



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—John Oss for George Buzick

Happy Valentine's Day



Monaco South Valentine's Day
Wives and Sweethearts to Breakfast Edition

february 14th

Good Morning Optimist

Jack Kitchell and John Oss filled the bill as official greeters at Citron Bistro for our special breakfast.



Citron Bistro
Photo Craig Eley

John Young, the supreme greeter, was right there in the mix. Jack was quick to pass out roses to all of the sweethearts and share a great hug. His sweetie, Jan, worked hard to make Jack and this reporter, look good. She found us roses to present to the ladies. But John Young was also armed with roses for all. He gave all the ladies an electric rose to help in lighting up their day.



Citron Bistro
Photo John Oss

Invocation & Pledge

Our master of Ceremonies, Craig Eley called on John Young to start us off with an invocation. Then we all joined in expressing our allegiance of loyalty to the United State of America, reciting *The Pledge of Allegiance*.



Master of Ceremonies, Craig Eley check the agenda as Tom Overton advises on details.
Photos John Oss

A Breakfast Buffet

The Citron Bistro owners, Tom & George Karas, were there ahead of everyone and had their staff on station with a full buffet ready to follow our opening. They had created a wonderful breakfast treat for us all.

Welcome

The Citron Bistro was absolutely normal — that is to say, they were gracious with welcoming atmosphere, food, and service. Many hugs and answers were exchanged. The common question, “how are you doing?” may seem trivial or simple, but used over the years provides comfort and basis for true, warm-hearted camaraderie.

Tom Overton was front and center checking the attendance. He was a bit like Jack, with Sheryl scurrying about setting up flowers on all the tables. Where would we be without good women? We owe bouquets plus many thanks to our sweethearts.

Oldies Game

Our illustrious MC, Craig Eley dressed for the occasion, with lighted blue hat as you can see below.



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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******

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However, with Craig's hat lit and ready to go, **John Young** made a move. You see, Craig had a blue hat with lights, but John was right there with his red hat lit and blinking. Craig had a plan. He called up **Ralph Pedersen, Keith Gallaway, Paul Simon, and Jack Kleinheksel** along with sweetheart spouse: Lois, Lois Jean, Debbie, and Georgia. He then ran them through their paces. They were very close in showing how well they knew their spouses. There was a good bit of judgment used in the selection of questions. That made the questions a bit dry but the wit was great and all had fun.



As seen above, **John Young**, left in red hat, and looking towards Ralph, Keith, Paul, and Jack, wanted to upstage Craig. **Curt Boell**, center, sits there in foreground in wonderment. Some history from this junior editor, Ralph sponsored Curt back in 1991 and Ralph is a charter member of the club having accepting the pressures of a roast. He has serving as both an honorable, longtime club member and currently on the board of directors, and mentor for us all, but now he is sitting for a blistering pace of questioning. Therefore, as a junior editor I too gazed in wonderment, but fun was had by all!

Announcements

Brain Bowl Update: The Optimist Brain Bowl South Tournament was held on February 8, 2014 at Carson Middle School in Colorado Springs. A total of 34 teams participated. The final results are attached to the GUMS distribution email. We had 66 total volunteers, and Monaco South was again well represented, this time by **Don Iley, Rob Gardner, Allen Pierce, Phil Perington, Randy Marcove, John Oss, Russ Paul, Paul Simon and Karl Geil**. One more to go; the Championship Tournament at Hamilton Middle School on Saturday, February 22nd.

King Soopers / Safeway Shopping Cards: While basking in Hawaii, treasurer **Greg Young** reminds us that a no-brainer fund raiser is to buy reloadable cards from **Cy Reagan**, through which the club can receive a 5% commission. Since everyone has to eat at home occasionally, this is great way to feed yourself and raise funds for the club at the same time. You can also get points on you credit or debit card by purchasing the gift cards with them. You cannot beat that, even with a big stick!



Member Update: Gary Laman: Don Thomson



reported that **Gary Laman**, shown at left, was moved to *The Denver Hospice at Lowry* late this past week. No telephone calls or visitors are allowed. Please keep both Gary and his wife Joyce in your thoughts and prayers.

Super Citizen: Highline Academy and Most Precious Blood Catholic School (MPB) both had Super Citizen presentations last Wednesday. Our speaker coordinator **Rob Gardner** spoke at Highline. **Jim Easton** had the program ready to go. At MPB, new member **Bob Fries** made his inaugural run. **Pat Sullivan** directed the effort. Bob was blessed with the opportunity to present certificates. The group picture below gives a flavor of how the families feel about their children being recognized. Moms, dads, brothers



and sisters all join in the celebration. The MPB teachers and classmates had already united in their cheers for those recognized.

Weekly Drawing

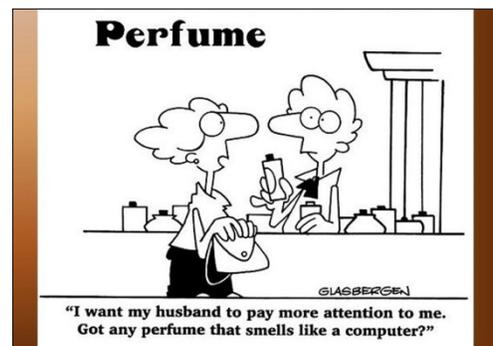
Although there was not a drawing at the Valentine's Day breakfast, there was some talk about pan. Well do not worry the pot just keeps growing for next week.

Off to the District 2nd Quarter Conference

As editor **John Oss** and his wife Ruth head to the 2nd Quarter Conference in Estes Park, he meets up with Governor-elect **Abigail Nicolas** and husband **Kent Gloor**.



Humor



A Bit of Knowledge

Bet ya didn't know this ...

- ◆ Early aircraft's throttles had a ball on the end of it, in order to go full throttle the pilot had to push the throttle all the way forward into the wall of the instrument panel. Hence "balls to the wall" for going very fast. And now you know the rest of the story.
- ◆ During WWII, U.S. airplanes were armed with belts of bullets, which they would shoot during dogfights and on strafing runs. These belts were folded into the wing compartments that fed their machine guns. These belts measure 27 feet and contained hundreds of rounds of bullets. Often times, the pilots would return from their missions having expended all of their bullets on various targets. They would say, "I gave them the whole nine yards," meaning they used up all of their ammunition.
- ◆ As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October). Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They could not wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig'. Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

And a few more ...

- ◆ It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- ◆ Between 1937 and 1945 Heinz produced a version of Alphabetic Spaghetti especially for the German market that consisted solely of little pasta swastikas.
- ◆ More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.
- ◆ Rats and horses can't vomit.

- ◆ The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
- ◆ If you sneeze too hard, you can fracture a rib.
- ◆ If you try to suppress a sneeze, you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die.
- ◆ If you keep your eyes open by force, they will pop out.
- ◆ It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
- ◆ Rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats could have over a million descendants.
- ◆ Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
- ◆ If the government has no knowledge of aliens, then why does Title 14, Section 1211 of the Code of Federal Regulations, implemented on July 16, 1969, make it illegal for U.S. citizens to have any contact with extra-terrestrials or their vehicles?
- ◆ In every episode of Seinfeld there is a Superman somewhere.
- ◆ Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.
- ◆ A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
- ◆ Twenty-three percent of all photocopier faults worldwide are caused by people sitting on them and photocopying their buttocks.
- ◆ In the course of an average lifetime you will, while sleeping, eat 70 assorted insects and 10 spiders.
- ◆ Most lipstick contains fish scales.
- ◆ Cat's urine glows under a black-light.
- ◆ Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.

Source Forgotten Knowledge @ <http://www.theForbiddenKnowledge.com/>

Super Citizen Presenters for February

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| Feb 21 @ 8:30 | Slavens | Tom Hock |
| Feb 25 @ 1:30 | Samuels | Tom Glazier |
| Feb 27 @ 1:00 | Lowry | Frank Middleton |
| Feb 28 @ 9:15 | Holm | Bob Avery |
| Feb 28 @ 12:45 | McMeen | Rod Winget |
| Feb 28 @ 3:00 | Bradley | ? |

Be a Super Citizen Presenter
See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203
gardnerrb@gmail.com

Weekly Greeters

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| 2/21/14 | Pat Bush & Joe Marci |
| 2/28/14 | Ron Carlson & Phil Perington |
| 3/7/14 | George Buzick & ? |
| 3/14/14 | Tom Glazier & Mark Metavia |

Need Friday morning greeters,
see O.C Larson, 303-797-7432 or
larrison1942@comcast.net

Monaco South Calendar

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| Feb 19 | Wed | 6:30 pm | Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102 |
| Feb 21 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day |
| Feb 28 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Marci Elder, Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning |

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

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| Bob Rhue | 1976-77 | Bob Safe | 1995-96 |
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| Bob Avery | 1989-90 | Phil Perington | 2008-09 |
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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.