



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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### Good Morning Optimists

As **Ron Cisco** put it so aptly today, "It's an end to the **Ed Collins** regime." Ed, from all of us: *Thank You! You certainly followed the Optimist Creed in everything you did for yourself and the club. Great Job! We are all very proud of you and thank you for your fine leadership.*

Let us not forget that for every *Ying* there is a *Yang*. Was Ed's success the cause of the Colorado Rockies demise? Even though they finished at a disappointing 73-89, they did finish the season with a win against the defending World Series Champion San Francisco Giants. Optimism: perhaps they can carry this momentum into next season!?



### Greeters

Our greeters were soon to be **MIA Russ Paul** and the always dapper **Leo Hagele**, who welcomed us with firm handshakes and infectious smiles. We were informed that Russ will be having surgery this coming week and will be unable to attend our meetings for the next six weeks. Let us keep him in our thoughts and prayers!

### Call to Order

President **Ed Collins** was fashionably late by two minutes thanks to giving advice to the incoming president. Regardless, he hammered the bell for the last time of his term, and it sounded as sweet as ever. Ed then directed the microphone to **Harry Johnson** (pictured) to deliver our morning invocation. Harry's resonant voice carried the message of, "*Aid the Development of Youth.*" Harry also informed us about his trip to Washington, D.C. two weeks ago to honor his service to our country in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII. Did you know that Harry received the American Theater Medal, the European, African and Middle East Theater Medals, a Good Conduct



Medal and two overseas service bars? He has quite an interesting adventure to share. Ask him or visit Jessica Nygren article, a 13 year old writer for the *Littleton Community Network*, says about him at: [www.littleton.org/history/harryj.asp](http://www.littleton.org/history/harryj.asp).

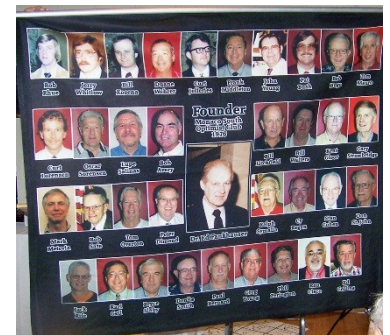
### Guests

Last week, our guest of **Mike Prete** was Frank Rowe, the husband of our guest speaker Anne Rowe. Mike told us that Frank was unable to attend today's meeting, BUT did send his application and check with Mike. Thank you Mike!

### Recognition

Moving right along, **President Ed** recognized and thanked **John Young** for his Great Job of putting together a fantastic booklet reflecting the past 35 years of OCMS and for his presentation at the Installation Banquet. We still don't know how he did it, but John was able to condense four hours of history and fun into just about ten minutes. Look for the huge banner on October 7<sup>th</sup> John made for Dr. **Ed Fankhauser**, founder of the Optimist Club of Monaco South. It includes a photograph of Dr. Ed, as well as the past 35 Presidents of the club.

Left, **John Young**, with his wife Claire in the background. Below left, Dr. **Ed Fankhauser**, with wife Jeannie. Below the banner of 35 OCMS Presidents.



Photos Don StJohn

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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\*\*\*\***

## Recognition Continued

Ed also recognized our Optimist of the Year, Mr. **Greg Young**, and thanked Greg for everything he has done. Congratulations Greg!

Ed then took the opportunity to thank Charter Member **Greg Hurd** for inviting Dr. **Robert Finkelmeier** to join our club in July of 1983. Fast forward eighteen years, and "Dr. Bob" was presented the



**Greg Young**,  
Optimist of the Year.

prestigious Marlin Kent Award for his selfless conduct way beyond the call of duty for the benefit of our club. Bob's last name was misspelled on the plaque, but it will be soon corrected. Bob shared a simple mnemonic with all to properly spell his last name. To the tune of the Mickey Mouse theme song, everybody: *F-I-N, K-E-L, M-E-I-E-R*. Congratulations, and many, many, many thanks Bob! As Pres. Ed said it so well, "You're a Peach of a guy!"

Charter member and namesake for the award, **Marlin Kent** at the 2011 OCMS Banquet, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Reflections on the Year

**Prez Ed** then took a moment to reflect on some of the club's achievements from the past year:

- Our Tree Lot success, even though there were 100 plus trees "borrowed".
- Our Santa House Success, including the train!
- Brain Bowl.
- HOBY.
- Our Wives to Breakfast Valentines Day special, and recognizing **Bob & Janna Hugo** for the longest marriage.
- 164 kids participating in Junior Golf.
- Our club raised \$2,000+ for the MS150 bike ride.
- Presenting 14 Robert Sullivan Scholarships.
- Supporting Liberty Day.
- President **Ed Collins** was fined over \$1,000 for forgetting to ask if we had guests present.
- Successful Project School Supplies.
- We added these projects this year:
  - \* Bring On The Music support.
  - \* Brent's Place.
  - \* Project Breathe.
  - \* Cub Scout sponsorship.
  - \* Channel 6 KRMA telethon support.
  - \* Contributed to the Heather Regan garden bench.

## Announcements

**OCMS Directory:** **Craig Eley** made his last call for a chance to improve your (photographic) image in the directory. "If you want a better picture, bring a better face!" Also, if you have name or contact changes, please get them to **Craig** or **Tom Mauro** ASAP. We are going to print next week!



**Super Citizen Update:** We were told by **Joe Marci** that there have been a couple of changes to the Super Citizen Presenter's schedule for the month of October. Rumor has it that one of our presenters has a grandchild winning the award! Congratulations Grandpa! Please look for the changes in the posted GUMS Newsletter each week.

**Entertainment Books:** **Joe Marci** also told us that he still has a few more *Entertainment Books* for sale. Proceeds go to the Robert Sullivan Scholarship fund. If you have a need to purchase one of these great coupon books in another market, they are available. Great gift idea Joe!

**Thomas Jefferson High School:** The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Homecoming, and Hall of Fame starts this October 15<sup>th</sup> at T.J. **Randy Marcove** told us that Principal Sandra Just is expecting 500+ people to attend the activities at the school, and has asked our club for volunteer help with parking. We will be needed from 10 until 11:30 a.m. Please sign up!

**OCMS & OI Dues:** It's that time of year again - already! Treasurer **Greg Young** announced that 2011-12 Club Dues invoices will be distributed next week. Pay early and in full, and you will get a \$5 discount!



**Photographers Needed:** One of the lasting memories for the families of our Super Citizen recipients is the photographs taken by one of our members. Each child and their celebrating family members' pictures are shot, printed, and returned to the winner as a keepsake. **Wyatt McCallie** is looking for a few more photographers to capture these amazing events. Please see him if you are interested, and thank you Don St. John for singing up!

**Thank You Note:** A thank you note was read by Paul **Bernard**. It was written by our guest speaker from last week, **Anne Rowe**. By the way, our Newsletter article from last week can be found on her website at <http://annerowedps.com/2011/09/monaco-south-optimist-clubs-newsletter/>

**On the Recovery:** Barbara Culbertson let us know that **Bill Culbertson** is recovering from a gallbladder infection at the Highline Rehabilitation Center, 6060 East Iliff Ave., after spending 8-days in the hospital. Once he gets the infection down he will be scheduled for a gallbladder operation. Keep Bill and Barb in your thoughts and prayers.

**Learn about your Brother Optimist:** A newer member and newly installed Director **John Oss** had two of his work programs recently declassified—the Gambit and Hexagon. Two cameras ([www.oss4us.com/gambhex](http://www.oss4us.com/gambhex)) were declassified at the Smithsonian, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Ten and thirty thousand pounds! Integration, tested and launched for six years. John and his wife Ruth attended the gala event - click on the link for some fascinating information.

## Drawing

Drawing With THE LAST card to go for a \$10 pot, who would be the first to have his number drawn from the Bedpan? The card to draw for the big jackpot of \$10 was the Five of Spades. Fitting for a drum-roll, our professional drummer **Jon Wachter** was the big winner!

Easy money winners were: **Craig Eley**, **Steve Kady**, **Rich Wagner**, **Greg Young**, & two-time winner **OC Larson**.

## In Closing

President **Ed Collins** took to the microphone one last time to recognize and honor our brothers and friends lost during the last year. They were **Pat Regan**, **Gerald Davis**, **Tom Evans**, and **Bill Walters**. You will forever be in our memories.

Led in the Optimist Creed by **Oscar Sorensen**. Very fitting that the man who announced **Ed Collins**'s presidential candidacy also was the same that closed his last meeting as president. Promise yourself....

## Guest Speaker

### President and CEO of Mental Health America of Colorado, Donald Mares

Our Guest Speaker was a returning guest speaker, this time as President and CEO of Mental Health America of Colorado, Mr. Donald J. Mares.

Don shared with us a very touching story. As Colorado's former Director of the Department of Labor and Employment, he witnessed the collapse of the economy and spiraling unemployment rates first hand. Many, many, people suffered with their losses, and mental illnesses were no exceptions. Mental Health America was a natural segue for Don.

According to Don, Mental Health America creates opportunities for all Coloradans to achieve mental wellness. Their programs educate people about mental health conditions, provide outreach to people in need and advocate for improved health care in our state. They exist as a community resource for people seeking information about mental health and as a team player as they collaborate with others to improve health care in Colorado. Some of these programs are:

**Suicide Prevention**—Colorado consistently ranks in the top 10 ten states for high suicide rate. MHAC brings people together to develop initiatives that save lives.

**Check Your Head**—East High School students perform at Check Your Head assembly. The program uses elements of hip hop to address issues such as self identity, peer pressure, depression and suicide.

**Pro Bono Outreach**—MHAC understands that language is a barrier to mental health treatment. MHAC volunteers lead an interpreter training to expand access to treatment for Spanish speakers.

**We Can!** Recognizing advocacy efforts that advance mental health and reduce stigma.

MHAC envisions a healthy Colorado free of stigma and discrimination where every person has full access to high quality services for all mental health and substance abuse conditions.

There is a lot of Mental Health help available - it is Don's and MHAC's wish that it gets used.

And for all of you CSU Ram fans—CSU is the first school in the state to use MHAC's services. Student/Residence Assistants and Food Service personnel are being trained to recognize changes in behavior that may represent early detection of a mental illness. Way to go Rams!



MHA of Colorado president, Don Mares, on the right, with past presidents Barb Bieber (1993-97) & Jeanne Rohner (1998-2011). Mares, new CEO.

Photo by Pamela Cress

<b>Weekly Greeters</b>	
Date	Greeters
10/7/11	Doug Arnold & Woody Thibodeau
10/14/11	Bob Avery & Harry Johnson
10/21/11	Leo Hagele & Fred Pasternack
10/28/11	Craig Eley & Ron Gustas
11/4/11	Frank Middleton & Casey Funk
11/11/11	John Oss & Karl Geil
11/18/11	Jim VanderKamp & Woody Thibodeau
11/25/11	Leo Hagele & Bob Hugo

<b>Super Citizen Presenters for October</b>		
5 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Phil Perington
13 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	George Buzick
14 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Doug Morton
17 @ 9:45 am	Samuels	Gary Strowbridge
19 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	John Stoffel
20 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Frank Middleton
21 @ 9:10, 10:00, & 10:40 am	Holm	Ron Cisco
21 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	John Young
27 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	Les Larson

### Monaco South Calendar

- Oct 7 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Fred Joseph, Colorado Securities Commissioner
- Oct 14 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim Anderson, Medicare Facts & Fallacies
- Oct 15 Sat 10:00 am Parking TJ High School, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Homecoming, and Hall of Fame
- Oct 19 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Oct 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Oct 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Oct 28-29 Colorado-Wyoming District 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Bard Meeting, Marriott Hotel, Colorado, Springs

## 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.