



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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### Good Morning Optimists

#### Big Breakfast, Guests and Celebs

Another exciting morning began with District Sec-Treas. **Greg Young** (best Hawaiian shirt of the day winner) and **Jon (Coconuts) Wachter** warmly greeting all with assorted high-fives, elbow and fist bumps and secret signs unknown. The always superb **John Marinis** breakfast buffet was so popular today that we almost ran out of food. Still the best deal on this side of town. Other festive Hawaiian/Summer shirt wearers included **John Stoffel, Doug Arnold, Dick Zolman, O.C. Larsen, John Swick, Fred Pasternack, Gov. Ron Benson** and (Mr. Color coordinated) **Todd Olson**. It looked like an early a.m. pool party. The only thing missing was **Prez Ed** in his *Froggy Flippers*—See last weeks GUMS.



**David Larazoff** was having fun showing off his new book, “*LIVE IT UP!*”, and selling quite a few. It was also good to see **Alan McCall, Harry Fegley, and Rich Wagner** again. **Howard (Howdy) Fry** was back from his Honeymoon and looking a little worn out. Looks like things are off to a good start Howdy. Visiting VIP Regional Vice President, **Ron Graves** was busy meeting, chowing down and sharing thoughts with President **Ed Collins, Gov. Ron Benson, Uncle Bob Avery, Les Larsen, Ron Gustas, Dr. Bob Finkelmeier, Scott (Woof) Walker**, and many others.



OI Regional Vice President, **Ron Graves**, on the left, and Colo/Wyo Gov. **Ron Benson** share their morning with us.

Photo Don StJohn

### First Bell & Welcome

At 7 a.m. sharp **Prez Ed** gaveled the bell and everyone smartly came to attention. **Ron Cisco** presented the Invo-

cation, “*Oh God of Joy; a cheerful countenance and smile at all times.*” The Pledge of Allegiance followed and the shouts of *HIT THE BALL* echoed through the hall. It might have helped, as the Rockies optimistically won Friday night.

### Guests

**Prez Ed** asked **Gov. Ron** to share a few thoughts, that included news that the District was on a path to establish up to three NEW Clubs before the end of the administrative year. The Ladies at Tamarac have organized and chartered a Cheyenne Ladies Club, to be inaugurated in September. Fifteen active applications have been accepted for a Club in Green Valley and there is a new “Scooter Club” in Bailey being built around a motor-cycle aficionado’s membership. All this sounds pretty exciting. As reported by past Lt. Gov. **Kent Gloor** and confirmed by Gov. Ron, this would be the first time since 1994-95 that the District had 3 or 4 new Clubs. **Ron Cisco** was an *Outstanding & Distinguished Governor* in 1991-92 as a result of new club building as well. It looks like the District is alive and well!

**Gov. Ron Benson** then introduced our special guest Vice President **Ron Graves**, of the SW Region and a member of the Optimist Club of San Antonio. He thanked everyone, especially Gov. Ron for all the hospitality, goodwill and energy, noting that MSOC is the largest Club he has ever visited in his region. While in Colorado VP Ron has also visited the Ladies Tamarac, Lakewood Luncheon, Wheat Ridge and Academy Clubs. He then proudly noted, **Ron Cisco** will receive his certification as an OI National Club Builder Representative on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. VP Ron closed by saying he had a great time, enjoyed getting out of the 104 degree weather back home, and was looking forward to returning to Colorado. Happy Trails to Vice President Ron and come back soon y’all!

**Fred Pasternack** said he had three guests, and two showed up. His nephew from San Diego, Craig, who was a guest last year and won a lot of money from his uncle,

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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\*\*\*\*

## Guests Continued

wished us well with the Bronco's and our "new quarterback," but indicated he was counting on more extra money again this year. Brad Tachiabana, a friend from the bank said he was glad to see Fred was here and gave us all a big smile.

**Steve** (Thumper) **Kady** introduced his new friend Ron Gutru, a retired electrician and Rotarian, whom he had recently met during cocktail hour. Thump thought it would be cool to have his new pal play us a tune. Ron strolled up on the stage, took to the piano and proceeded to play a spirited version of *It's a Grand Old Flag*. The crowd quickly came to life. Those 84-year old fingers really tickled the ivories. It was a very cool moment indeed. We hope to see all our guests back soon! And that includes **Les Larson's** guest from last week, Arnold Broskey, who was not acknowledged in GUMS. Editor: *An investigation has been started. We will get to the bottom of this serious oversight. Sorry Arnold, we owe you another breakfast.*

## Announcements

**Peach Orders Taken**: Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** happily proclaimed that peach orders are being taken. This year they cost \$24 a case or lug, about 16-18 lbs., with \$4 going to either Monaco South or Tamarac Optimist Clubs. Peaches arrive in town by refrigerated truck sometime after August 12<sup>th</sup>. And there will only be one shipment due to spring frost damage. Call Bob or email him to order: 303-756-5829.



**MSOC Installation Dinner**: **Ron Cisco** and **Phil Perington** have confirmed the Installation Dinner scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> at Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way. Note time correction: Cocktails at 6 p.m. & dinner at 7 p.m. Two entrees are on the menu. The cost is \$26 per person. **Bob Hugo** will once again be our call to dinner trumpet guy. Our experienced Doorman and Host, **Gary Strowbridge** will be handling check-in.

**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk**: **Ron Gustas** and **Dick Cohen** reminded everyone of the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Diabetes, September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Pepsi Center. Proceeds from the walk go to fund research for a cure of Type 1 Diabetes and/or develop improved treatment methods for the thousands of Colorado kids and young adults affected by this life threatening disease. Members can help in any or all of the following ways:

1. Make a tax deductible monetary pledge to JDRF.
2. Help set-up the Pepsi Center "Walk" site starting late morning on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>.
3. Walk the 2½ mile course as part of the team that Ron and Dick support.

Volunteers receive lunch, a t-shirt, and an admission ticket to Elitch Gardens good for the rest of 2011 season. contact either Ron Gustas at [rgustas@earthlink.net](mailto:rgustas@earthlink.net) or Dick Cohen at [richardmcohen@hotmail.com](mailto:richardmcohen@hotmail.com).

**Brent's Place Pancake Update**: **Paul Bernard** thanked

everyone who volunteered for the Brent's Place Pancake breakfast last Saturday. The ladies from Tamarac were spot on with their guidance concerning the proper care and management of pancakes particularly the manner in which they are flipped and stacked.



Photos Craig Eley

The crew included **Craig** (The Camera) **Eley**, **John Oss**, **James Riley**, **Al Gapuzan**, **George Buzick**, **Fred Paster-nack**, **Gary Strowbridge**, **Michael Chavez**, **Don Thom-son**, **John Swick**, **O.C. Larsen** and our Prez **Ed Collins**. Over 1,150 plates were served. That works out to over 2,500 flapjacks served. Good job everyone!

**School Supply Project**: **Oscar Sorensen** announced the upcoming School Supplies project that will include 40 back packs loaded with school supplies for Holm Elementary School. This is an extremely important program and we need to get as many supplies as possible. See Oscar for more details.

**March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball Tournament**: **Cy Regan** again reminded everyone of the March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. We need 15 volunteers to help with the parking management. **Joe Marci** will be the trail boss this year. Things get started at around 6-6:30 a.m. at Majestic Commercenter in Aurora (east of I-70 and Tower Road) NE side. Free breakfast is provided after we're finished. Don't miss the fun!

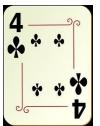
**Channel 6 Telethon**: **Bryce Slaby** started with "No joke," and there was tremendous applause, and then went on to affirm the up coming Thursday evening, August 11<sup>th</sup> Channel 6 telethon. Volunteers will man the phones between the hours of 5-7 p.m. Please check with Bryce to confirm your commitment.

**Windsor Gardens Burrito Breakfast**: **Gary Roll**, President-Elect, and **Richard Love**, Past President, of the Windsor Gardens Breakfast Club were our drop-in guests this morning and were here to announce their upcoming "first ever event" Burrito Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> between 8-10 a.m. at the Emerald Grill Restaurant in Windsor Gardens, 597 S. Clinton St. The cost is \$8 per person that includes burrito, orange juice, coffee, tax and tip. To assist The MSOC Food Committee donated our Furry Scurry Breakfast Burrito/Egg McMuttin' sign created by **Craig Eley**. All the proceeds go toward their "Bringing out the Best in Kids!" program. Good luck fellow Optimists!



## Closing Bell

**Drawing**: Our Pot Drawing was up to \$50 and the 4 of Clubs was the card to find. The money cup winners were: **John Swick**, **John Stoffel**, **Kent Gloor**, **Doug Arnold**, and **Don Thomson**. In the 4 of clubs card drawing those who had a chance included Gov. **Ron Benson** and **Ron Cisco**, both came up short.



For the "are you wearing your name tag" drawing: **Paul Bernard** had his badge in his pocket and lost out to **Jon Wachter** who then lost the draw. Better luck next time!

**Creed**: OI Regional Vice President, Ron Graves lead us in the Optimist Creed: "*Promise Yourself, To be too strong....*"

**For Lexophiles (Lovers of Words), thanks Ralph Pedersen**

1. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
2. A will is a dead giveaway.
3. A backward poet writes inverse.
4. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
5. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully re-covered.

## Speaker: Dave Whitner

**Donlie Smith** introduced our Speaker, Dave Whitner, Program Director for the Denver Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Dave has served the BSA for over 11 years in both New Jersey and Denver. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. Dave has also served as a General Assistant at the South Pole in Antarctica and as a Facilities Supervisor for the City of Aurora.

Dave is a graduate of CSU and studied in Edinburgh Scotland. He and his wife have two girls, one recently adopted from China. Dave began his adventure in Scouts starting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and culminated with Troop #457. As a 16 year old he attended a summer camp in Canada and discovered the Swedish Scouts allowed girls. However, there were no other details.

Dave presented a video covering many facets of Scouting that included events held at the State Capitol, and Channel 9 coverage of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Classic Festival honoring MSOC member **Jack Kleinhessel** moderating the Eagle Scout Awards Ceremony.

One compelling past chronicled Scout Tyler Jeffery Hale, rescued two girls trapped and drowning in rapid water. He received the Boy Scouts Honor Medal as a result of his brave and un-selfish action. Dave then shared other examples of bravery and outstanding conduct that assorted Scouts had been involved with over the past years. One compelling story was that of an 8-year old Cub Scout applying his swim training at a pool party to save a girl hurt during a sliding accident.

In 2010, 400 area Boy Scouts attended the Jamboree at Dicks Sporting Goods Stadium celebrating the 100 year

anniversary of BSA. Some of the skills taught at the event were special needs training and leadership at all levels. A Norman Rockwell display featuring Scouting over the years was also part of the Jamboree.

Dave works with Donlie and MSOC members every year at the Annual Eagle Scouts Award Dinner, honoring over 550 Eagle Scouts. To become an Eagle a young man must perform 177 hours of community service OUTSIDE of normal Scout activities. It has been figured that the Denver area Boy Scouts have contributed over 98,000 hours of community service each year, which equates to over \$2.6 million dollars at just minimum wage level.

Scouts make a difference. Each year in the Denver area over 22,000 Scouts serve in local Packs and Troops. Another 20,000 serve in Non-traditional groups, and 20,000 others serve in Partnership Programs. Nationally BSA has a membership of 2.8 million and there are another 10,000 involved in Colorado Camping programs statewide. In the Fall of 2012 the Denver Council of Boy Scouts will celebrate their own 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. BSA includes women at all levels that has a Venture Scout co-ed program that starts with 14 year old boys and girls. The Pinnacle Award is given to those Scouts who participate in God and Country activities. Dave pointed out MSOC had many Eagle Scouts in the room. Many thanks to Dave Whitner and the work he does with the BSA-Denver Area Council. Please stop by anytime. We love having your spirit and commitment to youth in the room.



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Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
8/5/11	Phil Perington & James Riley
8/12/11	Fred Pasternack & Doug Arnold
8/19/11	Phil Perington & Les Larson
8/26/11	Kari Tae & Gary Strowbridge

**Colorado/Wyoming District Convention**  
**Breckenridge, Colorado**  
**August 26-28, 2011**  
**For Convention Registration, see cover email**  
**For Convention Agenda, see cover email**

### Monaco South Calendar

- Aug 5 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Emma Alexander, talks about her *Up With People* tour
- Aug 6 Sat 7:00 am March of Dimes Annual Mudd Volleyball Tournament, Commercenter in Aurora  
(east of I-70 and Tower Road) NE side
- Aug 12 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Keir Mather, Illusionist
- Aug 17 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Aug 19 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Aug 26 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Super Citizen School Principals
- Aug 26-28 Colorado/Wyoming District Convention, Breckenridge, Colorado
- Sep 2 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Sep 24 Sat 6:00 pm Monaco South Installation Banquet, Blossoms Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way



## Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bob Safe	1995-96
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Tom Overton	1996-97
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
John Young	1982-83	Cy Regan	1999-00
Pat Bush	1983-84	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Don St. John	2001-02
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Jack Rife	2002-03
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Karl Geil	2003-04
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bob Avery	1989-90	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Walters	1991-92	Phil Perington	2008-09
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ron Cisco	2009-10

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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.