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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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### First Tee Puts Youth First

The featured speaker for the September 7, 2007 meeting of the Optimist Club of Monaco South was Paula Purifoy, Executive Director of The First Tee of Denver, a program that teaches youth core values and concepts through golf.

The mission of The First Tee is to use golf as a tool to educate kids academically, socially, and physically. It is a major goal of First Tee to introduce inner city and disadvantaged youth to practice and play opportunities in golf, and to use the challenges of the game to work with and through schools to assist in the academic development of the boys and girls in the program.

The nine basic core values embraced by First Tee are honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment.

First Tee has three junior courses: Chubb's

4-hole course at City Park golf course, Katie's 4-hole course at Willis Case golf course and the newly opened Hogan's Alley 3-hole course at Wellshire golf course.

In the past year, First Tee has helped 1600 youth during in-school and summer programs. It has found that students who go through the First Tee program score 22% higher on their CSAP math tests, and 12% higher on the reading tests. Additionally, they have 4% higher school attendance than non-participants.

First tee needs volunteers to help teach golf to youth, to help with its fundraising events, and as donors. To learn more about First Tee, visit its web site at [thefirstteeofdenver.com](http://thefirstteeofdenver.com).



#### Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado

Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

## Proceedings of the Meeting of September 7, 2007

### Invocation & Pledge

**Donlie Smith** offered an invocation which urged us to take the “tenets of Optimism into our homes.” Or maybe he said “tenants,” which would be an entirely different thing. In any event, he got through the invocation and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guests

**Ron Cisco** has been saving a chair next to him for the past two meetings, claiming that he had a guest arriving. But no guest materialized, so we figured Ron just wanted some space. Today the guest, **Darren Martin**, actually showed up, and he more than made up for his previous absences by offering any interested MSOCer a free round of golf at Perry Park Golf Course!

District Governor **Sherman Phillips** paid us a visit, and announced that he was becoming a “friend of Monaco South,” a status which allows him all the benefits of being a Club member, except the ability to vote and to be on the Board of Directors. Now, not voting doesn’t mean much, but missing out on those wild and crazy board meetings? Your editor is compelled to question the Guv’s judgment.

### This Day in History

Until **Paul Bernard**’s presidency becomes history, we will have to continue to endure these mini-history lessons each Friday. We learned that on September 7, 1970, the world’s parachute bridge-jumping record was set when a guy jumped off the Royal Gorge Bridge near Cañon City, Colorado (you’d think it would be a state holiday or something).

### Bingo

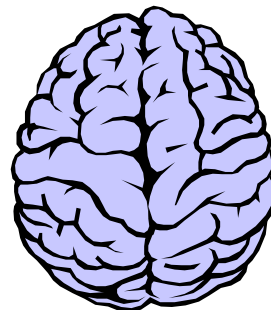
We were reminded by **Don St. John** that those who would like to start helping with Bingo nights should contact him (303-757-2170). Extra slots are available due to the closing down



of the Southwest Optimist Club. Bingo is now non-smoking, so those who eschewed this opportunity before might want to re-examine the issue. Don was asked how much money Bingo brings into the Club. He replied “it’s kind of in the minus column right now.” I guess we make it up in volume.

### A Mind is a Terrible Thing

**Fred Pasternack** enthusiastically reported that the Broncos’ regular season “starts tomorrow.” Turns out it actually starts the day after, on Sunday. Then he announced that two clubs were merging, to create the Gateway Optimist Club. It meets every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m., but Freddie, although a member of that club, couldn’t remember where. Russ Paul, another Gateway member, helped him out by yelling to him, “the IHOP.” “Oh yes,” Freddie said, “at Mississippi and IHOP” (turn right at Sausage St., left on Waffle Way, and you’re there).



### Food, Glorious Food

President-elect **Greg Young** reminded us that we need to pay for what we consume at breakfast. The full breakfast is \$6, a sweet roll is \$3, and coffee (unlimited refills) is \$2. “When did that start?” asked a still-confused **Fred Pasternack**.

### Memory Walk

**Joe Marci** reminded us that, appropriately, Freddie would be helping with the Alzheimer’s Memory Walk next Saturday, September 15, and urged others to sign up to help. It will be at City Park (Colorado Blvd. & IHOP) beginning at 7:30 a.m.

### Budget Time

If you want funding for your pet project, or you have a new project or event in mind, contact **Greg Young** at [gndyoung@msn.com](mailto:gndyoung@msn.com) as soon as possible. The fiscal year is about to end and the new budget will be adopted soon.

## That's Entertainment

Entertainment Books are available again. They give terrific deals on a variety of events, meals and activities. The cost is \$25, and the proceeds benefit Junior Golf. See Joe Marci to order one before they are gone.

## Grocery Cards

**Cy Regan** reported that he sold \$1500 worth of King Soopers and Safeway cards today. That results in \$75 for the Club from this easy, no-brainer fundraiser. You have to eat, so why not buy a card from Cy before you go to the store?

## Big Money Means Big Trouble

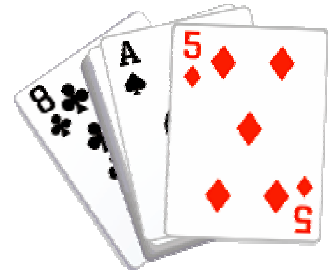
Pandemonium nearly broke out when it was announced that today's pot was worth \$110, and only 4 cards were left to be drawn from. That means a 25% chance of pulling the winning card, the 4 of diamonds. The first one with a chance at the big money was **Allen Yockey**, whose winning number was the first pulled from the bedpan. It was noticed that, in **Bob Finkelmeier's** absence, Allen was running the drawing, which led to some suspicions of a fix. Allen went to the cards and drew the 6 of spades. The next to try was **Greg Young**, who also drew the 6 of spades. After the money cups were all drawn for, it was time for the name badge drawing, in which the name of a member is drawn, and if that member is wearing his name badge he

gets a free try at the big pot. In the past, 2 member have won the pot during the name badge portion of the drawing.

Naturally, with the pot so large, everyone was wearing his name badge. Everyone, that is, except **Tom Mauro**, whose name was drawn. Tom was allowed a pity draw anyway, which wouldn't have counted if he had pulled the 4 of diamonds. He, like the others, drew the 6 of spades. This suited Tom fine, since he was then assured that even if he had worn his name badge he wouldn't have won the big cash. **Donlie Smith's** name was called next, but he had, moments before, put his badge back into the badge box, figuring the meeting was almost over. As he scrambled to snatch it back again, the crowd, which had by this time turned a little ugly, hooted him down, with no regard for his countless years of service to the Club.

**Don St. John's** name was then called, and he qualified for drawing for the big money because he was wearing his name badge. Must have been something in the coffee, because Don, like the three before him, drew the 6 of spades.

So it was a great day for the 6 of spades, but a bad day for the gamblers. Next week - 3 cards and \$120!



*Sept. 21 is 100% Day!*

## Monaco South Calendar

Sep 14	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Craig Eley, Constitutional Quirks.
Sep 21	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - <b>100% Day</b> - Mark McMillan, Denver Health.
Sep 27	Thu 6:30 pm	Board Meeting - Eley office, 3515 S. Tamarac Dr., # 200.
Sep 28	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day.
Oct 5	Fri 7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Scott Henke, Computers & the Internet.

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bill Walters	1991-92
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Kent Gloor	1992-93
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Bob Hugo	1984-85	Cy Regan	1999-00
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Don St. John	2001-02
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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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