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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

Optimists Bring Out the  
Best in Children



## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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## Dr. Bob Receives Excellence Award

Monaco South president **Greg Young** presented the Excellence Award to **Dr. Bob Finkelmeier** who, despite having the hardest to spell surname in the Club, is the go-to guy for so many Club projects and activities.

Among his contributions to the Club is the huge job of making all the certificates for the Super Citizen recipients throughout the year. Bob's most visible responsibility is dividing up the money for the drawing each week and occasionally reading the numbers on the tickets of those who find that task beyond their powers.

A little of Bob's background was revealed during the presentation of the award. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and has taught at a number of institutions of higher education. He retired from Regis University and now teaches online courses for Western Governors University.



Bob is one of those steady, unsung rocks of the Club who quietly make the Club and our community better. So now he's not so unsung!

Congratulations, Bob!

**Meeting Place**  
**American Legion Hall Post 1**  
**5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado**  
**Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.**

## Proceedings of the Meeting of May 30, 2008

### Invocation & Pledge

**Don Iley** offered an invocation which inspired us to “spread the Optimist message.” Then he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guests

**John Young** brought **Michael Dave** as a guest. Michael, a family law attorney, recalled participating in the Optimist Oratorical Contest when he was in middle school.

### Memorial Day

**President Greg Young** reminded us that today is the actual Memorial Day, despite the fact that it is celebrated on a Monday. He served up these pithy quotes about war:



War may sometimes be a necessary evil. But no matter how necessary, it is always evil.

-- Jimmy Carter

The only winner in the War of 1812 was Tchaikovsky.

-- Solomon Short

### Picnickers Needed

**Paul Bernard** reminded us that the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program (HOBY) needs volunteers to talk with program participants during a picnic on Saturday, June 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden. If you can help, contact Paul at 720-339-8025.

### Support Junior Golf

The Optimist Junior Golf Tournaments will be June 13 and 16, and **Ron Cisco** reminded us that hole sponsorships can be purchased for \$75, and banner sponsors are going for \$200. “If you have money lying around that you don't need,” Ron implored, “send it to me!” If

you fall into this category, or just want to help out Junior Golf while advertising your business, call Ron at 303-794-0749.

### The MS 150 is No More, But the Opti-Mister Lives!

The MS 150 has been renamed the Great-West Life Bike MS, proving that anything, even diseases, are for sale these days.



Fortunately, the Opti-Mister hasn't sold out yet, and it will be present and spraying cool water over the bike riders at the

Optimist Rest Stop on Sunday, June 29 at Silver Creek High School in Longmont. This year, we have been upgraded to a Lunch Stop, so we will need a lot of MSOCers to keep the crowds fed and happy.

In addition to feeding the riders, we will be taking souvenir photographs of the riders and teams, and will have a stage which will offer musical entertainment. If you know anyone who would like to perform (we hope to fill four hours, so we will need a number of entertainers), contact **Bryce Slaby** at [colspec@qwest.net](mailto:colspec@qwest.net).

As usual, this extravaganza will be a joint effort with the Tamarac Optimist Club. To be a part of it, sign up at a meeting or contact Bryce.

### AIDS Project

**Donlie Smith** gave us the sobering news that a number of older Club members appear to have AIDS - - Roloids, Band-Aids and hearing aids!



### Fishing on the Fly

Nineteen MSOCers have signed up to learn fly fishing from **Bryce Slaby** on Saturday, June

14. Bryce announced that the class is 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the lake at 3800 W. Mississippi Avenue.

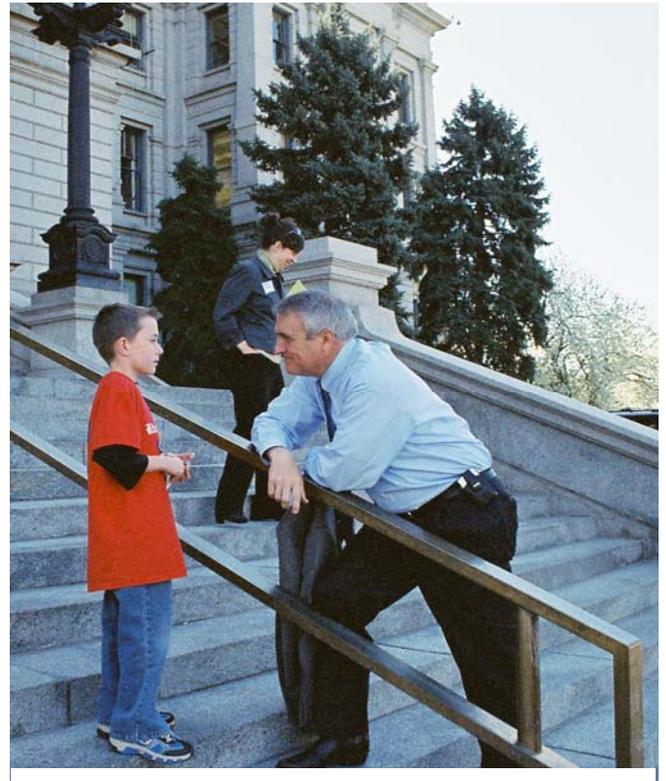
This is an easy fundraiser, with the Club receiving 5% of the cost of the cards.

### Speaker

The speaker for the meeting was Pauline Rivera, one of the owners of *La Voz* (rhymes with “nose”), a bilingual weekly newspaper which covers events of interest to the Hispanic community. Pauline revealed that *La Voz* has been published for 34 years, and is the largest and oldest bilingual publication in the state. It’s circulation is 25,000 readers along the front range.

Pauline stated that education is the way to solve many of society’s problems, and at *La Voz* it is one of their priorities. Each week during the school year, the newspaper highlights one high school senior who excels in school and extra-curricular activities. One of the highlighted students each year is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by *La Voz*. Pauline asked for the Club’s help in expanding that program.

### Reno Throws a Softball



Reno Schneider, 9, asks Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter a question about the U.S. Constitution during Liberty Day at the State Capitol in May. Reno asked the Governor if he could name the three branches of government. Fortunately, he could.

### Groceries

Cy Regan, the Club’s grocery card monger, was proud of us as we purchased \$1500 worth of King Soopers and Safeway cards.

### Monaco South Calendar

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|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Jun 6</b> Fri 7:00 am  | Meeting, Legion Hall - Janet Pirchio, Metro Denver Partners, <i>Mentoring Youth</i> .                |
| <b>Jun 13</b> Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - David Lazeroff.   |
| <b>Jun 13</b> Fri 9:00 am | Optimist Junior Golf Tournament, Boys & Girls, 14-15, 16-18 - Flatirons Golf Course, Boulder.        |
| <b>Jun 14</b> Sat 5:30 pm | Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Seminar - Picnic with Participants - Colorado School of Mines.         |
| <b>Jun 16</b> Mon 9:00 am | Optimist Junior Golf Tournament, Boys & Girls, 10-11, 12-13 - Fitzsimons Golf Course, Aurora.        |
| <b>Jun 17</b> Tue 6:30 pm | MSOC Board Meeting - <b>New Location</b> - District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102. |
| <b>Jun 20</b> Fri 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day.  |
| <b>Jun 29</b> Sun 8:00 am | Great-West Life Bike MS (MS 150) - Silver Creek High School, 4901 Nelson Road, Longmont.             |

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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
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Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
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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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