



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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Editor for this Issue—Robert Wardlaw sitting in for Paul Stratton



Good Morning Optimist

On this spring day, our greeters Ron Cisco and Pat Bush were in good form this morning as we started the festivities. It is a beautiful morning, one that makes us so glad to live in this glorious state. It reminds your editor that we need to keep this club strong. Please keep an eye out during your daily travels and bring someone new to see how we help the kids and our community! Spread the word of OPTIMISM and it will return to you in spades.

Spread the Word

Invocation & Pledge

Our invocation came from **Lynn Jones** and concerns the role of unnecessary worry in our lives. Instead of letting worry steal our time, take action and do something about what you can control. What a powerful message. Lynn then led the Pledge of Allegiance ... *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.* Written by Francis Bellamy in 1892.

Guests

Don Miller, former Happy Canyon Optimist club member and current Westcliffe resident joined us. Prez John Oss tells us that longtime member Todd Olson is moving east. Todd has long operated a painting business here in Colorado and is off for his next great adventure. That makes two, heading in different directions, Rod Winget is leaving as well.

Don Thomson introduces Brian Brown, parent of recent Super Citizen recipient at McMeen Elementary. Brian is interested in finding out what Optimist Clubs do. Please pass along information to that young man.

From the Prez

Prez John reminds us that **Ron Cisco** is diligent in replenishing the MSOC membership information. There are also breakfast invite cards at the welcome desk too. Receiving a card gives the visitor candidate

a boost with our creed, and a specific invitation to visit.

Allen Pierce, looking tan and fit, tells the club he has been married during a recent trip to the Key West. Congratulations Allen, may the glow never leave you!

Prez John tells us that **Jim VanderKamp** who broke his pelvis during a ski outing is under strict orders for rehabilitation. Get better soon Jim! **Tom Glazier** informed the group that he recently spoke to **Tom Kramis**, another ski accident victim, and he is recovering at home from his snow boarding accident. We hope for a quick and full recovery for you Tom!

Prez John also shares that many MSOC members are in other clubs. For example, **George Buzick** belongs to the DTC Club and he led eight DTC members presenting BUG (Bringing Up Grades, see <https://www.optimistcowy.org/programs/>) shirts and pins to a couple dozen children. Hats off to you George, and all who are uplifting other CO/WY Optimist clubs.

Announcements

Brain Bowl Finals: **Karl Geil** reports the 2015 Optimist Brain Bowl Championship was held Saturday, March 21st, at Hamilton Middle School. Challenger 8A, from Colorado Springs, was the 8th grade champion, Louisville 7B the 7th grade champion, and the home team, Hamilton 6A, was the 6th grade Champion. Many thanks to the Monaco South members and their family and friends who made this year's Optimist Brain Bowl possible. MSOC members who volunteered were: **Noel Hasselgren**, **Cap Herman**, **Bill Morgan**, **Randy Marcove**, **Harry Arkin**, **Bob Meyer**, **Harry Fegley**, **Greg Young**, **George Buzick**, **Michael Chavez**, **Bob Avery**, **Paul Stratton**, **Phil Perington**, **Barry Barker**, **John Oss**, **Casey Funk**, **Craig Eley**, **Pat Bush**, **Don Iley**, **Paul Simon**, and Karl Geil. The top four results can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).

By the way, a **Tom Hoch Brain Bowl** documentary video can be found at <https://vimeo.com/groups/85985>.



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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

McMeen Super Citizen: Don Thomson tells members about yesterday's Super Citizen Assembly at McMeen Elementary. Pat Bush helped present the awards and Prez John took pictures. Also the Know Brainer, an educational based competition for 5th graders, will take place at Hamilton Middle School. The event is chaired by Michael Chavez and is put on with the help of Tamarac Optimist club. Don needs volunteers for time keeping, scoring, general information services, etc. Please see Don or Michael if you can help out.

CO/WY Oratorical Contests: Paul Simon talks about the meeting at Prairie Middle School for oratorical contests last night sponsored by several clubs for High School Students. Paul also tells us that Casino Night will be coming up May 8, with lots of activities planned so please plan to attend, which will be held at the American Legion Hall, 7-10 p.m.

Western Hoedown: Frank Middleton promoted the Saturday, April 11th Western Hoedown, and said it


appears to be record turn out. If you would prefer to offer some sponsorship as a way to support this event, please see Frank. The cost is \$23 per ticket, and will be at The Outpost Club. See the flyer attached tot GUMS email distribution.

9 Health Fair: Howdy Fry talks about the upcoming Channel 9 Health Fair at Schlessman YMCA, April 26th. MSOC volunteers handle the

financials for this very popular public service event and volunteers receive 20% off any procedure offered at the Fair. Howdy is looking for 9 to 12 more able bodied to assist. See Howdy for details.

JDRF Gala: Dick Cohen reminded us that the JDRF Gala is coming up on April 11th. Ron Gustas is looking for help on Friday, April 10th at 1 p.m. moving stuff from the JDRF office to the Sheraton downtown hotel. He needs 10 people to help, so please sign up!

24 Years of MSOC: Donlie Smith shares with us that he joined MSOC 24-years ago (1991), and what a wonderful impact this club has had on his life. Club Founder Dr. Ed Fankhauser and the charter members helped shape this club and its impact in the community. Editor: Donlie was sponsored by Bob Avery and Tom Overton, and was president 2005-2006.

Smarter Than the Brain Bowl Chair: Craig Eley reports that upon the completion of Brain Bowl, the 2nd Annual "Are You Smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair" event will take place soon. Craig is conducting a comprehensive search for the right four members. The term "mental warriors" was used in the description underestimating perhaps the requirements that will be necessary to fulfill this task. Those who think they possess the right skill set are asked to contact Craig Eley at craigceley@gmail.com.

Monaco South Election: Oscar Sorensen reminded us that the club election is coming up next

month. He is looking for three board member candidates. Randy Marcove and Allan Malask have put their names in the ring, along with Don Iley (President) and Michael Chavez (Vice President). Any others who are interested are welcome, so contact Oscar.

Book Sale Space Needed: Tom Glazier is looking for facility to conduct a book sale. He has lots of books to sell and is raising funds for the Boys and Girls Club and their robotics club.

Where is the Attendance List: Have you seen the attendance list? Bob Avery is looking for it and would like you to contact him if you have it.

Gun Locks Available: Paul Bernard has gun locks for any who own firearms and need a lock. Please secure your weapon and make sure it is locked. Thank you Paul!

Also, next week the Arapahoe County Sheriff's canine unit will be here. Please do not bring any contraband that will excite the dogs.



Closing Bell

As the meeting came to a close Prez John shared, "MSOC enthusiasts has made significant travel commitments to support our programs. Our speaker, Celeste Archer, left a group of friends in Cabo San Lucas a day early to keep her speaking engagement with us. And, Jack Rife broke snow bird status to support Tri Star basketball. MSOC succeeded in supporting the Brain Bowl championships on the same day. Again, hats off to all!"

Is There A Drawing?

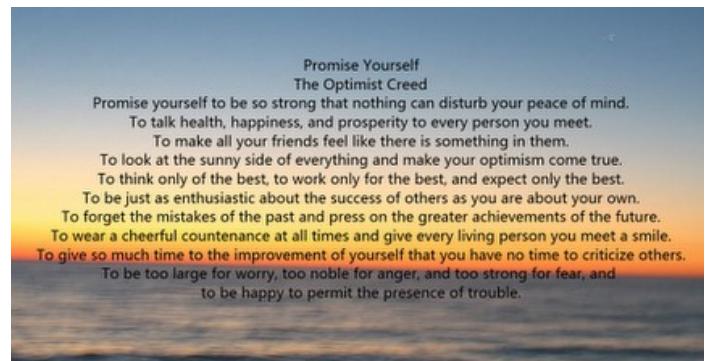
In the pot today was \$60, and the 6 of Hearts was the card to find. Your editor, Robert Wardlaw's name was called twice, took two cups, but came up snake eyes.

Other cups went to: Frank Middleton, John Walsh, Jack Kleinheksel, and Carl Brown.

Nametag-wearing Ron Cisco went in search of the 6 of Hearts as well, but to no avail.

Creed

Our speaker-guest Celeste Archer started off our creed and the rest of our Friday.



See MSOC webpage @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/> for our **Projects List**.

**Celeste Archer, Director
National History Day in Colorado**

Our speaker this morning was Celeste Archer here to talk about National History Day in Colorado (NHDC). She first gives a big Thank You to those who answered the call and served as judges for the recent competition.

NHDC Teaches ... 21st century skills, civic engagement, critical thinking, writing, and research skills. Prepares ... students for college, career and citizenship. Inspires ... students to do more than they ever thought possible.

National History Day in Colorado is an academic program at the University of Colorado Denver, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, and benefits Colorado middle and high school students.

Each year, 15,000 Colorado students participate in National History Day in Colorado. NHDC is an affiliate of the National History Day, a nationally acclaimed academic program that annually challenges 700,000 students and 40,000 teachers nationwide to ask amazing questions and uncover life-changing answers by engaging in historical research, interpretation and creative expression.

For thirty years, NHDC has strengthened relationships between--and provided support to--



Celeste Archer, Director of the National History Day for Colorado receives a round of applause led by President John Oss.

Photo Don StJohn

students and teachers, successfully helping youth from all socio-economic and educational backgrounds to achieve in school, build confidence and prepare for college.

NHDC is for everyone, and can be a life-changing experience for many students, particularly in Colorado's most underserved areas.

Celeste came from a classroom environment having taught at East High School. She knows first hand how the students benefit from their work.

NHDC also received a 100,000 grant from the Daniels Fund which has enabled them to enhance internships, expand the program, and help NHDC schools, teachers and students even more. Celeste tells us that students who participate in NHDC perform 65% better on test scores than their peers who don't participate. What is also encouraging is the participation from schools around the state, not just here in Denver because all students should have the opportunity to benefit from this activity. What is also encouraging is the subjects these students tackle, namely science, and the depth of knowledge they are able to extract and display.

Weekly Greeters	
4/3/15	Phil Perington & John Young
4/10/15	Carl Brown & Frank Ross
4/17/15	Barry Barker & Harry Arkin
4/24/15	Mark Metevia & Robert Wardlaw
5/1/15	?
Need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or jon_wachter@msn.com	

Super Citizen Presenters April		
April 15 @ 2:30	MPB	?
April 21 @ 1:00	Samuels	Bob Avery
April 24 @ 8:30	Slavens	Michael Chavez
April 24 @ 9:00	Holm	?
April 24 @ 3:00	Bradley	Jon Wachter
April 30 @ 1:30	McMeen	?
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 gardnerrb@gmail.com		

Apr 3 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Arapahoe County Sheriff's K9 Unit
Apr 10 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Junior Golf, Joe Marci
Apr 11 Sat	5:30 pm	Western Barbeque & Hoedown, Outpost Square Dance Club
Apt 15 Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Apr 17 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Apr 24 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Respect for Law, guests Police Officer's from DPD District 3

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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bob Safe	1995-96
Jerry Whittlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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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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Mark Metevia	1994-95	Jon Wachter	2013-14

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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.