



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 39 Years  
Recognized as Outstanding Service Organization in Colorado in 2012

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### Good Morning Optimist

It was another beautiful day in the neighborhood as we were greeted by **Bill Morgan** and **Jim VanderKamp**. For some reason, we were reminded that on this day



in 1969, US Major League baseball announced it would split into two divisions, resulting in the expansion of the American and National Leagues.

Each league was then split into two divisions, forming the American League East, American League West, National League East, and National League West.

### Invocation and Pledge

**Craig Eley** presented the invocation reminding us that we get a better outcome when we press onto the greater achievements of the future rather than dwell on the mistakes of the past. He followed suit by leading us in the Pledge to Our Flag.

### Welcome Our Guest

We welcomed guest **Don Roth** for the last time as he was turning in his membership application this morning. Thanks go out to **Leo Hagele** for bringing Don. Welcome back Don and we look forward to your involvement with club activities in the coming months.

**Jim VanderKamp** introduced his guest and his wife **Elaine**.

Also joining us this morning was "Friend of Optimists" member **Tom Graumann**, and also this morning's speaker.

### From the Prez

President **John Oss** asked us to keep **Freddy Pasternack**, **Pat Sullivan**, **Ralph Pedersen**, and **Frank Middleton** in our thoughts and prayers as all are fighting health issues at the present time. **Paul Simon** reported that in Freddy's case, he might be entering hospice shortly.

The Prez also welcomed back Dr. **Ed Fankhauser** who was sitting on his perch. And shared that **Kevin Koalenz** is looking to the fall to get back with us.

And that **Frank Middleton** told him he has a deck of cards he'll be shuffling for the next Camaraderie Day.

Additionally, he remained us to make out a check for \$36.50 to support the Dime-A-Day Program, which is a great program to help fight cancer.



### Announcements

**2014 Christmas Tree Drawing:** **Joe Marci** read a letter from the drawing winner for this year's free Christmas Tree. The winner told Joe to donate the free tree to someone in need as they are happy to support the Optimist projects by purchasing their tree. It is great to have this kind of support from the community that we serve.

**MS-150 Bike Ride:** The MS-150 bike ride was held a couple of weekends ago and the Monaco South Optimist Club sponsored the Sunday hydration/lunch rest station again. **Michael Chavez** thanked **Jim Easton**, **Keith Gallaway**, **John Greene**, **Scott Walker**, **Allen Yockey**, **Curt Boell**, **George Buzick**, **Berry Barker**, **Greg Young**, **Russ Paul**, **Donlie Smith**, **Pat Bush**, **Paul Bernard**, **Bill Morgan**, **John Oss**, **Eldon Strong** and **Jack Rife** for their time helping at the station.

Several members of the Tamarac Optimist Club also worked at the rest station.

Our own **Bob Avery** rode in the MS 150 and he relayed how much the riders appreciate our support for their efforts. He said he is now working on the hard part; collecting sponsorship money. If you committed to support Bob financially, he would like you to send a check made out to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to him at 950 S. Cherry Street, Suite 720, Denver, Colorado 80246 or you can [CLICK HERE](#) and pay by credit card. Oh, you will also see Bob on this page.

### CO/WY Super Game Convention

August 27-30, 2015

Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs, CO

[For details CLICK HERE](#)

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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

**Rockies Handout Program:** This Sunday the T1DOC Optimist Club is working the Rockies Handout Program. Several members from Monaco South have signed up to help them. Volunteers need to report at the employee's entrance on the northwest corner (under the rock pile) of Coors Field by 11:15 a.m.

**Brent's Place Breakfast:** Paul Bernard reported that the Brent's Place breakfast would be held on July 25<sup>th</sup> at General's Park on the Anschutz Medical Campus (the northeast corner of Colfax and Peoria) in Aurora. This family friendly event is the signature event of Brent's Place and includes a fun walk through the gorgeous Campus complete with obstacles, DJ zone, water zone, and ball house! Brent's Place provides housing for children fighting cancer.

Optimist volunteers will be cooking pancakes and sausages for the breakfast. Paul is also looking for someone with a truck to help with the pickup of the cooking grills. Contact Paul if you would like to help out on this project.

**Change in 2015-2016 Board:** President elect **Don Iley** recently announced that **Harry Arkin** rescinded his acceptance to be the boards secretary this coming year. However, always in attendance at the meetings, **Craig Eley** stepped up to volunteer his services. His only request was a yellow legal pad and two sharp number 2 pencils. Thank you Craig!



### Drawing

Drawing winners were **Scott Walker, Dick Nickoloff, Terry Shroyer, Oscar Sorensen, Bob Avery, George Buzick, John Greene** and **John Stoffel**. **Craig Eley** made **Bob Avery** a double winner by drawing his name for the card draw but that is where Bob's luck ended. The "big pot" continues to grow with very few cards to draw.

However, in an email **Steve Kady** just reported today, do not expect it to see the Nine of Hearts next week. Evidentially, Harrison Ford has it. See magician David Blaine blow Harrison Ford away when he found the card @ "Get the F#@& outa my house," [CLICK HERE](#).



### Closing Bell

At the end of the meeting, **Prez Oss** told us to "seize the day and be Optimistic!" He then started us in the recitation of the Optimist Creed!



## Seen in the Crowd



Casher & photographer Don StJohn, and behind him Russ Paul.

## A Bit of Humor Just figured out I'm normal after all.

- ◆ I don't trip over things, I do random gravity checks.
- ◆ I don't need anger management. I need people to stop ticking me off.
- ◆ Old age is coming at a really bad time.
- ◆ When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment ... now, as a grown up, it just feels like a small vacation.
- ◆ The biggest lie I tell myself is ... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- ◆ Lord grant me the strength to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change things I can, and the friends to post my bail when I finally snap.
- ◆ I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights." I'm just very wise.
- ◆ My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.
- ◆ Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.
- ◆ If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.
- ◆ The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".
- ◆ I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do that second week.
- ◆ When did it change from "We the people" to "Screw the people"?
- ◆ Even duct tape can't fix stupid ... but it can muffle the sound.
- ◆ Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna' transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?
- ◆ Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.
- ◆ Oops! Did I roll my eyes out loud?
- ◆ At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I actually came in there for.
- ◆ Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes and come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
- ◆ Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.



## The Twice Rescued Child

Presented by Thomas Graumann

Tom Graumann visited us several months ago to tell us his story about being the twice rescued child during the Nazi takeover of Czechoslovakia. He returned to talk about Sir Nicholas Winton who recently passed away at the age of 106. Nicholas Winton was a British humanitarian who arrived in Prague shortly before the Nazi invasion. Winton rescued 669 children, most of them Jewish, from Czechoslovakia on the eve of the Second World War in an operation later known as the Czech Kindertransport (1938-1940), before the Nazis halted the trains.

They were able to get children on eight different trains to be taken to England or Sweden, the only two countries willing to take the children. Tom was number 652 of the 669 successfully rescued. His little brother was ill at the time the eighth train left and was scheduled to go out on the ninth train, however, that ninth train never left and Tom never saw his brother again. He said that many mothers could not part with their children and did not put them on the trains. England required that each child had a sponsoring family and payment of 50 pounds sterling before they were permitted to enter the United Kingdom. The money was to pay the costs for the return trip of the children should the need arise.



Thomas Graumann  
Photo Don StJohn



Nicholas Winton  
Born: May 19, 1909 - Died: July 1, 2015

After he was evacuated from Czechoslovakia, Tom was given a bible to read and he eventually accepted Jesus as his savior. He asked God to forgive the Nazis for their atrocities and that in turn freed him from the pain and hatred one would have after such experiences.

Tom became a missionary and went to the Philippines where he met his wife, Caroline, and taught children to read and gave them bibles. Tom only found out years later that the man who helped him escape from the Nazi horrors was Nicholas Winton when he found his name on one of the lists that Nicholas kept of the names of children taken out of Czechoslovakia. In 2009, Tom rode the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary train that celebrated Nicholas Winton's efforts in saving a generation of children.

Prez Oss said, "[His slides](#) are available along with the [video that Tom Hoch recorded](#). The BBC published [a Winton documentary](#) July 2, the day after Winton died. Tom Graumann spoke about the Holocaust and how solid decisions rescuing him from death. Opportunities can be here today and gone tomorrow. Decisions, commitments, and actions are very important. Tom Graumann stands as evidence and inspiration.

Weekly Greeters	
7/17/15	Steve Kady & Tom Kramis
7/24/15	George Buzick & Randy Marcove
7/31/15	Dave Peck & Frank Ross
8/7/15	Pat Bush & ?
8/14/15	Joe Marci & ?
8/21/15	Lynn Jones & Robert Wardlaw
<b>Help, Help, Help — we need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or <a href="mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com">jon_wachter@msn.com</a></b>	



Prez Oss introduces our speaker, Tom Graumann.  
Photo Don StJohn

July 16 Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
July 17 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
July 20 Mon		Optimist Club of Monaco South 40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday! Chartered in 1976
Aug 27-30		CO/WY 4th Qtr. Convention, Glenwood Springs, CO
Sep 19 Sat	6:00 pm	MSOC Installation & Celebration, Piccolo's, 3563 South Monaco Parkway

**Past Presidents of the  
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bob Safe	1995-96
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Cy Regan	1999-00
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Stan Cohen	2000-01
John Young	1982-83	Don St. John	2001-02
Pat Bush	1983-84	Jack Rife	2002-03
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Greg Young	2007-08
Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
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**T H E O P T I M I S T C R E E D — 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.