

# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

January 17, 2014 – Vol. 39, Issue 18

## Optimist Club of Monaco South



Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado  
Serving Youth and the Community for 37 Years  
Recognized as Outstanding Service Organization in Colorado in 2012

[www.monacosouth.org](http://www.monacosouth.org)

Editor for this Issue—John Oss



### Good Morning Optimist Welcome

On this morning we were greeted by **Joe Marci** and **Robert Wardlaw**. In addition to a good morning, Joe was recruiting for help with junior golf. See the announcement below.

### Invocation & Pledge

Past president John Young (1982-83) delivered an interpretive version of the Optimist Creed from an unknown author, probably from his own hand. *"I promise myself...through my Optimist Creed, to help any person...that I found in need. If by only a word...or a cheery smile to make them feel...they were really worthwhile. I'll keep that promise...but I must agree, that the one I've helped most...will really be me."* For a complete copy of this "I Promise Myself," see the link on the GUMS distribution email.

### Another Orange Friday Camaraderie Day

To show support for the Denver Broncos in the NFL Final Four, members were sporting their orange and repeating the words, "Omaha, Omaha, Hurry, Hurry!". Peyton Manning explains the many meanings of what this means: [CLICK HERE](#).



From left, Fred Pasternack, Don StJohn, Phil Perington, and Robert Duvall.

Photo John Oss

### Special Guest Nicole Garner

**Don Thomson** introduced **Nicole Garner**, a second grade teacher from McMeen Elementary School. Don convinced Nicole to come and share her experience with our Super Citizen program. Nicole stated that she nominates students for the certificate based on values and achievements she witnesses every day. She explains that teaching today is a very challenging profession, trying to meet the needs of many students of different backgrounds, cultures, and languages. Nicole said that the program has an amazing effect on the school, the culture of the children, and their families. She reported that McMeen students come from thirty different countries and languages.

Nicole is bilingual and often reads the certificate in two languages. Many students strive hard to receive the Super Citizen recognition. One of her students told her after receiving her certificate, *"I didn't know you could feel this happy, ever!"* Then Nicole followed, *"It touches them in a very deep way, but on top of that it takes being good and working hard from something they do and it changes it into something that they are! They are super citizens. 'They are good people'...instead of 'they behave well.' That change is huge in their understanding of who they are. I want to thank you all. It is incredible to see kids grow up with this understanding that they are good people, becoming good citizens, and they will do whatever they need to, to continue to make this the case. It is very powerful and we are so appreciative at McMeen for everything that you do."*

**President Jon Wachter** thanked Nicole for her exemplary service and presented her with an Optimist coffee cup with the creed on it.

### 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\*\*\*\***

Cont. next page

## Announcements

**Wives, Sweet Hearts to Breakfast:** Craig Eley announced that Friday, February 14 is Valentines Day, and that means Monaco South will be celebrating with Wives, Sweethearts to Breakfast on that morning. We will meet at 7 a.m. at Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite (near Yosemite & Hampden) for good food and fellowship, followed by a revival of the popular "Oldyweds Game." The cost is \$18 each, and even if your wife/sweetheart is unable to attend, all singles are welcome to join in the festivities. Sign up at a meeting or email your reservation to Craig Eley at [craigceley@gmail.com](mailto:craigceley@gmail.com). There will be no meeting at the Legion Hall that day, so do not show at the American Legion Hall.

**Tri Star Basketball is Coming:** Michael Chavez is recruiting volunteers for the first competition, which will be March 22<sup>nd</sup> around 4 p.m. at North High School. Dribbling, passing, and shooting skills will be demonstrated for three age groups. The CO-WY District sponsors the local, regional, and championship competitions. The final presentations will be at the Denver Pepsi Center. There is a signup sheet. March 22 is a local completion. The website gives more details @ <http://www.tristarbasketball.org/Index.php>.



**Oratorical Contest:** Frank Rowe shared our club will be hosting the local oratorical contest at Thomas Jefferson High School the week of March 17 or March 24. The topic for this year's contest is, "How My Passions Impact the World." Students will deliver a 4-5 minute speech on the topic and our club will name one boy winner and one girl winner who will advance to the zone competition. As in the past help is needed for judges, timekeeper, and sergeant-at arms. Look for a sign-up sheet in the next few weeks.



**Cancer Club Chili Cook Off:** Paul Simon tells us that there will be a warm up for the Super Bowl. The Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club is holding a Chili Cook Off at the Englewood VFW, 2680 W. Hampden, on January 26th. Items are also welcome for the silent auction. You can get in the door for \$20 if you buy tickets early. The cost increases to \$25 day of the event. The club has had earlier fund raising concessions at the Brain Bowl and the 2013 Chili Cook Off with proceeds going to Brent's Place, Optimist's Childhood Cancer Campaign, and the American Cancer Society. Tickets are available. Contact Paul for details at [paul@sharpercontent.com](mailto:paul@sharpercontent.com).

**Brain Bowl is Under Way:** Karl Geil said the Optimist Brain Bowl season is off to a good start. The North Region tournament was held last Saturday. Eighty-five teams, approximately 425 kids, competed, and 149 volunteers helped out. The Boulder Luncheon Optimist Club led the way with 27 volunteers, but Monaco South was second with 19 members. Monaco South Optimist Brain Bowl volunteers were **Harry Fegley, Michael Chavez, George Buzick, Russ Paul, Paul Bernard, Marc Goodbody, Phil Perington, Craig Eley, Wyatt McCallie, Don Thomson, Allen Pierce, Paul Stratton, Cap Herman, Tom Glazier, John Oss, Barry Barker, Allen Malask, Frank Ross, Paul Simon, and Karl Geil.** In addition, Paul Simon's wife, Debbie Reinberg, was there. Sally Ross (Tamarac), Joyce Thomson (Tamarac), and Ruth Oss (DTC) also volunteered, but they are credited as volunteers from their own Optimist Clubs. **Ron Gustas** was also present although, he was working the food concessions as a member of the Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club. While we still have issues with some of our veteran readers not knowing the rules, it was a good day overall. Next tournament is the Central Region on

February 1, 2014 at Heritage High School in Littleton.

**Super Citizen Presenters:** Rob Gardner took under 20 seconds to call for February Super Citizen presenters. He currently has one opening in February and future presentations. As we have heard, the SC program is well received in all of our ten Super Citizen schools.

**Next Weeks Speaker:** Frank Middleton announced that George Brauchler, Arapahoe County District Attorney, will be our speak next week. In an impassioned, at times angry, rebuttal to Nathan Dunlap's petition for clemency, Brauchler called on the governor to "take the courageous step" and reject the condemned killer's appeal. Mr. Brauchler will talk to us about the death penalty and 1993 Chuck E. Cheese multiple murder case. Frank requests that we not ask any questions about the more recent Aurora theater shooting case, since the trial is in progress.

**Walk for Health:** Rod Winget shouted out that he was ready to lead the charge for walking for health following the meeting. Since joining us Rod has been instrumental in getting us to take a walk with him after the meeting.

**Manning, Liberty Day, & Earth Day:** Andy McKean lauded Peyton Manning for his civic support for kids. He suggested the club send an expression of appreciation to Peyton Manning. Liberty Day is coming with kids to read the *Declaration of Independence* on the floor of the State house. A hundred kids will participate, followed by an hour tour of the capital and an hour tour of the judicial center. Additionally, there is an Earth Day event coming up in Aurora in April. See Andy for details.

**Decathlon Fund Raiser Coming:** JR Gieck has conducted fund raising "decathlons" before and is proposing one for us. He presented the idea to the board this past Wednesday, which includes planning ten events and collecting donations toward Monaco South Optimist Club causes to participate. Ideas for events are welcome. John Young suggested including a pumpkin catapult. Editor: If you have ideas, contact JR, Craig, or a board member.

**Junior Golf Booth at Golf Expo:** This year's GOLF EXPO will be at the Denver Mart starting Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup>. Attendees will be able to test the new 2014 model clubs and win golf vacations and participate for over 100 door prizes. The Optimist Junior Golf program will have a booth to share this year's information



about our District Golf Tournaments. Anyone wishing to help share junior golf info with the attendees should contact **Joe Marci** at 303-771-3748 or **Ron Cisco** at 303-794-0749. The following chart shows those who have signed up so far. We can use 3 or 4 more volunteers per shift. Come and join us!

### Friday

- ◇ 10-12: Sewell Black, Jim Davis, Gary Miller
- ◇ 12-2:30: Don Thomson, Jack Kitchell, Les Larson
- ◇ 2:30-5: OC Larson, Pat Larson, Allen Pierce

### Saturday

- ◇ 9-12: John Greens, Verle Greene, Frank Middleton,
- ◇ 12-2:30: Ralph Pedersen, Jim Easton
- ◇ 2:30-5: Dave Owens, Bob Meyer

### Sunday

- ◇ 9-12: Lynn Jones, Russ Paul, Joe Marci
- ◇ 12-2: Frank Rowe, Nan Belme
- ◇ 2-4: Allen Pierce, Joe Marci

See more about the Golf Expo at <http://www.denvergolfexpo.com/>



## Announcements Continued

**Final Announcement:** Prez Jon announced that Heather Mulqueen, our breakfast cook will hand the spatula to Curtis Terry next week. Thank you Heather! Curtis, General Manager with Fifty Two Eighty Events, will be taking over as our new breakfast provider. You can learn more about this new organization at <http://www.5280eventcenters.com/>.

**Camaraderie is Here:** Frank Middleton appointed us tables this morning so we would have some time to mix a bit more—remember it is camaraderie day. Unfortunately everyone forgot to provide time. We had nine minutes left after all the announcements. There seems to be a correlation between camaraderie day and the length of announcements. Editor: Rob Gardner only took 20 seconds and you others? What to do, what to do?

## Weekly Drawing

There was \$20 in the pot, and the eight of spades was the card to find. **Oscar Sorensen, Terry Shroyer, Woody Thibodeau, Karl Geil, Bob Avery,** and **Bryce Slaby** all had lucky tickets. **Michael Chavez**, on the left in the picture, had his name badge and drew the winning eight of spades.

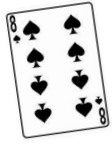


Photo Don StJohn

## Who Took the Big Pot?

Some were asking, wait a minute, what happened to the big drawing pot. Well the culprit who took the \$150 missed his photo op — so here it is — Jack Kleinhessel. We hope he took his lovely wife Georgia out to dinner as he said he would when he took the money.



Photo Don StJohn

## Our Announcement Presenters Today



## A Bit Of Humor



**"Dear Andy: How have you been?  
Your mother and I are fine. We miss you.  
Please sign off your computer and come  
downstairs for something to eat. Love, Dad."**

### Super Citizen Presenters for January

Jan 22 @ 8:00	Highline	John Oss
Jan 31 @ 9:30	Holm	Jim Easton
Jan 31 @ 12:45	McMeen	Joe Marci
Jan 31 @ 3:00	Bradley	Aaron Beery

**Be a Super Citizen Presenter  
See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203  
[gardnerrb@gmail.com](mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com)**



© 1996 by Randy Glasbergen.  
E-mail: [randyg@norwich.net](mailto:randyg@norwich.net)

**"Hello, Bob? It's your father again.  
I have another question about my new computer.  
Can I tape a movie from cable TV then fax it from  
my VCR to my CD-ROM then E-mail it to my  
brother's cellular phone so he can make a  
copy on his neighbor's camcorder?"**

### Weekly Greeters

1/24/14	Frank Middleton & Bob Coulson
1/31/14	Bob Avery & Jon Wachter
2/7/14	Les Larson & Rob Fries
2/14/14	♥♥ John Oss & Jack Kitchell ♥♥

**Need Friday morning greeters,  
see O.C Larson, 303-797-7432 or  
[larson1942@comcast.net](mailto:larson1942@comcast.net)**

## Monaco South Calendar

Jan 18 Sat 9:00 am Brain Bowl Reader Training, Carson Middle School, 6200 Prussman Blvd., Colorado Springs  
Jan 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - George Brauchler, Arapahoe County District Attorney

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bob Safe	1995-96
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Cy Regan	1999-00
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
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Paul Simon	2012-13
Mark Metevia	1994-95		

**2013 - 2014 Officers**

President	Jon Wachter	303-204-5645
Vice President	Craig Eley	303-758-9499
Vice President	John Oss	720-210-8056
Secretary	Pat Bush	720-747-5482
Treasurer	Greg Young	303-759-3921

**Board of Directors**

Michael Chavez	303-960-5304
J. R. Gieck	949-636-7614
Jack Kleinheksel	720-938-1760
Mike McMahon	303-514-5175
Fred Pasternack	303-758-3754
Ralph Petersen	303-759-3384
Michael Short	970-261-6012
Scott Walker	303-803-3338
Paul Simon (Past Pres.)	303-300-9940

**Newsletter Committee**

Robert Finkelmeier	303-756-5829	<a href="mailto:rfinkelmeier@comcast.net">rfinkelmeier@comcast.net</a>	Ralph Petersen	303-759-3384	<a href="mailto:r.pedersen2658@comcast.net">r.pedersen2658@comcast.net</a>
Jim Piccinelli	303-721-1470	<a href="mailto:jp Piccinelli@earthlink.net">jp Piccinelli@earthlink.net</a>	John Oss	720-210-8056	<a href="mailto:john.oss4us@gmail.com">john.oss4us@gmail.com</a>
Dick Zolman	303-796-8746	<a href="mailto:rzolman691@aol.com">rzolman691@aol.com</a>	Paul Stratton	303-366-6375	<a href="mailto:pcstratton@comcast.net">pcstratton@comcast.net</a>
George Buzick	303-803-2268	<a href="mailto:gtbuzick@comcast.net">gtbuzick@comcast.net</a>	Pat Bush	720-254-3741	<a href="mailto:pbush@bushreese.com">pbush@bushreese.com</a>
Robert Wardlaw	303-525-2532	<a href="mailto:rlawardlaw@gmail.com">rlawardlaw@gmail.com</a>	Craig Eley	720-771-0866	<a href="mailto:craigceley@gmail.com">craigceley@gmail.com</a>

**NEWSLETTER EDITORS:** Jan **John Oss**, Feb **George Buzick**, Mar **Robert Wardlaw**

**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.