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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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Editor for this Issue—Ralph Pedersen



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### Good Morning Optimist Greetings

**Harry Fegley** and **Don Thomson** greeted us today with firm handshakes and a cheery “*Good morning!*” This is a great way to start a day. Thanks, guys, all of you who sign-up for this role! It’s appreciated!

### Invocation and Pledge

**Frank Middleton** said the prayer which reminded us of our responsibility to the youth within our influence to be good examples of citizenship. Frank also led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our beautiful United States flag.



Speaking of Frank Middleton, here he is searching for his name tag following the inconvenient semi-annual re-alphabetization of the name badges. Allen Yockey appearing to be next is in the background.

Photo Craig Eley

### Miscellaneous

**Ron Gutru** gifted us on the piano with “*The Caissons Go Rolling Along.*” Ron, I think, also was the first to present his check for \$100 to the OI Foundation. This weeks editor, **Ralph Pedersen**, substituting for

**John Oss**, sat with **Bob Avery** who HEAPED strawberries on his plate. Everyone who came by had a smart remark for his benefit.



### From the Prez

**President Randy** recognized **Tom Hoch** who did a fine job as Super Citizen presenter at Bradley Elementary School last Friday.

### Guests

**Paul Simon** introduced his guest who is with Edward Jones financial advisors. President Randy also recognized returning member **Bud Black**. A warm welcome, Bud; we would like to see you more often!

### Gifts to OI Foundation

**Frank Middleton** shared that we have just lost one of our most distinguished members **Marlin Kent**. One of his favorite projects was Super Citizen. He took pictures at all the presentations for many years. As Optimists we may feel at a loss as to how to honor him. One way is to make a contribution to our club in his honor. Anyone desiring to make a tax deductible donation to the Super Citizen program in memory of Marlin Kent should send me a check, minimum of \$100, made payable to Optimist International Foundation, to treasure, **Greg Young**. If you want to do less than \$100, then you should make the check payable to Monaco South, but it will not be tax deductible. All donations should be to Greg no later than April 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Announcements

**Paul Bernard, Hip Surgery:** **Don Thomson** reported that Paul had the surgery last Monday, and was released Tuesday afternoon. Everything is going well. Send him a greeting at [pxbernard@gmail.com](mailto:pxbernard@gmail.com).

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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 Continued

**Photos for Directory Update:** Craig Eley first made a humorous remark about Frank Middleton's elaborate method of sending a gift to OI International Foundation: "Now we know how the money laundering goes on." He also invited anyone, especially new members, to have a photo taken. Thanks, Craig, for your service in this way.



**Channel 6 Auction:** Bryce Slaby asked for volunteers at the Channel 6 Auction in June. He needs a bunch of volunteers. He also plugged the Denver Rugby Club and said that games are like going to Disneyland; \$6 gives you a myriad of goodies. Learn more from Bryce or visit: [www.denver-rugby.com/](http://www.denver-rugby.com/).

**George Washington HS After Prom:** Frank Rowe presented an opportunity for service by helping at the After Prom, the evening of Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup> for cleanup. Talk to Frank for details.

**Election of OCMS Officers - by our own Oscar:** With the slate of officers full, Oscar Sorensen called for nominations from the floor, hearing none he called for a vote. It was unanimous!

Elected officers for 2012-2013 are: **Paul Simon**, President; **Jon Wachter** and **Craig Eley**, Vice Presidents; and new Board Members include: **Mike McMahon**, **Mike Short**, **Scott Walker** and **Steve Kady**. Congratulations to each one; we will support you in the new fiscal year beginning in September. And our thanks to Oscar!

**Correctional Industries Visit:** Bob Avery reminded us that he is leading an April 12<sup>th</sup> facility tour to Canon city. The tour will begin at 9:30 a.m. Therefore we will need to leave from the American Legion Hall by 7:30 a.m. Please let Bob know if interested.

For those who have already signed up and those who haven't signed up but would like to go, he needs the following information like yesterday:

- Full Name (what shown on your driver's license)
- Driver's license and state if not Colorado
- Date of Birth

**Tri-Star Basketball:** Jack Rife reports that on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the East Denver Regional Tri-Star Competition was held at North High School (one of 4 Regionals held in Colorado). The 125 kids competing, along with their family and friends were invited to North by five Optimist Clubs who held local competitions (Monaco South, Tamarac, University Park, Northeast and Northwest). Monaco South had 6 volunteers help at the affair: **Don Thomson**, **Gary Laman**, **John Greene**, **Michael Chavez**, **Bryce Slaby**, along with **Jack**. Additionally there were numerous helpers from other clubs.

There were 36 winners (boys and girls ages 8 to 13) were awarded trophies and Nuggets t-shirts and invited to the Finals Competition at the Pepsi Center

to be held on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.



Pictured above are the girls winners.

Photo Jack Rife

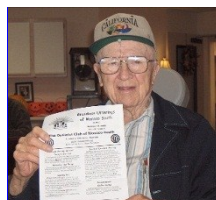
The Finals will be held on the main floor of the Pepsi Center on the afternoon before the Nuggets game that night (6 pm) against the Houston Rockets.

All Optimists are invited to purchase discounted tickets (\$80 tickets for \$40 or \$27 tickets for \$20) to the game using the Tri-Star Basketball website: [www.tristarbasketball.org](http://www.tristarbasketball.org). Five dollars of every ticket sold support the Tri-Star Basketball district effort.

Optimists attending the game are invited to join the group at Brooklyn's Restaurant at 3:30 p.m. to have dinner before going to the game. Call Jack Rife for reservations @ 303-349-1280.

**District Conference:** The third quarter CO/WY conference will be held at the DTC Hyatt on the weekend of May 4-6<sup>th</sup>. Take advantage of the proximity and the subsidized lunch on Saturday. The agenda and registration information is available from the GUMS distribution email.

**Liberty Day Speaker:** Andy McKean, founder of Liberty Day, announced that he has been invited to speak at The Libertarian Party National Convention in Las Vegas, May 2-6<sup>th</sup> (<http://www.lp.org/>). He asked for contacts in Las Vegas. Send information to Andy @ [andy@libertyday.org](mailto:andy@libertyday.org) or call him at 303-333-3434.



**Marlin Kent**  
(Charter Member)  
File photo Oct. 2008

### Services for Marlin Kent

The service was held on March 28<sup>th</sup> at Kirk of Bonnie Brae Church. A fine contingent of Monaco South Optimists attended, making up some 50% of the congregation. The service was "short and sweet" as expressed by one. At the request of Myrna, Marlin's daughter, we sang the *Happy Birthday* song in the traditional manner (out of tune, out of sync, etc.) Myrna's response was, "It was worse than I ever dreamed!"

This editor remembers Marlin as a faithful member of the newsletter staff, maintaining as many as 100+ addresses and labels at the height of our mailing (before email). We met, and are meeting, every Monday morning to fold, staple, and address and mail the newsletters sent by USPS mail. Marlin was stalwart, very efficient, very reliable charter member of the Optimist Club of Monaco South. A Marlin Kent Member of the Year Award is given annually at the Installation Dinner. A patch is placed on our Award Banner with the name of the recipient. He is and will be greatly missed!

**Speaker, James Lockhard**  
**Wounded Warriors Impacting Neighbors**



Photo Gary Miller

James Lockhard (USAF, Ret) spoke about his passion, Wounded Warriors Impacting Neighbors (WWIN). A non-profit program designed to meet the special job needs of wounded military members. Because their needs for time, income, education, and rehabilitation bring complex situations to them, their families and to their community, our response needs to be flexible and unique.

WWIN helps injured, post 9/11 veterans of the U.S. military gain appropriate and sustainable employment

in situations that are developed and nurtured through WWIN. WWIN works with local businesses to procure positions that provide a livable wage while accommodating the needs of the wounded warrior, promotes those businesses to the community, and assists wounded warriors to start their own businesses if desired. WWIN also helps those veterans establish self-sufficiency in their every day lives, cultivate strong family relationships, establish a fulfilling place in society, and above all else, maintain their dignity despite the challenges of their injuries.

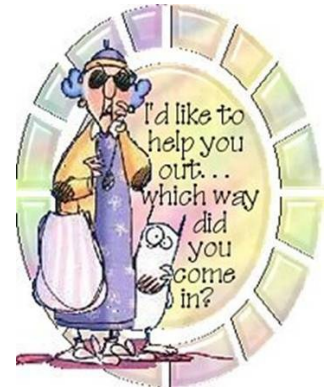
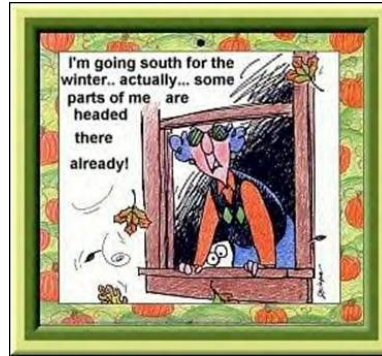
To join WWIN in this important program, or to find out more about how you can help, please contact them for more information@ [wwin4warriors.com/](http://wwin4warriors.com/).

**A Bit of Humor**



Photo Craig Eley

Seventh grader and guest Charlie Marcove earned his free breakfast by regaling the Club with a slightly off-color joke involving fidelity and a skateboard!



<b>Super Citizen Presenters for April</b>		
<b>4 @ 8:00 am</b>	Highline	Pat Bush
<b>12 @ 1:00 &amp; 2:00 pm</b>	Lowry	Bill Wells
<b>13 @ 8:30 am</b>	Slavens	Harry Fegley
<b>18 @ 2:30 pm</b>	MPB	Fred Pasternack
<b>20 @ 9:10, 10:00, &amp; 10:40 a.m.</b>	Holm	Phil Perington
<b>26 @ 1:20 &amp; 2:10 pm</b>	McMeen	Bryce Slaby
<b>27 @ 9:45 &amp; 10:15 am</b>	Samuels	Randy Marcove
<b>27 @ 3:00 pm</b>	Bradley	Art Erickson

**New Member Orientation Date Change**  
 Monday, April 16, @ 6:30 p.m.  
 District 4 Council Office  
 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

<b>Weekly Greeters</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
<b>4/6/12</b>	Ron Gutru & Robert Wardlaw
<b>4/13/12</b>	Gary Miller & Tom Wos
<b>4/20/12</b>	Fred Pasternack & Les Larson
<b>4/27/12</b>	Keith Gallaway & Rich Wray

**Monaco South Calendar**

- Apr 6 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Lisa Palmer, Dumb Friends League
- Apr 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - David Lazaroff, Five ways to share joy when your friend has Alzheimer's
- Apr 16 Mon 6:30 pm New Member Orientation, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Apr 18 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Apr 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Apr 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Jerry Stander, Super Kids Classic Soap Box Derby

**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
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ed Collins	2010-11
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94		

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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.