



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Greg Young



### Good Morning Optimists!

Early bird greeters **OC Larson** and **Randy Marcove** wished all arrivals a “Big Howdy” as they strolled in. Thank you, gentlemen!

### Invocation & Pledge

After a count up to 10 (something to do with the Rockies) today’s invocation was pronounced by **Ron Carlson** in his Rockies shirt. Ron reminded us to look at the sunny side of everything and also exhorted us to defend the defenseless and fight the good fight. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### President Phil Presides

Today being camaraderie day, **Pres Phil Perington** announced all the birthdays. The rendition of “Happy Birthday” that then ensued was one of the most stirring lack of harmony events this editor has ever witnessed...another successful birthday celebration!. Phil then regaled us with more U.S. history facts:

- ⇒ 1775, the first hospital was created
- ⇒ 1879, the first railroad in Hawaii
- ⇒ 1938, “Wrong Way” Corrigan, supposedly headed for California, mistakenly landed in Ireland due to a compass error. And it is

likely that his "navigational error" was a protest against government "red tape" (the govmt would not approve his license for a transatlantic flight); however, he never publicly acknowledged having flown to Ireland intentionally. A true Optimist!

- ⇒ 1954, construction started on Disneyland.
- ⇒ Notable Birthdays (besides those of MSOCers) are Phyllis Diller and Art Linkletter.

### Guests

Two new guests came today. Both were brought by **Randy Marcove!** Ray Acsell and Jerry Gilbert both attended, and Jerry brought an application! Way to go Randy! **Bob Avery** introduced his son James (see page 3).

### Speaking of Top Optimists

Today, President Phil presented the **Optimist of the Quarter** award to **Randy Marcove**, for his great participation as a Director, his involvement in projects, and getting new members. Congrats, Randy, well deserved. You’re the best!!



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

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST:



**Paul Bernard** repeated our commitment to provide 2000+ pancakes at Washington Park for runners/walkers raising funds for Brent's Place on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have an idea about where we can get another griddle, Paul would love to hear it...he is sure we'll need it!! Be there at 6:30 am for set up. Breakfast starts at 8:30.

The Tamarac Optimist Club will be joining us on this project. Sign up now as we need at least 15 guys from Monaco South. Finding a Cure for Kids' Cancer is a main Optimist International focus, and Brent's Place operates two houses with temporary apartments for children with cancer and their families. If you cannot participate in person, go the website and donate: [Donate to Brent's](http://www.kidscore.org) at [www.kidscore.org](http://www.kidscore.org)



## NEWS FLASH

### GREAT NEWS

OPTIMIST CLUB OF MONACO SOUTH WAS VOTED BEST REST STOP, **DAY 2**, FOR THE WHOLE BIKE MS EVENT. This was reported by Bob Avery from the MS SpokeNotes Newsletter:



"Congratulations to the...Optimist Club of South Monaco for their marvelous efforts in creating warm and fun rest stop atmospheres for our cherished participants. Way to go—you out did yourselves this time."

### MUD VOLLEYBALL—MARCH OF DIMES FUNDRAISER:

**Cy Regan** is again spearheading this project to park cars early on. Sign up for Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00am (in the cool of the day) on your calendar. Breakfast follows at Village Inn around 9:30 for those who decline to stay for lunch and join or watch the fun (see above). Let Cy know if you want to car pool from the Legion Hall...we'll meet there at 5:30 am. Or get directions here: <http://www.muddvolleyball.com/news.php>

### SECOND HONEYMOON WEEKEND

Have you signed up yet? Available rooms at the exclusive Arlberg Club in Winter Park are going fast. If you want to go, contact **Howard Fry, Randy Marcove or Al Gapuzan** right away! The weekend of September 11th promises to be spectacular!!

### NATIONAL CONVENTION

President Elect **Ron Cisco** just returned from the National Convention. Big news there is that national dues are going up by \$10. Small in comparison to a dinner tab of \$100 these days. Ron also reports that gaining membership will be a priority next year, and he needs all of us to join him in building a club in southwest Denver that includes our Hispanic community.

Ron's also mentioned that he was in bed by 10 pm. Hospitality rooms are not what they used to be! (nor are we)

### DISTRICT CONVENTION

Have you registered for the District Convention, coming up on August 28-30 in Colorado Springs? Get yours in asap. On Friday is an outstanding event: ride the **Pikes Peak Cog Railway** with your spouse, kids and grandkids (half price!)...at a great



price, it's a special Dinner ride just for the Optimists, and seats are limited. So get your reservation in NOW!! Get a copy at : <http://www.optimistcowy.org/conventionreservation.pdf>

### SAVE THE DATE

MSOC YEAR END BANQUET: SEPT. 26<sup>TH</sup>

### THE FINAL BELL

No one won the drawing today. Next week: \$60! Your chances get better every week!!

**Cy** reported Soopermarket card sales at \$1625 today..OUTSTANDING!!! Keep it up!! Bring your money and buy the cards!

The Creed was started by new member candidate, **Jerry Gilbert**

## CAMARADERIE DAY

Today **Bob Avery** introduced his son **James**, who is working on his Eagle Scout achievement and has to complete his project by August 1st, his birthday. He is working on repairing a dilapidated fence in his neighborhood that will protect kids and dogs. The hat was passed to collect donations to help defray the cost and get Dad out of the hole



James is a senior at Littleton High School and a fine example of youth in action. He is interning (read: no pay) with a group as a D. J. and has a strong interest in music.

Through the generosity of the group, James came away with over \$140, and should be well on his way to completing his project by the deadline. Good luck James, with the project and your future. Always remember the old proverb: "It pays to plan ahead. It was not raining when Noah built the ark."

### More useful life sayings:

Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards.

- **Soren Kierkegaard**

Living well and beautifully and justly are all one thing.

- **Socrates**

Life is a flower of which love is the honey.

- **Victor Hugo**

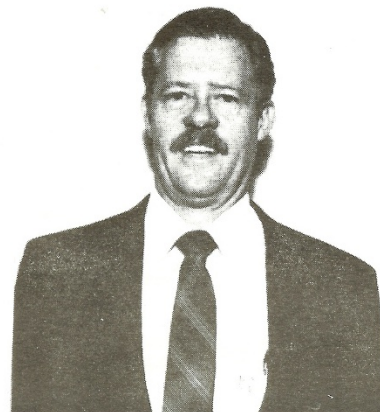
Life is like a chariot-wheel that ever rolls along.

- **Anacreon**

If you really want something in this life, you have to work for it - Now quiet, they're about to announce the lottery numbers!

- **Homer Simpson**

## WHO IS THIS GUY???

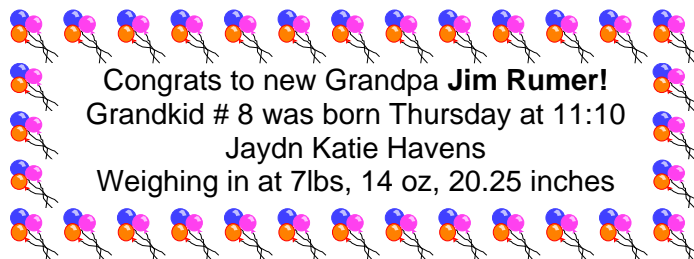


From the 1995 Club Directory of Monaco South

### HINT:

- ⇒ Past President of Monaco South
- ⇒ Past District Governor
- ⇒ Also a member of DTC Club
- ⇒ Super involved at all levels
- ⇒ All around good guy

Find him and shake his hand for being a **Top Optimist!**



## Monaco South Calendar

Jul 21 Tue 6:30 pm

Jul 24 Fri 7:00 am

Jul 26 Sun 6:30 am

Jul 31 Fri 7:00 am

Aug 1 Sat 6:00 am

Aug 7 Fri 7:00 am

Aug 14 Fri 7:00 am

Aug 21 Fri 7:00 am

Aug 28 Fri 7:00 am

Aug 28-30

Sep 11-13 Weekend

Sep 26 Sat 6:00 pm

**Board Meeting**, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar, Room 102 Meeting, Legion Hall - Craig Eley: **Beekeeping**

**Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast**, Washington Park

Meeting, Legion Hall - Mike Hanbery: **Twitter and Facebook**

**Mud Volleyball**—parking crew and breakfast after

Meeting, Legion Hall - Robert Case, **Story Teller and Writer**

Meeting, Legion Hall - **Camaraderie Day**

Meeting, Legion Hall - **East High School Constitutional Scholars**

Meeting, Legion Hall - TBD

**Colorado/Wyoming District Convention**, Colorado Springs

**Honeymoon/Getaway Weekend** - Colorado Arlberg Club-Winter Park

**Monaco South Year End Banquet** - BLOSSOMS Restaurant

## Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bob Safe	1995-96
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Tom Overton	1996-97
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Pat Bush	1983-84	Cy Regan	1999-00
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Jack Rife	2002-03
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Karl Geil	2003-04
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Avery	1989-90	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Walters	1991-92	Greg Young	2007-08

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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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