



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimists Greeting Us Today

Starting us off on the beginning of a three-day Memorial Day weekend were **Doug Arnold** and **Robert Wardlaw**.



Invocation & Pledge

President Ed gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed informed the club that we will have our meeting in the adjacent meeting room immediately after breakfast since radio station KEZW (AM 1430) was using the American Legion main room for their fund raising for the Colorado Freedom Memorial.



Don StJohn file photo

Find out more about the **Colorado Freedom Memorial** at <http://www.cfmf.net/home.asp>.

Utterings from the Prez

Acknowledging Memorial Day weekend **President Ed** had the veterans of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Cost Guard stand and with their best effort to sing their military fight song. He then read a letter from Peggy Leman thanking us for our support with the Duck Drop fund raiser.

Guests

Craig Eley's guest this morning was Fletcher Brown and our newest member **Tom Charters** was here for his first meeting. Welcome to the club!

Bill Walters, by Tonya Hardman

Saturday, May 28: *It is with great sadness that I am writing this, but Dad moved on to a better place at 2:45 a.m. this morning. He passed away peacefully in his sleep — just the way he asked to go.*

Over the last few weeks, he was surrounded by family and we all enjoyed our time with him until the very end.

Funeral arrangements are pending — we will update the site with those details as they become available.

Thanks again to everyone for their prayers and well wishes for Dad. His ultimate wish was to pass away with dignity and pride — and that's exactly what happened!

Sunday, May 29: *I just wanted to thank everyone for all of your prayers, well wishes and support during Dad's treatment and after his passing. It brings a lot of joy to me knowing what I've already have seen: he has made such a difference in so many people's lives including mine, my husband's and my son's. It was an absolute gift that we were able to spend the last months, days and hours of his life with him. He will be missed by all that knew him, but he will live in our hearts forever!*

*Here is the information for his **service: Friday, June 3rd, Church of the Risen Christ, 3060 South Monaco Parkway.** There will be a reception immediately following at the church.*

Save the Date

MSOC Banquet & Installation
Saturday, September 24th at 6:00 pm
More details to follow

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

Junior Golf Program: Joe Marci reported the Optimist Golf Tournament results held on May 25th. Thirty-eight golfers played Flatirons Golf Course with Monaco South winning 1st and 2nd place. **Allen Pierce** led his 1st place team with a smoking 10 under par of 60. Joe helped his team to win 2nd place. Members from Monaco South that played were: **Sewell Black, Ed Collins, Todd Olson, Eldon Strong** and his son Ryan, **Gary Miller, Harry Fegley, Rich Wagner** and his wife Julia. Harry was closest to the pin winner and Julia for the women's longest drive. Other Optimist Club participating were: Littleton, Castle Rock, Academy, Greeley, and Lafayette. Thanks to all who helped make this a great golf tournament!

More Golf: Joe also needs Junior Golf volunteers for this year's two tournaments, June 19th at Flatirons in Boulder and June 13th at Fitzsimons. There will be a shot gun start at 7:30 a.m. Help is needed with registration at 6:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to help scoring. During the tournament volunteers can help as spotters. Contact **Ron Cisco** at 303-794-0749 or at ciscoron@msn.com.

HOBY Leadership Seminar: Paul Bernard said we still need volunteers to work the HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) Foundation June 3rd, 4th and 5th at the Colorado School of Mines. See Paul if you can help.

Super Citizen Programs: Randy Marcove said the **Charlie Korsoski's Super Citizen's** and **Jim Brown's Perfect Attendance Award's** were given at Slavens and Bradley respectfully.

Annual Picnic: Phil Perington reminded us that our Annual Picnic is June 11th at the Magna Carter Park—NW corner of Hampden and Colorado Boulevard. There will be free hot dogs, 4 bands, free fried chicken and lots more. Phil needs some help setting up. Please see Phil.

Today's Drawing

The king of diamonds was the card and \$40 in the pot but no winners. However, the cup winners were;

- Frank Middleton
- Don St. John
- Ron Carlson
- Ed Collins
- Ron Gustas
- Gary Strowbridge



Ed Collins and **Greg Young** drew but came up short.

Closing

Jon Wachter led us in the creed. *Promise Yourself . . . To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.*

Show Your Thanks to World War II Vets

Shared by Jim Tapp

Watching this 2-min video in helping to promote the documentary coming out in November. It only needs "view numbers" and it's not a request for money. This story is incredible. It will remind us that every day alive in this great, free country is truly a bonus. Let's get 50,000 views for the video by Memorial Day (May 30th) to show these living heroes, one last time, just how grateful we are for their unbelievable sacrifice.

The video is a trailer to a documentary that will come out in November. The more we can show interest in the trailer (i.e. views), the more Americans will get to see the film. Time is running out: 1,000 WWII vets die every day. We are free today because of these men and women. The least we can do is watch a web video and send it to five people. Let's get this mission done! Go to: [CLICK HERE](#).

Reprint From Last Year

Memorial Day

We will spend the day, the last Monday of each May, honoring those who serve and the over 6000 from Colorado who have given their lives in military service since we became a state. (See below.)

Help us make the Colorado Freedom Memorial a reality. We've set a very lofty goal of raising \$400k in May, which would allow us to begin construction on the Memorial dedicated to all Colorado military veterans killed in action since we became a state. Heroes each of them! In this month of May, when we commemorate Memorial Day, it would be good to know we were able to build a Memorial that will stand forever as a symbol of their service and sacrifice. Let us be the ones to show future generations the price paid for their Freedom.

For more information about the Colorado Freedom Memorial and for ways to donate, click here <http://www.cfmf.net/home.asp>.

Memorial Day History

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May (May 31 in 2011). Originally proclaimed as Decoration Day in 1868 by General John A. Logan, national commander of The Grand Army of the Republic to honor the dead of both sides of the American Civil War, it was celebrated on May 30 of each year. The alternative name of "Memorial Day" was first used in 1882, but did not become the official name of the holiday until 1967. In 1968, the United States Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, which moved three holidays from their traditional dates to a specified Monday in order to create a convenient three-day weekend. Many people believe that this action has diminished the importance of the holiday and has decreased the number and extent of celebrations. A number of veteran's organizations advocate returning to a fixed date, although the significance of the date is tenuous. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time and many people observe this holiday by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Flags are flown at half-staff from dawn to noon on this day and many communities have organizations, which place flags on the gravesites in National Cemeteries. Some Americans view Memorial Day as the unofficial beginning of summer and Labor Day as the end.



Today's Speaker

Our speaker today was our own **Frank Middleton** who talked to us about how to make a tax deductible contribution to Monaco South.

Because our club does not have a 501c3 tax status, we do not get a tax deduction for contributions given directly to Monaco South.

But what we can do are three other ways to contribute to Monaco South and get a tax deduction. They are:

- ⇒ Optimist International Foundation
- ⇒ Club Pass Through Account
- ⇒ Club Campaign Fund

A big advantage of the O.I.F. and the Club Accounts is Monaco South has control of the funds and in how they are used for kid projects in South East Denver.

More detailed information on these options is contained in the attached document from Frank. The bottom line is you make your check out to Optimist International Foundation for a specific Monaco South charitable or educational project AND give the check to our club Treasurer. You then get a tax deductible donation. Your contributions can only be by cash (minimum \$100), stocks, or bonds. Thank you Frank for this informative presentation. Give Frank a call if you have any questions at 303-759-9232.

President Ed encouraged us to consideration Estate Planning in our Optimist International Contributions.

MURPHY'S OTHER 15 LAWS

Shared by Ralph Pedersen

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He, who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well. Night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
9. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
10. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
11. The things that come to those that wait, may be the things left by those, who got there first.
12. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
13. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
14. The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.
15. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.



Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
6/3/11	Pat Sullivan & Craig Eley
6/10/11	Jim Rumer & John Oss
6/17/11	Nick Newey & Leo Hagele
6/24/11	Fred Pasternack & Ron Cisco
7/1/11	Frank Ross & Mark Metevia

Monaco South Calendar

- June 3 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Nathan Wannlund, Young Americans Center for Financial Education
- June 3-5 [Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference, Colorado School of Mines-Paul Bernard](#)
- June 10 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Nathan Wilkes, Health Issues & House Bill 168
- June 11 Sat 9am-5pm [PICNIC at Magna Carta Park—Phil Perington, Jon Wachter](#)
- June 15 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- June 10 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- June 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Stapleton Walker, Colorado State Treasurer
- June 26 Sun 7:00 am [Rest Stop for Bike MS Colorado-Wyoming West View Middle School in Longmont](#)

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
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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
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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.