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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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The seven 2007 Robert Sullivan Scholarship winners attended Monaco South's May 18, 2007 breakfast meeting and related some of their high school experiences and what their college plans are. The Sullivan Scholarship is funded by Monaco South and is named in honor of and in memory of Club member Bob Sullivan. See related article on page 2.

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 - 8 a.m.**

## Proceedings of the Meeting of May 18, 2007

### Invocation & Pledge

The invocation urged us to aid in the development of youth, but your editor forgot who gave the invocation and also forgot to jot it down. Not surprising, since he doesn't remember what he had for breakfast. Wait! Did I even have breakfast? Anyway, someone led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and did a darn fine job of it, too.

### Confusion

Your editor's bewilderment might have been contributed to by the fact that no one was seated at his normal table. **Frank Middleton** got us to mingle by assigning a table for each MSOCer to occupy and we all meekly went along with the plan. The whole thing went well, and Frank threatened to do it again in a few months.

### Guests & New Member

**Lynn Lehmann**, the husband of Denver City Councilwoman **Peggy Lehmann**, paid us a visit. We also welcomed new member **Robert Wardlaw**.

### Winners

**Joe Marci** introduced the Robert Sullivan Scholarship winners. This \$500 scholarship is for seniors at Thomas Jefferson High School, and is in memory of MSOC member **Bob Sullivan**, who also headed the TJ Booster Club for years. Joe talked about Bob's love for TJ and its students, and his dedication to Monaco South. We were also privileged to have **Kathy Sullivan**, Bob's widow, present at the meeting.

The Sullivan Scholars are **Michael Mullin**, **Gabby Diaz**, **Shanda Larson**, **Katelyn Shacklock**, **Mason Bertram**, **Ivory Allen**, and **Carlos Chaparro**. They each gave a short explanation of what they did in high school and where they are going to college. Many of their parents, as well as TJ Assistant Principal **Scott Lessard**, were at the meeting.

## New Member Induction

Lt. Governor **Karl Geil** swore in **Bill Jaynes** and **Terry Shroyer** as Monaco South members. Welcome to the best club anywhere, ever, guys!

### Super Citizen Summary 2006-07

By Don Thomson  
Super Citizen Program Coordinator

A special thank you to all who participated in the Super Citizenship program this past school year. School representatives: Holm - **Donlie Smith**; McMeen - **Don Thomson**; Most Precious Blood - **Pat Sullivan**; Bradley - **Tom McKee** and **Jerry Davis**; Hamilton - **Tom Mauro**; Samuels - **Bob Hugo**; Southmoor - **John Stoffel**. Photographers: **Don St. John** and **Marc Goodbody**. Certificate printing: **Bob Finkelmeier**. Thanks to all Optimists who volunteered (under **Joe Marci's** direction) to be the presenters at the seven schools. There were 478 Super Citizen certificates this year. The Charlie Korsoski Memorial Awards will be presented at the schools the last week of May along with a \$100 savings bond. This is our 25th year sponsoring this great program. You should all be proud!

### Dumb Friends

The Denver Dumb Friends League sent the club a letter thanking us for helping with the Furry Scurry. It said that 5,000 people and 3,200 dogs participated, raising \$735,000. **Don St. John** observed that one cat was also present.



### Less Funk Mail

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## Optimist Golf Scramble Results

Thirty-five Optimists and friends played the Flatirons course in Boulder on Monday, May 14. The scores were lower this year due to some outstanding golf displayed by the contestants. **Tom Overton** led his team to victory with a 7 under par score, followed by **Joe Marci's** team at 5 under. The Optimists from Windsor Gardens, who had won the tournament the past 5 years, finished third.



Closest to the hole winners were **Don Thomson** and **Ron Cisco, Jr.** Long putt was captured by **Ron Cisco, Sr.**, but it was noted that the only witness to this feat was Ron's son.

Long drive for the distaff sex was claimed by our own **Todd Olson**, but was awarded to **Julia Wagner** after verification. Other MSOC players included **Jack Rife, Gary Rife, Eldon**

**Strong, Jack Kitchell, Bud Black, Jim Piccinelli, Carl Brown, John Greene and Rich Wagner.**

Thanks to all the Optimists who played this year and to their friends for helping us raise needed funds for Junior Golf.

## Duck Race Raises Cash

**Greg Young** reported that the Duck Race raised \$50,000 for southeast Denver public schools. MSOC's **Jack Rife** was one of the winners, but he allowed as how it didn't push him into a higher tax bracket.

## King Soopers

The King Soopers fundraiser had \$700 in sales this week, netting \$35 for the club. We aim for \$1,000 in sales each week, and members are reminded that they have to buy food anyway, so if you buy it at King Soopers why not buy King Soopers card from **Cy Regan**. Plus, you are entered into the raffle for a free breakfast. Don't you get tired of seeing **Karl Geil** win this all the time? (I know we should be just as enthusiastic about the success of Karl Geil as we are about our own, but enough is enough!).

## Monaco South Calendar

<b>May 21</b>	Mon	10:00 am	Great Gulch Golf Tournament, Harvard Gulch Golf Course.
<b>May 25</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Dr. Richard Bryan, cleft palate treatment in the Philippines.
<b>Jun 1</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Mike Coffman, Secretary of State.
<b>Jun 1-3</b>	Fri-Sun		Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, School of Mines, Golden.
<b>Jun 8</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Ray Mohn, Air Pollution Department.
<b>Jun 15</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day.
<b>Jun 22</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Ron Mitchell, Philatelic Society.
<b>Jul 8</b>	Sun	7:00 am	MS 150 Rest Stop.
<b>Jul 13</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - David Althouse, Colorado News 2.
<b>Jul 20</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day.
<b>Jul 20-22</b>	Fri-Sun		Honeymoon Week-end, Breckenridge.

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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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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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