

## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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 Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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### Good Morning Optimist

Today is Friday, September 20, the 263<sup>rd</sup> day of 2013, with 102 days left in the year and a slow news day. Since today is camaraderie day, we were greeted by the erstwhile **Frank Middleton** with his ever-ready deck of cards assigning people to various tables. This, in order to put the “camaraderie” in Camaraderie Day and facilitate communications among members who might not otherwise talk to each other. Editor: Are you aware, “camaraderie is a way to promote a sense of trust, loyalty, and goodwill between people who have known each other for a significant period of time.”

Although there are a few curmudgeons in the crowd who, in spite of incurring Frank’s wrath for not complying with instructions, sit where they have always sat, most see this as a way to get to know other members. Official greeters this morning were **Tom Glazier** and **Pat Bush**, both of whom did an admirable job.



Tom Glazier



Pat Bush  
 Photos Craig Eley

### Where is the Prez?

In the absence of our illustrious president **Paul Simon**, **John Wachter**, president-elect, gave us a portent of things to come by running the meeting. After the invocation and pledge, which were led by **John Oss**, John opened the meeting by recognizing those who are charter members the Optimist Club of Monaco South, which was formed in 1976. The following current members were included in the original chartering of the club in June of 1976: Dr. **Ed Fan-**

**khauser** (known as the “*Founder of Monaco South*”), **William Culbertson**, **Richard Daly**, **Kent Gloor**, **Greg Hurd**, **Curt Jefferies**, **Ralph Pedersen**, **Oscar Sorensen**, and **John Young**. The current community support and service to youth is due, in great measure, to this group who had the vision and the tenacity to invite other like-minded individuals to participate in one of the finest clubs in all of Optimist International. *Congratulations to all for building the foundation of our club!*

### Welcome Back Jack

**Jack Kitchell**, who has been out due to back surgery is back and almost as good as new. Jack thanked those who had sent cards and called during his recovery. Jack said that, although the surgery was successful and relieved a great deal of the sciatica and constant pain he had been suffering since last February, he was having to learn to walk all over again. He currently walks with a cane to keep from limping. Although the surgery was successful, there is still a possibility of further surgery. Jack said that during his recovery he kept remembering the words (attributed originally to Henry Ford), “*Whether you think you can, or you can’t, you’re right!*” Welcome back Jack!



### Happy Birthday to Our September Group

After the obligatory monthly singing of “The Monaco South Birthday Song” to: **Neil Alderson**, **Peter Dimond**, **Jim Easton**, **Howard Fry**, **Casey Funk**, **Glenn Kindt**, **John Marin-os**, **Frank Middleton**, and **John Oss**, which was the highlight of the meeting, the podium was opened for announcements.



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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

**Reloadable Grocery Cards:** Cy Regan gave an inspiring talk on the importance of buying King Sloopers and Safeway discount cards. According to Cy, this is a no brainer. We all have to eat.

By using discount cards, purchased from Cy, for every \$5,000 spent by club members, the stores pay out \$250 (5%). This has proven to be a good, easy fundraiser, netting about \$3600 each year. See Cy to purchase a \$10 card, which can be reloaded each time you shop, for whatever amount you need.

**Cub Scott Pack Recruiting:** Frank Middleton thanked Oscar Sorensen and Pat Bush for their help in the Cub Scout recruitment drive at Highline Academy, at which four new Cub Scouts were signed up. Frank also introduced "Frankie B," aka Frank Buonaiuto who uses his magic tricks to help recruit new Scouts, and who was in attendance at the Highline Academy Join Night. Frank also mentioned that Aaron Beery coordinates the Cub Scout activities at Bradley International and could use some help on occasion.

**Jeanette Thompson, Lt. Governor of Zone 8:** We were graced by the presence of both the current and the incoming Lt. Governor of Zone 8, of which we are a part. Jeanette Thompson, who is a member of the Tamarac Optimist Club and has been our Lt. Governor for the past two years, is stepping down. Jeanette has been "Distinguished" during both years in which she served and has done a great job of leading the zone. Congratulations to Jeanette and good luck in your "retirement."

Curt Merrill is currently a member of the DTC Optimist, but first became an Optimist in Southern California in 1990. Curt was a member of an "Up With People" troupe for 2 years, was an Eagle Scout, and is looking forward to following in Jeanette's footsteps as a Lt. Governor.

In closing, Jeanette thanked Paul Simon, who has been instrumental in the formation of both the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club (FRACSOC) and the Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club (T1DOC), for his support during the past year.

**Letter From an Artist:** Bob Avery read some excerpts from an artist who is currently incarcerated, but is trying to turn his life around. This individual had heard about the "Linus Project" through Bob's son and he was interested in getting involved in some way. Bob said this letter demonstrated that the importance to being optimistic, even in the depths of despair.

**Looking for Sales Tax License:** Craig Eley says, "he's got the death part covered, but the taxes are a problem." Craig Eley is thinking of selling some stuff at a craft fair and wonders if any club member has a Denver sales tax license he can piggyback on. Contact Craig at [craigceley@gmail.com](mailto:craigceley@gmail.com).

**Update On Doug Morton:** Marilyn Brown emailed saying, "Doug Morton's surgery on Monday, September 16 at the University of Colorado Medical Center for NPH (normal pressure hydrocephalus), which is a build up of fluid surrounding the brain giving him Alzheimer's symptoms. A shunt was inserted in his brain and will drain fluid relieving the pressure and taking the fluid into his body to be assimilated and released. He is doing fine but he did have a couple of rough days this week. He has to take it easy for two weeks—no work, no driving and no Bronco games. It is the Bronco game that bothers him the most!"



During the last day in the hospital he has was asked several questions—this is what they do to determine if it helped. He was able to answer most of the questions and even count backwards from 100 by 7's. Needless to say, I cried. For the past 7 years he has not been able to answer questions. He still has to go through some more treatment, but there is improvement. Thanks to many of you for your prayers and good thoughts. At this point, we don't know when he will return to regular meetings."

**Installation Banquet & Dues Increase:** The gala installation and honors banquet for MSOC is coming on Saturday evening, September 28, at Blossoms in Heather Gardens. If you have signed up, you need to pay Greg Young ASAP, or you may not get to eat. Speaking of paying, Greg also said that dues would go up by \$1.00 next year. This is a pass through, since Optimist International voted a dues increase at the annual convention in July. As always, there will be a discount for paying your dues in one lump sum, although you have an option of paying quarterly installments.

**Classic Car Optimist Club:** Governor Phil Perington announced that the goal was to charter the new Classic Car Club by September 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. Eighteen members have already been signed, but Phil is still looking for some current members of our club to lend some Optimist experience to the new club members. The club will be built around an interest in classic cars, but will participate in various youth activities under the auspices of Optimist International.

**MSOC Shirts:** Tom Glazier is now taking orders for Monaco South polo shirts. Sizes are Small to 3XL. Price is \$13-\$16, dependent on size. You can get the shirt in royal blue with white lettering, or white with blue lettering. See Tom to sign up. Delivery takes about two weeks. Tom also said he would have a sample of a "Dress Shirt" in the near future.



**Directory Update:** Tom Mauro and Craig Eley are in the final process of making changes to the club directory, which is published twice a year. Craig will be available after the meeting to take pictures of those who may not already have a picture in the directory (especially those newer members). For those who are dissatisfied with their current picture, you can either

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## Announcements Continued



have plastic surgery, or pay Craig to Photoshop a picture of whoever it is you would like people to think you are.

**Our Breakfast Today:** Today's scrumptious breakfast prepared by Heather and Chris Mulqueen who, according to Heather, are "here on a trial basis" until the end of the year, when the American Legion will make a final decision. If this morning's breakfast is any indication, we will be seeing Heather and Chris in the future.

**Alzheimer Memory Walk:** Cap Hermann made one last plea for volunteers for the Walk to End Alzheimer's in City Park on Saturday, September 21. Always the reporter, **John Oss** confirmed that those who participated were noted **Cap, Russ Paul, JR Gieck, Al-**



Photo John Oss

**Ilen Pierce, Gary Strowbridge, OC and Pat Larson** participated.

John states, "Cap capped it off by taking the mike to honor, Dr. Herman, just like many other love filled walkers did for their loved ones. Jim Rooney, a dear friend, was very much in mind for me, along with my late mother in law Caroline Bolz. Ruthy and I are eating lunch with Jim's loving wife Carol tomorrow."

Jim Rooney's wife shared, "Thank you with all of my heart for your walk for Alzheimer's! My beloved husband Jim is in the latter stages now. He was diag-

nosed eight years ago next month at age 65. I wasn't able to do the walk because I'm recovering from coronary bypass surgery which I had on August 7<sup>th</sup>. *Alzheimer's breaks our hearts in many ways Sometimes in life when we can't walk, our friends stand by us and do the walking for us! God bless you for your loving kindness.*

Carol Rooney

**Welcome Back:** Among members, we have not seen for a while who were in attendance today: **Andy McKean, Neil Alderson, and Terry Shroyer.**

**Injured Reserve List:** **Greg Young** recently had surgery on his thumb to increase mobility and decrease pain. Six weeks in a cast for Greg. **David Telpner** had a bone graft to his arm and will be in a cast for three months. All the best guys!

## This Weeks Drawing

Do we have a drawing? Well, maybe! With only two cards left in the deck and \$10 in the pot, what are the odds?

**Oscar Sorensen** thought, not so good, was first up and decided to take a (sure thing) cup worth \$6 or more, rather than take a chance. The next two winners made Oscar look like a genius as both of them took a shot at the draw and both drew the same wrong

card. You would think that two brilliant newsletter editors would have more sense, but neither **Robert Wardlaw** nor **George Buzick** picked the required three of hearts. Which left only the aforementioned cups for the winners that followed. The moment of truth came when **Jon Wachter's** name was drawn for the "Name Tag Reward" and he correctly pulled the three of hearts from the pack of two cards.

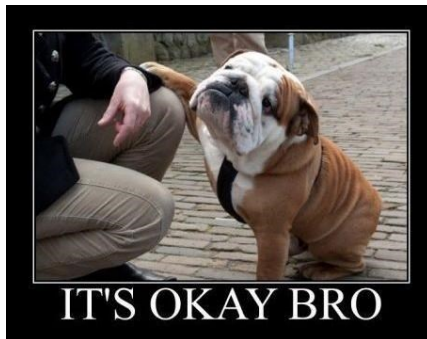


Photo Craig Eley



BEGS YOU TO THROW TOY

PUTS UP A FIGHT WHEN YOU TRY TO TAKE IT



IT'S OKAY BRO

## Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
9/27/13	Eldon Strong & Joe Marci
10/4/13	Phil Perington & Steve Kady
10/11/13	Perry Allen & Tom Glazier
10/18/13	Harry Johnson & Nick Newey
10/25/13	Bob Coulson & Karl Geil

## Monaco South Calendar

Sep 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Chuck Bonniwell, Glendale Cherry Creek Chronicle
Sep 28	Sat	5:30 pm	Installation and Awards Banquet, Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens
Oct 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Darren Martin, Financial Workshops
Oct 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Schlessman YMCA Campaign
Oct 16	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Oct 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Safe	1995-96
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ron Cisco	2009-10
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Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Randy Marcove	2011-12

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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.