



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado  
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—George Buzick



### Good Morning Optimist

On this Mother's Day Weekend, and in spite of the gloomy weather, our two greeters for this morning were warm and friendly! Dr. **Rob Gardner** and (Weird) **Al Gapuzan** were both smiling happily, as they welcomed members to the Friday Festivities. Another outstanding breakfast of breakfast burrito, hash browns, and sausage was enjoyed prior to the beginning of the meeting at precisely 7:00 a.m.

### Invocation & Pledge

Appropriate for today's weather, in the invocation,



**Tom Hock** advised us to "look on the sunny side of everything," even though it is sometimes difficult to do so.

He then lead us in the an expression of allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the republic of the United States of America.

### From the Prez

President **John Oss** welcomed members whom we have not seen for a while, including **Neil Alderson**, **El-don Strong** (back from Arizona), and Mark **Good-body**. He then read a "Thank You" note from the East High Constitutional Scholars, thanking the club for the support, both moral and monetary that helps them competing in the national competition in Washington, D.C. He also mentioned that he has tickets for the DTC Optimist Club annual wine tasting at Citron Bistro on Saturday, May 30 if you are interested.

Prez Oss also shared that it was a big week. The Club will be giving \$1,000 Robert Sullivan Scholarships to five outstanding Thomas Jefferson HS school students. The Robert (Bob) Sullivan Scholarship was established in 1999. Bob's was the TJHS Booster Club president for many years. We will hear details about the winners when they visit us in two weeks.

The Prez also reminded all that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference will be on Saturday, May 9.

### Guests

**Perry Allen** introduced his brother Ray, who is here for the second time while visiting Perry. Ray has also been labeled, "an anonymous ringer" specifically summoned from out of town for the iconic *Are You Smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair?* contest.

### Announcements

**HOBY Leadership Conference:** **Paul Bernard** announced that the Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) Leadership Conference would be held the weekend of June 13. He is looking for a few good men to talk to the students, all high school sophomores, about the importance of volunteering in your local community. The event will be held on the campus of Denver University. Details to follow, but reserve Saturday evening June 13, for this worthwhile event.

**Secretary & Treasurer Needed:** President Elect **Don Iley** is looking for a Secretary and a Treasurer for his 2015-2016 administration, which commences in October. If you are interested, contact Don at 303-840-7706.

### T1DOC Online Auction: Ron Gustas

announced that the Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club (T1DOC) on-line auction raising funds to help send kids to a special ADA Diabetes Camp and provide fund for JDRF research projects is now open for review and bidding. To get to the on-line auction site please go to <http://www.32auctions.com/diabetes>. The site provides auction instructions and you can view nearly 50 available items/packages. If you decide to bid on an item(s) the system will prompt you to open an account, which is very simple only taking a couple moments. Encourage others in your networks to participate and benefit both sending kids to Diabetes Camp and help to fund JDRF sponsored research. For more information contact Ron at [rgustas@earthlink.net](mailto:rgustas@earthlink.net).



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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

**Summit Lake Dillon Optimist Club Golf Tournament:** Merle Klocke, president of Summit Lake Dillon Optimist sent a special invitation to our golfers. The annual tournament is Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Keystone Ranch Golf Course, See the flyer and registration form attached to the GUMS distribution email.

**Junior Golf Competition:** Speaking of golf, **Bob Meyer, Joe Marci, and Ron Cisco** are, once again running the Junior Golf competition this year. Fund-raiser "*Day at the Rockies*" which will be Sunday, June 7. Game time is 2:10 p.m. and Joe has come through with some excellent seats in Section 145. This is a great way to have some fun and raise money to send the golfers to Florida for the Optimist International Tournament.

There will also be a fundraiser tournament on Tuesday, June 9. This will be a scramble format and all are welcome to play, but reservations need to be made, so let Joe know if you intend to play in this tournament. Cost \$110 per player, or a special price for foursomes, only \$440.

Junior Golf qualifying rounds will be held at Fitzsimmons Golf Course for the younger kids on Thursday, June 11 and at the Flatirons course in Boulder and on Friday, June 19, for the older kids. The committee can use your help, especially in Boulder, so check in with Joe, Bob, or Ron if you are available on either of these dates.

**CCI Tour:** **Bob Avery** announced that the tour of the Colorado Correctional Industries on May 18 is full. For security purpose, he needs a copy of your driver's license prior to the tour, or you will not be allowed inside the facility.

**Handouts at Rockies Game: Michael Chavez** is seeking the assistance of at least 25 people (must be at least 16 years old) to distribute handouts at the Rockies game on Friday, June 5 and raise some money for the club. Game time is 3:45 p.m. and you get free admission if you work. We have it on good authority that the Rockies are going to win this game, so help Michael out and see a Rockies win. Contact Michael @ [mikeart9@me.com](mailto:mikeart9@me.com).

**Sullivan Scholarship Winners:** Randy Marcove announced that five recipients of the Sullivan Scholarship have been selected and will be presented with their scholarships at our upcoming meeting on Friday, May 15. Please greet them and their families with a warm welcome.

**2015 Know Brainer Event:** Don Thomson shared that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Know Brainer Event sponsored by Monaco South and Tamarac Optimists Clubs was held Saturday, May 2 at Hamilton Middle School. There were nineteen teams participating from nine schools resulting in a “fun, exciting and a successful event — providing Hope and Positive Vision Optimists bring out the Best in KIDS. The winner were:

- First Place, Slavens Elementary Myst
- Second Place, Southmoor Elementary Know-its
- Third Place, University Park Elementary Owls



1st Place Winner  
Slavens Myst  
Photos Tanis Bula



2nd Place Winner  
Southmoor Know-its



3rd Place Winner  
University Park Owls



The Know Brainer Leadership Team from  
Tamarac & Monaco South Optimist Clubs

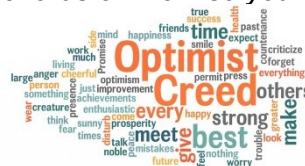
## Drawing

There was a drawing today! The pot was up to \$120 but, in spite of the great number of tickets sold and two wins by **Scott Walker**, no one was able to draw the lucky Six of Diamonds.



## Creed

As the meeting came to a close we followed the lead and hear a chorus of *Promise yourself....*



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## ARE YOU SMARTER THAN THE BRAIN BOWL CHAIR

Hosted by Craig Eley with returning contestant Karl Geil

Highlight of today's meeting pitted the Brain Bowl Chair, **Karl Geil** (by himself), against a carefully selected team of four of the finest minds in all of Monaco South, including **Paul Stratton, Scott Walker, Perry Allen, Tom Glazier** and one ringer, making a special appearance for this event, Perry's brother **Ray Allen**.

Our own **Craig Eley**, who also acted as game show host, moderator, concocted the questions. The competition ended on a strategic maneuver by the "anti-Karl's" when, being two points ahead, they did not buzz in on the last question. The best Karl could do was get one point for a correct answer, thus the match was lost not by lack of knowledge, but by the dastardly strategy.

For those of you who missed this spectacular event, here are some examples of questions. See if you can answer them. The answers are found below.

### 1. Famous Names

Name any one of the three Monaco South members who share a name with a famous media celebrity.

### 2. Invisible Friends

What Monaco South members hold the record for the most guests at meetings who never showed up?

### 3. Brush Up Your Shakespeare

According to many historians, what was unusual about April 23, the day William Shakespeare died?

### 4. Swine Time Television

First and last name: In the television series "Green Acres" what was the name of the starring pig?

### 5. Examine Your GUMS

First and last name: The grandfather of what member of Monaco South was Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court?

### 6. Adult Magazines

For a gun purchased in 2015, using one bullet per person, what is the maximum number of people you can legally shoot in Colorado before you must re-load?

### 7. Winning Question

The last question, for which Karl received one point, thus losing the match by a score of 13 to 12: Can you spell the word supercalifragilisticexpialidocious?



Game Host and Judge  
Craig Eley



Brain Bowl Guru  
Contestant  
Karl Geil

### A bit of Colorado Humor



### Answers to Questions Above

1. Paul Simon, Robert Duval, Brian Williams
2. Fred Pasternak
3. It was the date of his birth.
4. Arnold Ziffel
5. John Young
6. 15
7. No

### Weekly Greeters

<b>5/15/15</b>	Frank Middleton & Paul Stratton
<b>5/22/15</b>	Craig Eley & Joe Marci
<b>5/29/15</b>	Michael Chavez & Fred Pasternack
<b>Need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or <a href="mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com">jon_wachter@msn.com</a></b>	

### Super Citizen Presenters May

<b>May 15 @ 1:00</b>	Lowry	Paul Stratton
<b>May 20 @ 2:30</b>	MPB	Harry Arkin
<b>May 21 @ 5:30</b>	Hamilton	Bob Avery
<b>Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 <a href="mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com">gardnerrb@gmail.com</a></b>		

May 15 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
May 21 Thu	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
May 22 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - East High School Scholars, Beth Gower
May 29 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
June 5 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Excellence in Education Presentation

**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
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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.