



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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Good Morning Optimists

Good Friday and the aftermath of the biggest snowstorm of the year did not deter our valiant smiling greeters—**Ricardo Ortiz** and **Dick Zolman**—or the members who braved the icy streets to attend the regular Friday meeting of the Optimist Club of Monaco South.



First Bell

After calling the meeting to order, President **Michael Chavez** turned the mike over to **Karl Geil**, who reminded us in his invocation “to forget the mistakes of the past,” which is one of the major tenant of The Optimist Creed. We all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Are you Aware

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by the socialist minister Francis Bellamy (1855-1931). It was originally published in *The Youth's Companion* on September 8, 1892. Bellamy had hoped that the pledge would be used by citizens in any country.



In its original form it read: “I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” In 1923, the words, “the Flag of the United States of America” were added. At this time it read: “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words “under God,” creating the 31-word pledge we say today. Bellamy's daughter objected to this alteration. Today it reads: “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

Section 4 of the Flag Code states: The Pledge of Alle-

giance to the Flag: “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”, should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.”

The original Bellamy salute, first described in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, who authored the original Pledge, began with a military salute, and after reciting the words “to the flag,” the arm was extended toward the flag.

At a signal from the Principal the pupils, in ordered ranks, hands to the side, face the Flag. Another signal is given; every pupil gives the flag the military salute—right hand lifted, palm downward, to a line with the forehead and close to it. Standing thus, all repeat together, slowly, “I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands; one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.” At the words, “to my Flag,” the right hand is extended gracefully, palm upward, toward the Flag, and remains in this gesture till the end of the affirmation; whereupon all hands immediately drop to the side.

Shortly thereafter, the pledge was begun with the right hand over the heart, and after reciting “to the Flag,” the arm was extended toward the Flag, palm-down.

In World War II, the salute too much resembled the Nazi salute, so it was changed to keep the right hand over the heart throughout.

Retrieved from US History.org

From the Prez

Prez **Michael** mentioned the passing of **Oscar**



Sorenson's wife, Pat, after a long illness and said that a memorial service will be held later this spring, in honor of Pat's love of gardening. He followed this announcement with a minute of silent reflection.

Michael also mentioned that both the club Oratorical Contest and **Tom**

Hoch's flight were canceled due to the heavy snow on March 23rd. The Oratorical Contest has been rescheduled for Monday, April 4, at Prairie Middle School at

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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*****

From the Prez, continued

Jewell and Peoria starting at 6 p.m. Tom's flight has been rescheduled for a "red eye" flight this evening.

Michael thanked those who supported the regional Tri-Star Basketball contest at North High School last Saturday and said the finals would be held prior to the Nuggets game on Saturday, April 2.

Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club (FRACSOC) will hold their annual Casino Night at the South Metro Realtors Association, located at 4899 S. Lincoln Court, on Saturday, May 13 starting at 5:30 p.m. For just \$35, you can gamble, socialize, and support funding research to whip childhood cancer.

Last, but certainly not least, Michael mentioned that the 3rd Quarter CO-WY District Conference will be held at Maggiano's Little Italy, 7401 S. Clinton on Saturday, May 14th. The Optimist International Vice President for



our region, Al Clark, will be in attendance. Guest speaker will be Amelia Earhart, who recently accomplished what her namesake could not, fly around the World. Amelia is now back reporting traffic for KUSA 9NEWS.

Finals of the Oratorical Contest and the Communications Contest for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) will also be held at the Conference. Early Bird reservations, before April 15, is only \$30/person, which includes breakfast and lunch. Check CO/WY District website at optimistcowy.org for more details.

Announcements

Club Election: Pat Bush, Chairman of the Nomination Committee announced that election for next year's officers would be held at the regular meeting on Friday, April 22nd and announced the following slate of candidates:

- ♦ President – **Craig Eley**
- ♦ Vice President – **Chris Dunphy, Mike McMahon, Jim VanderKamp**
- ♦ Directors – **Rob Gardner, Wyatt McCallie, Matt Spampinato, Paul Stratton, John Swick**

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Pat Bush @ pbush@bushreese.com or 303-750-9409 by close of the Friday, April 15, 2016 meeting. See the official nominating announcement attached to GUMS distribution email.

TJHS Production of Hello, Dolly: John Oss thanked those who attended the TJ presentation of "Hello Dolly" in which his granddaughter played a major role. Those in attendance were: **Greg and Diane Young, Ralph and Lois Pedersen and John Young.**

JDRF Gala Wine Cork Pull: **Ron Gustas** told us not to forget to contribute wine (worth at least \$25) to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund Gala, which will be held Saturday, April 16th. Also **Dick Cohen** and **Ron Gustas** could use some help on Friday April 15th around 11 a.m. in loading and unloading materials to be used at the gala. Contact Dick at 513-600-9961 or Ron at 303-770-9640.

Monaco South Ski Day: According to **Bob Avery**, freshly returned from Phoenix, Arizona, a small, but ardent group enjoyed the ski day at Copper Mountain and at his condo.

Colorado Correctional Industries (CCI) Visit:

Bob also reported that the visitation to the Colorado Correctional Industries visit is still scheduled for Thursday, April 28th. This is an all day excursion to Canyon City will be led by Dennis Dunsmoor, Director of the CCI. Contact Bob soon if you are interested, since you must have a security clearance and there are only a few more spaces open. The tour group will start from the American Legion Hall at about 7 a.m.

Support for CSU Student: Tom Hoch, Steve



Kady, and **Paul Gibson** started collecting shoes for Kaylee Schaff, a student at CSU, who is raising money for a trip to Africa by collection shoes for recycling. This morning they collected a number of pairs, but more are welcome. Tom says, "When I return we'll collect more shoes from the guys who forgot. I am back for the April 8th meeting."

Tri-Star Basketball Regional Competition

Prez **Michael Chavez** reported on Saturday morning, March 19th we had our East Regional Tournament at North High School. We had over 60 kids that participated. Monaco South Optimist in attendance where: **Barry Barker, Pat Bush, Mike McMahon, John Greene, John Bamford, Russ Paul, Governor Curt Merrill, Gary Strowbridge**, and his brother in-law **Richard Buban, Michael White, Tom Hoch**, and myself.



Here is a link to a video of Saturday's Tri-Star prepared by **Tom Hoch**, see <https://vimeo.com/album/2654384>. Actually, here you will find all of the video clips Tom has prepared for the Club.

Are You Smarter Than The Brain Bowl Chair?

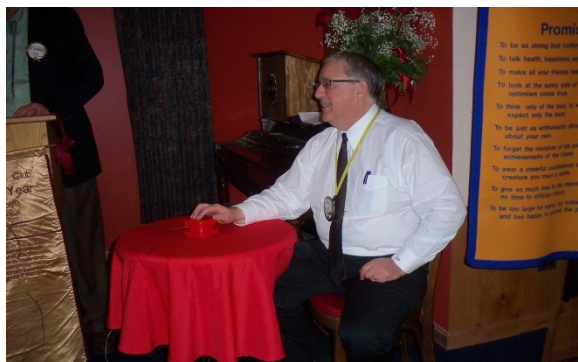
Craig Eley, MC

Apparently Not! **Craig Eley**, Master of Ceremonies and author of the questions began the morning by announcing the rules, which were a somewhat convoluted version of the "true" Brain Bowl rules, with some scoring vagaries. Craig stated that the decision of the reader (Craig) would be final. All protests would have to be filed, in person, with Optimist International HQ's in St. Louis by Noon today. He then introduced



Green Team from left: Ron Cisco, Al Gapuzan, Scot Walker, & Joe Marci. Craig Eley who is standing was the master of ceremonies.
Photos Don StJohn

members of the Green Team, which included **Ron Cisco, Al Gapuzan, Scott Walker** and **Joe Marci**. The Red Team consisted of a single individual, the infamous **Karl Geil**.



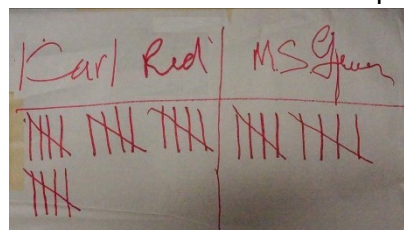
The sole Red Team member, Karl Geil, in his "I am ready" stance, with hand on the buzzer.

A sampling of the questions are:

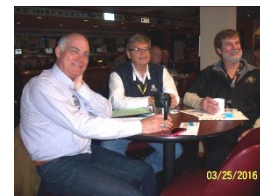
- ⇒ How much is a First Class Postage Stamp? (49 cents)
- ⇒ It's 7:28 a.m. in Denver, what time is it in Phoenix? (6:28 a.m.)
- ⇒ Who won the pot at the last meeting? (Matt Spampinato) How much was it? (\$130)
- ⇒ How many faces are carved on Mt. Rushmore? (4) Who are they? (George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln.)
- ⇒ Name the four most recent Presidents of MSOC. (Michael Chavez, Don Iley, John Oss, and John Wachter)
- ⇒ What is the name of the capital city of Australia? (Canberra)

In spite of a lot of help from the audience, Karl Geil acquitted himself well and managed to squeak out a 23 to 12 victory.

Thanks to Craig for the work he put in writing the questions and thanks to all those who participated!



The score says it all. Karl was the red team.
Photo Craig Eley
Editor, of course all score are shown in red.



April Super Citizen Presenters		
April 6 @ 8:00	Highline	Tom Kramis
April 20 @ 2:00	MPB	?
April 22 @ 8:15	Holm	?
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 gardnerrb@gmail.com		

Weekly Greeters	
4/1/16	Bob Trout & ?
4/8/16	Pat Bush & Terry Shroyer
4/22/16	Don Roth & John Scarborough
4/19/16	Michael White & Don Thomson
Help, Help, Help — we need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or jon_wachter@msn.com	

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40th Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Apr 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Apr 2	Sat	2:00 pm	Tri-Star Basketball Finals Competition, Pepsi Center
Apr 4	Wed	Rescheduled — Oratorical Contest, Prairie Middle School, 122600 E. Jewell Ave., Aurora	
Apr 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Elizabeth Smith, Anadarko Petroleum
Apr 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Brittany Saunier & Mike McMahon, Special Olympics



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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
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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.