



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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Good Morning Optimist

Barry "Fifty-dollar" Barker and Russ "Super volunteer" Paul were merrily greeting arriving Optimists this warm and pleasant Friday morning. When questioned, Barry confessed he had used his winnings from last week on a round of golf and an adult beverage. *Sounds like fun to this editor!*

Our sumptuous breakfast buffet was again loaded up with tasty tater tots, fluffy scrambled eggs, sausage patties, sliced watermelon, Danish, made to order oatmeal, juice, coffee and tea. Mike "Show me the money" Miller was also doing an outstanding job running the pay station and selling Memorial Collector pins and badges for our guest speaker.



Invocation & Pledge

Returning president Michael Chavez gavelled the group to attention at 7 a.m. and past president Pat Bush read the invocation in honor of the five fallen Dallas Police Officers, "All giving God, a society without laws."



The Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America followed and with an optimistic shout of *Play Ball!*

Handshakes and greetings around the room had everyone in good spirits and ready for another excellent Friday morning kickoff.

Guests

New member David Moore sponsored by Bill Morgan, was introduced and welcomed by an enthusiastic round of cheers and applause. *Welcome aboard David!*

From the Prez

Prez Michael reported that there were no police to be seen anywhere at the OI Convention in Quebec City, which he thought was interesting considering the OI *wild and crazy* group. The "confab" was a big hit, lots of training and activity highlighted by meeting many OI member's and for him to discovering he has help build over 40 new clubs and is now heading up the OI 10-for-100 Membership Growth Program for 2016-17.



He thanked vice president Chris Dunphy for standing in last week and asked everyone to say a prayer for our Optimist brother and

friend Doug Morton, who is approaching another chapter in his eternal life. Also acknowledged were Oscar Sorensen and Bob Avery for their participation in the MS-150 and the dedication ceremony honoring Pat Sorensen. This is Michael's 5th year as the MS-150 Volunteer Chair. He also recognized president elect "I am the cameramen" Craig Eley, with aplomb and focus who was busy taking action photos for participants to download from the OCMS website. (To see all of Craig's MS-150 photos go to the MSOC home page and click the link, [2016 Colorado-Wyoming Ride MS, Team & Individual Pictures](#).)



Prez Report on MS-150 & OI Convention

Before I left we had the Bike MS 150 in Longmont. This was my 6th year as chairperson and it was the one of the best. The activity went very smoothly, since it was the second year in a row that we were setup at Trail Ridge Middle School. Our members Bob Avery and David Telpner did there part by riding in this years event. Oscar Sorensen and his daughter Julie, plus his granddaughters helped dedicate the rest stop in memory of Oscar's wife Pat Sorensen. We where joined there with six women from the Tamarac Optimist, Allan Yockey and Mai, Bill Morgan and his wife Suzanne and daughter Kaitlyn. Craig Eley retuned as photographer. Other's who assisted were Berry Baker, Curt Boell, Noel Hasselgren, George Buzick, Russ Paul, Tom Karmas and John Oss who all served vital roles in servicing the 3000 riders and helped raise 3 million for MS research. Thank you all for participating!



Photos Michael Chavez



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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******

Prez Report Continued

I had a wonderful time at the OI Convention in Quebec City. The days were filled with celebration, education, and camaraderie. Thank you for Sending me to the Convention.

Below are **Paul Simon, Curt and Trish Merrill** receiving the Level 10 Personal Growth & Involvement (PGI) award.



At right are CO-WY Governor **Curt Merrill**, MSOC President **Michael Chavez**, and MSOC president elect **Craig Eley**.



Morning Musings

Russ Paul noticing one of the banners badly in need of adjusting climbed up on a chair and the betting began.

Bob Avery our attendance monitor was absent and after numerous substitute requests, **Barry Barker** agreed to count the heads and do the math. Skilled labor in action.

HOBY Chair **Paul Bernard**, back from vacation was busy thanking volunteers for helping with the recent event at DU.

Tom "Mr. baseball" Mauro, Everett Gardner, Craig Eley, Robert Duval, Scottie Walker, and Al Gapuzan were all decked out in their Hawaiian shirts, obviously practicing for next year's ugly shirt contest.

Fourth of July stories and adventures were being shared by **Ralph Pedersen, Chris Dunphy, Curt Boell and Dick Zolman**. While **Kent Gloor** lightheartedly passed around a picture of the 2500 gallon propane tank (full) he had recently been hauling around town. CO-WY Gov. **Curt Merrill** and Gov. elect **Paul Simon** were sheepishly explaining why they did not have any presents, gifts or swag from the OI Convention.

There seems to be a new "*Table of Wisdom*" now occupied by **Don St. John, Donlie Smith, Cy Regan** and sit-down comedian **Tom Hoch**.

Randy Marcove has returned from outer space with his *Mars-landing bicycle*.

Joe Marci was shirt guy of the day, all decked out in his marvelous purple Rockies designer sport shirt.

The over/under on how many Optimists does it take to turn on the overhead projector was set at somewhere between 2 and 9 today.

Plus **Tom Overton** either has a new pet caterpillar or is growing a mustache—the jury is still out.

Announcements

Mudd Volleyball Tournament: **Pat Bush** is seeking parking Volunteers for the Mudd Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, August 6 for approximately 3-4 hours. Please arrive by 6:30 a.m. The weather is usually hot, but so are the girls.

Brent's Place Annual Pancake Breakfast: **Paul Bernard** shared that the Annual Pancake Breakfast for the Brent's Place Fun Run is Saturday, July 30th. The Tamarac Optimist ladies are in charge and suggested someone bring a fire extinguisher for the sausage grill and take care in avoiding scorched knuckles when flipping flap jacks. Not a job for amateurs.

Super Citizen Principles to Breakfast: Super Citizen chair **Robert Wardlaw** announced that the principles to breakfast event is scheduled for our meeting on August 12th. Please make this a priority to attend. This is our Annual Recognition event for the administrative staff of the ten Super Citizen schools and it is a great time to meet and greet school administrators on a personal level.

Thanks for Convention: **Craig Eley** shared his thanks for sending Michael and himself to the 98th OI Convention. He reported he attended the business sessions and listened to the amendments to bylaws and the debate on term limits for club secretary-treasurer, which failed unanimously. The next convention will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Volunteers of America Update: **Craig Eley** also shared that the Volunteers of America apparently ran out of volunteers for their free fan program, so Monaco South pitched in to help out. We delivered 72 box fans to those without air conditioning so they could better endure the heat of summer. Many also received carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers. **Craig Eley** organized the project, and those who delivered the goods were **Bob Avery, Pat Bush, Michael Chavez, Paul Gibson, Mike McMahon, Allen Pierce and Scott Walker**. The recipients were very appreciative—**Paul Gibson** called it "*a great experience*" and **Michael Chavez** said it was like "*delivering Thanksgiving baskets in July!*"



Craig and Mike McMahon with the load of fans in Craig's garage, which took to trips to pickup.

Photo Craig Eley

Weekly Drawing

The card for the drawing was the Two of Spades to grab the \$20 pot. However, **Phil Perington** and **Chris Dunphy** did not walk off with it today. The cups for this week went to repeat winners from last week, **Scott Walker, Allen Malask, and Gary Strowbridge**, along with **Ron Cisco, Al Gapuzan and Terry Shroyer**.



Pictures from the Meeting

From L to R, Robert Wardlaw, Paul Bernard, Steve Kady, and someone's bald head.



Photos Don StJohn

Major Barry Bratt

District 4 Commander, Colorado State Patrol

Steve "Thumper" Kady introduced our speaker today, while **John Oss** passed the hat around the hat today for donations to the Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial and it was a successful gathering of funds ... thank you!

Our speaker was Major Barry Bratt, District 4 Commander, Colorado State Patrol,



Photo Craig Eley

and Chair State Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial which was founded in 1979.

The Memorial honors fallen officers killed in the line of duty and is located at Camp George West, 15055 South Golden Road in Golden Colorado.

The Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial is the official State of Colorado Memorial dedicated to law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty. The Memorial was erected in 1979 as a tribute to Colorado's fallen officers.

In 1998 the site was designated by the State Legislature as an Official State Memorial but no money came with the Bill. Included in the list of the honored and departed are Federal officers as well. In 2014 the Memorial was upgraded to enhance the image and significance of the site. Historical information and research has been an ongoing project and officers are being added as they become known.

The original Memorial had black letters on grey stone and was very difficult to keep in readable condition. The new monument headstone is much easier to read and adds



Speaker Barry Bratt
Photo Don StJohn

to the quality of the memorial. Commissioned recently is a bronze statue 7.5 feet tall, almost seen in the picture above, that will watch over the entrance of the Memorial.

The estimated budget for the completion of improvements to the monument is \$280,000 but is currently around \$50,000 short of that goal. Donor levels are \$10,000; \$5,000; \$1,000; and \$100. Personal Pavers, similar to

the type at Coors Field, can be purchased for \$300. Philip Anschutz who is a major contributor and memorial Fund-raising Chair has been instrumental in raising money and supporting the restoration. **John Young** noted our guest is a qualified Monaco South Optimist member.

As shown below, President **Michael Chavez** presented a \$500 contribution to the Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial to help fund the improvement project. He also told Barry he was always welcome to our Friday breakfast Club. OCMS will have a paver at the Memorial.



Photo Steve Kady

Tidbit of the Day

from Joe Marci

Pueblo is the only city in America with four living recipients of the Medal of Honor.



The Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States. Generally presented to its recipient by the President of the United States of America in the name of Congress, it is often called the Congressional Medal of Honor.

40th Year of Monaco South

The Optimist Club of Monaco South has it is official OI birthday day on Wednesday, July 20, 2016.

District # 25 (COWY)
Colorado - Wyoming

Club # 25164

Club Name: **Denver-Monaco South, Co**
Date Chartered: **July 20, 1976**

Club President: **Michael A Chavez**

City, State/Province, Country (Language):
Denver, Colorado, United States (English)

Meeting Location:
American Legion Hall Low Post #1
Every Friday of each Month at 7:00 am
note: Be there Fri 6:45 am for breakfast

Sponsored by:
Club # 25120 - Denver-Happy Canyon, Co

Club's Web Page:
<http://www.monacosouth.org>

The Celebration & Installation will take place on Saturday, September 24th at Maggiano's Little Italy, 7401 South Clinton, Englewood, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Weekly Greeters

7/15/16	Ron Cisco & Joe Marci
7/22/16	Bill Morgan & OC Larson
7/29/16	Jack Kleinhessel & Curt Merrill

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40th Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

July 15 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
July 21 Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
July 22 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Paula Mitchell, Traveling through Colorado Wine Country
July 29 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: US Representative, Mike Coffman
July 30 Sat	7:00 am	Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast, General's Park, Colfax & Peoria



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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
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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.