



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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### Good Morning Optimist

We were treated to not two, but three happy greeters this morning—super salesman, **Robert Wardlaw**; super Optimist, **Russ Paul**, and super new member **Jon Wachter**. Thanks guys for your important service!

### Invocation and Pledge

**Don Iley** gave the Morning Prayer and led us in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. “Let us all be grateful.”

### Guests

**Phil Perington** thought he was going to do a “Fred Pasternack” introduction (a no show), but his guest did show: John Straum, owner of the building across the street. Welcome John!

### Utterings from the Prez

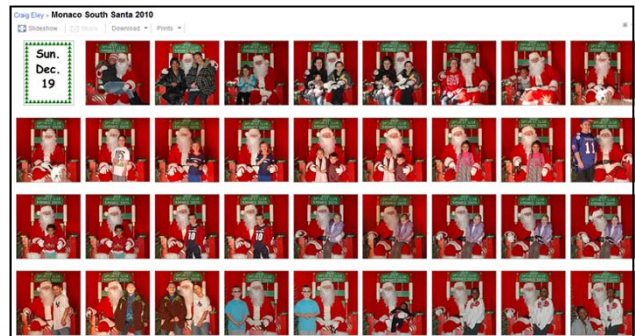
**President Ed** announced that at last Wednesday’s board meeting the board approved three new members. They are: **Michael Short** (sponsor **Phil Perington**), who grew up in Indiana and became an Army and civilian helicopter pilot. Mike is involved with the Tea Party Patriots of Denver. **Doug Arnold** and **Tom Wos** (sponsors **Bob Finkelmeier** and **Kent Gloor**), who were both born in Arizona. Doug owns DSA CAD Drafting and suggested that we visit his website at, <http://dsa-caddrafting.com/>. While Tom worked in engineering for Public Service Company of Colorado and is now doing power plant engineering with HRD Engineering.

**President Ed** then called up their sponsors and board members for a formal induction into member-

ship. We welcome you men, and we know you were sincere in your pledge to optimism with Optimist International and Monaco South!

### Santa Haus Helpers

**Bryce Slaby** reported on the huge success that the Tree Lot’s Santa Haus had this year. He reported over 600 pictures were taken in the Santa Haus where children were welcome to sit on Santa’s lap to make their Christmas wishes and have their picture taken with *Jolly Old Saint Nick*, and then be able to download the picture on [MSOC’s Santa webpage](#) thanks to **Craig Eley’s** camera and computer wizardry.



See all the pictures at [MSOC Santa Webpage](#).

Brice presented two certificates to **Greg Erickson**, the General Manager for Tuff Shed, and **Tom Laboria**, Fashion Carpets for their support. **Craig Eley** was also recognized as co-ordinator of the Santa’s.



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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

**Brain Bowl:** Karl Geil announced, as only he can, that the Brain Bowl is coming and that it will have more teams this year than ever. Karl said that, because of the number of teams participating, it was extremely important that we have full support of Monaco South (which we always have) and that at least 130 volunteers. Paul Simon requested more volunteers, and mentioned that they are setting up rooms today. See Paul to volunteer. All are Welcome!

Here are the dates of the next two three Brain Bowls:

- Central Region Brain Bowl, Saturday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- South Region Brain Bowl, Saturday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.

Full information is available at <http://optimistbrainbowl.org/>.

**Wine Tasting:** Karl Geil also stated he is selling six tickets to a Wheat Ridge Optimist Club's wine tasting. Contact Karl if interested.

**Tri-Star Basketball:** Gary Laman reported that MSOC will be hosting a Tri-Star Basketball activity on Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Boys and Girls Club, 8<sup>th</sup> and Inca at 4:00 p.m. Speaking of Basketball, you might want to see the actions of Jordan McCabe. Go to Seattle's KOMONews station at: <http://www.komonews.com/sports/heroes/111892554.html> and, let the 10 second ad go by and be amazed.



**CO/WYO District Meeting:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference Friday and Saturday, February 18-20 at the beautiful Hyatt DTC Hotel, Denver. Cost is \$75 per night, a special rate for such a fine hotel. Reservations 303-779-1234 or <http://resweb.passkey.com/go/CWOC2011>.

**Tree Lot Power Pole:** Joe Marci shared that the power pole is coming down today; so this truly will be your last chance to get a tree at cost.

**Optimist Junior Golf:** Joe also mentioned that Optimist Junior Golf will have a booth at the Golf Expo. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Denver Golf Expo will be held at the Denver Merchandise Mart at I-25 & 58<sup>th</sup>, from Friday, February 11 through Sunday, February 13, 2011. Attendees will receive free golf from South Suburban, Lone Tree, Centennial, and Family Sports Golf Courses, and a 1-year subscription to Golf Digest. Any members who would like to help by working 2-3 hours at our booth should contact Joe Marci at 303-771-3748. We will be distributing applications for this year's tournaments and answering any questions about Optimist Junior Golf. The work shifts are:

- Friday: 10:00-12:30, 12:30-3:00, 3:00-6:00
- Saturday: 9:00-12:00, 12:00-2:30, 2:30-5:00
- Sunday: 10:00-1:00, 1:00-4:00

If these times are not exactly perfect for any volunteers' schedule we are flexible and can adjust the times to fit your availability. The Tamarac Optimists will also have some volunteers helping us.

**Super Citizen Presenters:** Joe also reported that he has openings for presentations of Super Citizen awards. Please see Joe if you want to participate.



**Jerry Davis' Celebration of Life:** Bob Hugo repeated the details for Jerry Davis' celebration of life service at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at Fairmont Cemetery, Quebec and Alameda. See the overview Jerry's life, May 28, 1925-January 11, 2011 attached.

**Welcome Back Cy:** Donlie Smith announced the obvious, by then, that Cy Regan is back, after going through a rough period of losing his wife of many years, Pat. The room resounded with, "Cy, Cy, he's our guy!" He was back at the table taking our money for breakfast. Good to see you, Cy! Cy then responded with sincere thanks for the many cards, calls, etc., from his friends in Monaco South.

**Wives & Significant to Breakfast:** Ed Collins said, set aside Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> for a Wives and Significant Others to breakfast for Valentine's Day recognition. The place for this special event has yet been determined. But get it on your calendar. These ladies deserve our considerable praise for their support of our efforts for kids.

**Link in Webpage:** Phil Perington is instrumental in initiating a link on the MSOC website for those looking for work opportunities. A place where resumes, etc., could be placed in to share and stimulate interest. More details will be forthcoming.

## Closing Bell

Again, there were many winners for the drawing cups. There was no response for #466; Jack Rife said, "I'll take it!" President Ed immediately called for an audit. No winner of the big pot today, which many speculated to be \$50 or \$60. The truth is it will be \$50 next week. So but you ticket.

## Your Editors Humor

How many times has a charter member recited the creed? 52 x 35 or 50 x 30?

How many Optimists does it take to change a light bulb Answer: Who says it's dark?

Where does the Lone Ranger take his trash? Answer: T'd'dump, t'd'dump, t'd'dump dump dump.

## Binary Dates

Last week we reported on the Binary Dates that will continue through 2011.

Binary Dates in 2011 (mm/dd/yy)

Date	mm/dd/yy	Binary	Decimal
January 1st, 2011	1/1/11	1111	15
	1/01/11	10111	23
January 10th, 2011	1/10/11	11011	27
January 11th, 2011	1/11/11	11111	31
October 1st, 2011	10/1/11	10111	23
	10/01/11	100111	39
October 10th, 2011	10/10/11	101011	43
October 11th, 2011	10/11/11	101111	47
November 1st, 2011	11/1/11	11111	31
	11/01/11	110111	55
November 10th, 2011	11/10/11	111011	59
November 11th, 2011	11/11/11	111111	63

Now figure this out! Take the last 2 digits of the year you were born and add them to the age you will be this year. The answer will equal 111. FREAKY, Huh?



## Update on Bill Walters

As reported by his daughter Tonya Hardman, "Good Saturday evening to everyone. Dad is feeling a bit more tired today and unfortunately he doesn't have much of an appetite. He's trying to eat but he says he just isn't hungry. We told him to eat whatever he feels like just as he is getting something in his stomach as far as calories go. His temperature is holding steady at this time but we continue to monitor it closely. He has two more days of his IV antibiotic in the infusion center and he'll have another bone marrow biopsy on Wednesday. We should know the results after a couple of days. Keep sending all your happy thoughts and positive prayers his way! Thank you for your support!"

You can join Bill's CarePages website at [www.carepages.com](http://www.carepages.com) for updates on his condition and to send him a message. Set up an account by entering your email address and a password of your choosing. Bill asks for your continued prayers and please continue to send greetings and calls of encouragement.

## Photo File

While searching for some photos of Super Citizen trips that Jerry Davis arranged for the selected kids from our 10 Super Citizen schools **Allen Yockey** found these pictures—at right. If you have never visited some of these fascinating places talk to **Don Thomson** who is always looking for help with this



Jerry posing at the Denver Broncos training facility.

project at the end of each school year. This gives you an idea of what we all do for this great program.



A trip to the Denver Police Academy. Jerry and Allen in front of the Denver Police Department helicopter.



Jerry and SC students taking in the computer center at the Wings Over the Rockies.



Don Thomson, Bill Turman, and Jerry reminiscing in front of World War II air fighter at the Wings Over the Rockies.

## Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
1/28/11	Greg Young, Brian Williams, & Michael Short
2/4/11	Ron Cisco, Nick Newey, & Tom Wos
2/11/11	Les Larson, Al Gapuzan, & ?
2/18/11	Neil Atkinson, Frank Middleton, & Doug Arnold
2/25/11	Terry Shroyer, Gary Miller, & Joe Marci
3/4/11	Jim Easton, Les Larson, & Harry Johnson

## Super Citizen Presenters for January

26 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Ed Collins
28 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Joe Marci

## Super Citizen Presenters for February

9 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Ron Cisco
16 @ 2:30 pm	MBB	Howard Fry
18 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Les Larson
18 @ 9:00 & 10:00 am	Samuels	Al Gapuzan

## Monaco South Calendar

Jan 22	Sat	7:00 am	North Region Brain Bowl, Monarch High School, Louisville, CO
Jan 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Steve Wooton, Colorado Cattlemen's Association
Feb 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Perry Jowsey, Freedom Service Dogs
Feb 5	Sat	7:00 am	Central Region Brain Bowl, Overland High School, Aurora, CO
Feb 11	Fri	7:00 am	Wives to Breakfast, Place to be determined
Feb 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Feb 18-20	Fri-Sun		Second Quarter District Conference, Hyatt DTC Hotel
Feb 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Feb 28	Sat	7:00 am	South Region Brain Bowl, Harrison High School, Colorado Springs, CO

## 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.