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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Girls Oratorical contest winner **Rachel Eckelkamp** reads her winning essay for club members. Rachel has won the club contest three times and has twice been a zone winner. Bernadine Eckelkamp attended the meeting with her daughter.

Boys Oratorical contest winner **Andrew Craig** was also in attendance to read his winning

Essay. Andrew is a three time club contest winner and has won the zone contest once.

Andrew's mother, Katrina, and grandmother, Amener Williams joined Andrew.



Meeting Place - American Legion Hall Post No. 1  
5400 E. Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, CO.

## Club News for April 20

### Invocation

Cy Regan gave the invocation. Members made a pledge to our flag. We had three guests. Bob Hugo's son Dan, D. Nicholson from the Brisbane Swap Club, and a young man, whose name I missed, was introduced by John Young. I'll get it right when John convinces him to join.

### King Sooper Certificates

Sales of \$1075 matched what was sold last week. Thanks to those who bought.

### Officer Election

As predicted in the last newsletter there were no problems with this election. ZERO!

Oscar Sorensen announced the candidates, asked for nominations from the floor, got none, had his able assistants pass out the ballots, and we were done. Greg Young will serve as President. Al Gapuzan and Phil Perington are our Vice Presidents and Jim Brown, Mike Snipes, Dick Cohen, Howard Fry, and Bill Wells are Board members.

Condolences to President Elect Greg Young on the recent loss of his brother.

### City Council Candidates

The two candidates running for Denver City Council from District 4 spoke to members this morning.

**Peggy Lehmann**, the incumbent, spoke first. Peggy was having some difficulty with her voice so I pulled the following from her web site.

"I am a third generation Denver native and a proud graduate of George Washington High School! I came to serve on the Denver City

### Candidates— continued

Council after a long career that included serving as a public school teacher, raising two sons in District 4 and holding positions with the League of Women Voters, Audubon Society, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, and working in the offices of Denver City Councilwoman Mary DeGroote and Councilman Himmelman. I chose to run for City Council because my heart lies in Denver. As your Councilwoman, I have a two-fold responsibility: first, I represent the interests of my constituents and always make myself available to listen to, and address, their concerns. Second, I have a duty to make responsible decisions to shape the future of our great City."

**Ike Kelly** followed Peggy and had no trouble projecting but in fairness to him I pulled info from his web site also.

"I have lived in Southeast Denver for 34 years. I have been married to my wife Beverly for 34 years and together we have raised five beautiful children, all of whom we proudly sent to Denver Public Schools. I'm running for city council because Southeast Denver needs stronger representation at city hall, and in our community. I will support law enforcement with more than words; and providing them with the tools they need to keep us safe will remain my top priority. Additionally, Denver taxpayers have been subjected to 12 tax increases in four years, that's right, TWELVE tax increases, and our roads don't get plowed for two months? I've led the State Board of Community Colleges, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Seniors Coalition. My experience gives me insight into what responsible government is.

## April 20 News ... continued

### ROCKIES TICKETS FOR OPTIMIST JR. GOLF

Since we sold 25 tickets for opening day at \$36 per we have 25 tickets available for any of the following games at \$20 each:

April 16-17 Giants	April 18-19 Dodgers	May 10 Giants
May 15-17 Diamondbacks	June 5 Astros	July 23 Padre
August 20 Pirates	September 3-5 Giants	September 18-20 Dodgers

The tickets are on the first level, third base side, and are excellent seats. Anyone who wants to buy one or more should call Joe Marci at 303-771-3748. The proceeds go to our Jr. Golf program.

### New Member Terry Shroyer

Terry was born in Harrisburg, PA and attended Western Military Academy which is a West Point prep school. He received two degrees from the University of Colorado; a BS in Business Administration and an MS in Finance and Management. Terry served in Korea and Japan with the US Army and retired as a Colonel after 34 years of active and reserve duty. He was employed by Denver Dry Goods and May Co. as a buyer and store manager and retired in 2003. Terry has been married to wife Judy for 43 years and has one daughter.

### April / May CALENDAR

Apr 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting Legion Hall, Chinese Acupuncture, Dr. Ko Ying Chen
Apr 27	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley, Tom Hoch
May 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting Legion Hall, Metro CareRing, Jon Holmer
May 5	Sat	5:00 am	Furry Scurry, Don St. John
May 8	Tue	1:15 pm (and 2:00 p.m.)	Super Citizen, Samuels, Frank Middleton
May 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting Legion Hall, AARP Driver's Course, Ron Rutter
May 15	Tue	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Southmoor, Fred Pasternack
May 17	Thur	5:30 pm	Super Citizen, Hamilton, Eldon Strong
May 17	Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Craig Eley's Office
May 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting Legion Hall, Camaraderie Day
May 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting Legion Hall

### Past Presidents

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bill Walters	1991-92
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Kent Gloor	1992-93
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
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ITEMS  
TO THE WEEKLY EDITOR**

### 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 successes 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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