 15 items when Keir was finished. Having run out of time before he ran out of material, Keir promised to come back at some future date.



Photo Don StJohn

See more of Keir's talents at <http://denvermotivationalspeaker.com/> and <http://lifeismagical.com/>.

**Help Wanted - 50 Positions!**

The forming **285 Optimist Club** will be supporting the **Mountain Resource Center** by supplying volunteers to assist with the Deer Creek Challenge, one of the nation's toughest bicycle races.



If you or can help for a few hours on Sunday, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, please sign up and join them. It will be fun and helpful to both the MRC the 285 Optimist Club.

The MRC will benefit from your support!!! Here's the volunteer information for the Deer Creek Challenge. Interested folks should go to this site: [http://www.doitsports.com/volunteer2/jobs-by-date.tcl?event\\_id=212880](http://www.doitsports.com/volunteer2/jobs-by-date.tcl?event_id=212880).

**Steps to sign up:**

1. Select "MRC COURSE MARSHAL" job (2nd job listed).
2. Fill out the questionnaire - be sure to include MRC when asked, "Are you affiliated with a volunteer group or club."

The event will donate \$20 to the MRC for every Course Marshal you bring out!

<b>Weekly Greeters</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
8/19/11	Phil Perington & Les Larson
8/26/11	Kari Tae & Gary Strowbridge
9/2/11	Don Thomson & George Buzick
9/9/11	Ron Carlson & Tom Hoch
9/16/11	Doug Arnold & Jim Easton
9/23/11	Joe Marci & Robert Wardlaw
9/30/11	Leo Hagele & Russ Paul

**MSOC Banquet**  
**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**  
**Blossoms Restaurant at 2888 S.**  
**Heather Gardens Way in Aurora**

**Monaco South Calendar**

- Aug 17 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Aug 19 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Aug 26 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Super Citizen School Principals
- Aug 26-28 [Colorado/Wyoming District Convention, Breckenridge, Colorado](#)
- Sep 2 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Sep 24 Sat 6:00 pm [Monaco South Installation Banquet, Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way](#)

## 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.