



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Greg Young



### Good Morning Optimists!

Russ Paul and Michael Chavez wished all arrivals a “Top of the Morning” as they strolled in. Russ (the veteran since 1978) and Michael (the rookie, Jan 2009) did a good job. Thank you, gentlemen!

### Invocation & Pledge

Greg Young, who incidentally is your editor this month, assisted Frank Ross, who opened the meeting due to the tardiness of Prez Phil. Greg read the invocation encouraging us to consider patriotism as more than annual shooting of fireworks, and practice of being true to yourself and your fellow countrymen. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

### Gems from President Phil

- Breezing in at 7:05, Prez Phil Perington takes control and regales us with gems of “firsts” like:
- 1806—the first strawberry
  - 1861—Pony Express made first delivery
  - 1871—D&RG started the first narrow gauge railroad
  - 1884—July 4<sup>th</sup>: France gave the US the first Statue of Liberty;
  - 1890? —There was also some mention of Liz Taylor’s first husband about this time, but your ed. did not catch the date.
  - Birthdays were too numerous to mention.

### Guests

Jerry Gilbert was introduced. He’s a member of another club and was making his second visit. Welcome Jerry!!!

### Announcements

Update on convalescents: Eldon Strong said that Jim Piccinelli continues to mend at home and with regular IV treatments. And it was mentioned that Coy Horton is home mending from a collapsed lung. Keep these guys in your thoughts and good wishes.

Pancake Breakfast: Paul Bernard repeated our commitment to provide 2000 pancakes at Washington Park for runners/walkers raising funds for Brent's Place on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The Tamarac Optimist Club will be joining us on this project. Brent's Place operates two houses with temporary apartments for children with cancer and their families. Sign up now!

Mud Volleyball-March of Dimes fundraiser: Cy Regan is again spearheading this parking project. Put Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00am (in the cool of the day) on your calendar. Breakfast follows at V.I. around 9:00 for those who decline to stay for lunch and watch the fun. Let Cy know if you want to car pool from the Legion Hall.

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\*\*\*\*

## More Announcements

**Kale Smith** invites everyone to a Barbeque on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Call Kale for details and directions.

**Greg Young** mentioned that the honor banner is now updated with member **Jimmie Brown's** name patch under the OI Foundation honor list. Check out our Honors Banners...we have three...they are awesome due the great work of our club over the years.

**Ron Cisco**, President Elect, will be enjoying the sunny climates of Florida next week at the OI National Convention. Have fun Ron!!

**Joe Marci** let us know that 18 young golfers will be going to Florida in this year's tournament. Also, he cautioned us to not renew our Entertainment books if notified by email, but to buy new ones from him...it's a fund raiser for Jr. Golf!!

## 2009 BIKE MS COLORADO' RIDE JUNE 28, 2009

The Monaco South/Tamarac Lunch Rest Stop for the 2009 Bike MS Colorado's Ride on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> was another successful endeavor accomplished by 20 Monaco South members and 7 Tamarac members. This ambitious group set up the tents for the Optimizer, the water/sports drink dispensing area, the Irish and English dancers and the First Aid area. The Tamarac ladies dispensed water, sports drink and snacks to the riders and the Monaco South members handled the traffic control and road signs letting the riders know that they are approaching the

lunch rest stop. **Craig Eley** and his crew handled the photography tent and took pictures of around 1000 riders. The rest stop was again a huge success. **Phil Perington** has received emails from riders thanking us for doing it. The following Optimists participated in this event. **Monaco South:** Paul Bernard, Ed Collins, Craig Eley, Howard Fry, Marc Goodbody, Leo Hagele, Curt Jefferies, O.C. Larson, Rich Mahoney, Frank Middleton, Cy Regan, Frank Ross, Bryce Slaby, Donlie Smith, Mike Snipes, Eldon Strong, Pat Sullivan, Robert Wardlaw, Greg Young, and John Young. **Tamarac:** Barbara Althouse, Pat Dutton, Dottie Jefferies, Sandy Middleton, Sue Slaby, Roxy Strong, Kathy Sullivan and Mary Jean Sullivan. I want to thank all of you personally for your efforts and I wish that Char and I could have been there with you.

— Don StJohn, Co-Chair with Bryce Slaby



Photo by Mike Snipes

**Bob Avery**, our lone rider this year, asked those who had not paid their pledges to do so right away.

**Mike Snipes** is the genius behind the Club's method of

distributing the Bike MS photos. He has devised a way to put all the photos on line, making them accessible to the riders for printing on their home printers. Nice job Mike. See: [www.monacosouth.org](http://www.monacosouth.org)

## HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!! TEN SURPRISING FACTS



1. Independence Day commemorates the formal adoption of the [Declaration of Independence](#) on July 4, 1776. However, it was not declared a legal holiday until 1941

2. [Fireworks](#) were made in China as early as the 11th century. The Chinese used their pyrotechnic mixtures for war rockets and explosives.

3. [Uncle Sam](#) was first popularized during the War of 1812, when the term appeared on supply containers. Believe it or not, the U. S. Congress didn't adopt him as a national symbol until 1961.

4. There are many precise rules for taking care of the [American flag](#). And speaking of flag traditions, we're sorry to report that contrary to legend, historical research has failed to confirm that Betsy Ross sewed the first flag.



5. Not all members of the [Continental Congress](#) supported a formal Declaration of Independence, but those who did were passionate about it. One representative rode 80 miles by horseback to reach

Philadelphia and break a tie in support of independence.

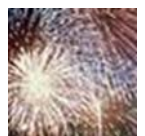
6. The first two versions of the [Liberty Bell](#) were defective and had to be melted down and recast. The third version rang every Fourth of July from 1778 to 1835, when, according to tradition, it cracked as it was being tolled for the death of [Chief Justice John Marshall](#).

7. The American national anthem, the "[Star-Spangled Banner](#)," is set to the tune of an English drinking song ("To Anacreon in Heaven").

8. The iron framework of the [Statue of Liberty](#) was devised by French engineer [Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel](#), who also built the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

9. The patriotic poem "America the Beautiful" was published on July 4, 1895 by Wellesley College professor [Katharine Lee Bates](#).

10. Father of the country and architect of independence [George Washington](#) held his first public office at the tender age of 17. He continued in public service until his death in 1799 at the age of 67.



## More Great Pictures from Mike Snipes

(go to our website to see more member pictures)



At today's meeting, **Donlie Smith** presented **Bryce** with an elixir to ease his pain from all the loading and unloading. **Cy** can share.



THE OPTIMISTER... "AS COOL AS A CUCUMBER"

## OUR SPEAKER TODAY

Filling in ably for our featured speaker who cancelled, **Paul Bernard** provided a fascinating look at oil production around the world. His talk, titled **Oil and Gas Crises**, opened a lot of eyes to the fact that our reserves are declining rapidly, and we truly need to invest in alternative energy sources. Paul enlightened us to the fact that the U.S. oil output has dwindled from 66% to 40% of world output. To compound the problem, oil production peaked about 40 years ago and every major producer is showing declines in output. Discovery of new deposits or sources is only 1/6 of what was being found in the 1960's. The worst sources of oil are the heavy oil, tar sands, and oil shale. To produce oil from these takes a lot of energy as well and thus will dramatically drive up prices in the long run.



What's the alternative? Well, biofuels are in the news, but very expensive to develop as well. Hydrogen has some promise but is a long way off. Coal, somewhat plentiful, but dirty. Can you see shoveling coal to power your car? Uranium has great possibilities if we can solve the safety problems. Hydroelectric...not likely...so inefficient that most dams built in the past could not be justified today. Wind...will be a small player. Geothermal...has a lot of promise as technology makes it more efficient. So stay tuned...and be prepared for higher and higher energy prices as we find ways to convert from oil (black gold, Texas Tea—no longer).

**The End**

No one won the drawing today...next week: \$50!  
Cy reported card sales at \$1025 today..not bad, but we can do better. Ding!

## Monaco South Calendar

Jul 8-11			Optimist International Convention, Kissimmee Florida
Jul 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker: Kier Mather: <b>Life is Magical</b>
Jul 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - <b>Camaraderie Day</b>
Jul 21	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar, Room 102
Jul 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Craig Eley: <b>Beekeeping</b>
Jul 26	Sun	6:00 am	Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast, Washington Park
Jul 31	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Mike Hanbery: <b>Twitter and Facebook</b>
Aug 1	Sat	6:00 am	Mud Volleyball—parking crew and breakfast after
Aug 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBD
Aug 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - East High School Constitutional Scholars
Aug 27-30			Colorado/Wyoming District Convention, Colorado Springs
Sep 11-13	Weekend		Honeymoon/Getaway Weekend-Colorado Arlberg Club-Winter Park
Sep 26	Sat	6:00 pm	Monaco South Year End Banquet— <b>SAVE THE DATE!</b>

## Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

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

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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.

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