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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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### TODAYS INVOCATION

The Invocation today was given by **Peter Dimond** and it was composed by his wife, **Karla**, in honor of **Flag Day June, 14th**. I thought it was worth repeating here for all of us to read and especially for those who missed the meeting. **Karla Dimond's** Invocation, follows:

Henry Ward Beecher once said  
nations's flag, sees not the flag  
belongs to the Nation that it sets



“A thoughtful mind, when it sees a Na-  
only, but the nation itself...the history which  
forth.”

Loving God, who has been the  
from the time of our nation's  
and thanksgiving, remembering

tion to generation to nurture and protect the land we love. We celebrate Flag Day in America, a time when citizens across the land can show their patriotism by proudly displaying the “Star and Stripes”. But when we view “Old Glory” waving in the breeze, we not only see the red, white and blue pattern spread across the banner, we also recount the history that lies between the lines and within the stars on a field of blue. Father, help us to keep the true meaning of this flag at the forefront of our hearts, for it truly represents a way of life not available anywhere else in the world. “Our brightest hope for the future flutters from the flag posts of our schools, and we give no greater tribute than a flag-draped coffin. The promise of tomorrow and our gratitude for the past are woven in red's valor, white's purity and blue's limitless horizon.”

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Meeting Place - - American Legion Hall Post 1  
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado  
Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

## NEWS THROUGH June 15

### President Paul Bernard comments

**Paul** quizzed us on several facts related to the history of the U.S. Flag some of which stumped our members but all were very interesting. Later, in honor of Flag Day he read the lyrics to "That Ragged Old Flag" a song Johnny Cash made famous.

*(You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.)*

### Guests

**Fred Pasternack's** guest today was Nate Gilbertson. Welcome Nate and we hope to see you back!

*(Dijon vu – the same mustard as before.)*

### Bill Litchfield

**Tom Mauro** notified us that Bill had a detached retina. Get well quickly Bill, we missed you at our breakfast meeting!

*(Remember, half the people you know are below average.)*

### March of Dimes

**Cy Regan** announced that it is time for our annual support of the March of Dimes fundraiser by working the Mud Volleyball event. We need to be there at 6:15 a.m. on 4 August. More details and a sign-up sheet later. As always, Cy springs for breakfast after working...you can't beat that!

### Pennies from Heaven – (Optimists)

Keep those pennies coming and we will soon meet our goal! Paul says they will support many projects.

*(A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.)*

### Flag Destruction

**Bob Avery** will accept your old or unwanted U.S. Flags and have them properly destroyed by his Scout troop.

*(A boiled egg is hard to beat.)*

### MS-150

We still need many more volunteers to sign up to help at the MS-150 Rest Stop. It is always a fun time and much appreciated by the riders. Also **Bob Avery** mentioned that pledge sheets will soon be available to support our own Optimist riders – a worthwhile charity to support!

*(Acupuncture: a jab well done)*

### Breakfast Cashier

**Bryce Slaby** did an excellent job today as he substituted for Don St. John relieving us of our breakfast money!

*(A will is a dead giveaway.)*

### King Soopers

\$825.00 was the most Cy sold today but he hope to do much better next week!

*(A calendar's days are numbered.)*

### Honeymoon week-end

**Frank Middleton** says there are still rooms available for the week-end in Breckenridge! Also, much good stuff to do including the BBQ on the patio at 5:30 on Friday, July 20th.

So now, let us rejoice together as we break bread in fellowship, knowing that you remain in our presence each day. Be with us through our summer respite, and help us to remember that your love is unconditional, and we are your humble servants. Thank you for this food and those that have prepared it for our use, for our friends, for our loved ones, and for the opportunity to live, work and play in America. God Bless the USA. Amen.” **(A special thanks to Karla!)**

**June 14, 2007** was also the **Birthday of the United States Army**. In honor of all Army veterans and those currently serving, the following letter from the President is printed :

“I send greetings to all those celebrating the 232nd birthday of the United States Army. Since our Nation’s founding, members of the United States Army have answered the call to serve in America’s times of need. These brave citizens have triumphed over brutal enemies, liberated continents, and answered the prayers of millions around the globe, From Valley Forge, across Europe and Asia and in Afghanistan and Iraq, our soldiers have made great sacrifices so that others could live in freedom.

Today, courageous and selfless patriots from every corner of our Nation continue this proud tradition as they fight to uphold the ideals that make our country a beacon of freedom and hope. These fine Americans are answering the call of duty and carrying out an urgent and noble mission with valor and unrelenting determination. They are taking their rightful place among the heroes of our country’s history , and their dedication makes every American proud.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank the members of the United States Army and Army veterans for protecting our citizens and laying a foundation of peace for generations to come. All of us who live in liberty live in your debt, and we will never forget your service and sacrifice.

Laura and I send our best wishes. May God bless you and your families, and may god Bless America.” signed by “George Bush” on June 4, 2007.

## **MONACO SOUTH CALENDAR**

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|---------------------------|-----------|--|
| Fri, Jun 22               | 7:00 a.m. | Meeting, Legion Hall, Ron Mitchell, Philatelic Society   |
| Fri, Jun 29               | 7:00 a.m. | Meeting, Legion Hall, Tricia Downing, paraplegic athlete |
| <b>Wed, Jul 4 ALL DAY</b> |           | <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY – HAPPY BIRTHDAY!</b>                |
| Fri, Jul 6                | 7:00 a.m. | Meeting, Legion Hall                                     |
| Sun, Jul 8                | 7:00 a.m. | MS-150 Rest Stop, Louisville                             |
| Fri, Jul 13               | 7:00 a.m. | Meeting, Legion Hall, David Althouse, Colorado News 2    |
| Fri, Jul 20               | 7:00 a.m. | Meeting, Legion Hall, Camaraderie Day                    |
| Fri-Sun                   | Jul 20-22 | 2nd Honeymoon Week-end, Thunder Mtn. Lodge, Breckenridge |
| Fri, Jul 27               | 7:00 a.m. | Meeting, Legion Hall                                     |
| Fri, Aug 3                | 7:00 a.m. | Meeting, Legion Hall                                     |
| Sat, Aug 4                | 6:15 a.m. | Mud Volleyball, Cy Regan                                 |

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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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