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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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### Good Morning Optimist

Another beautiful summer morning on this *Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>* and **Paul Stratton** and **OC Larson** greet us this morning. Welcome!

### First Bell

Clean shaven President **Randy Marcove** rings the bell promptly at 7:00 a.m. Birthday boy **Donlie Smith** takes the microphone, announces that he has been a member of the club for 21 years, and thanks the members for the positive role it has played in his life. Well said Donlie, and we are a better club for your membership.



Birthday Boy  
Donlie Smith

### Invocation & Pledge

**Donlie Smith's** invocation this morning reminds us to make our friends that there is something in them. That is one of the best parts of friendship. **Ron Gutru** then plays "America" on the piano, and we are lucky to have some members join in singing. *Thank you Ron!*

### Guests

Guests this morning include Tom Moeller, introduced by **Kent Gloor**. Tom is visiting us from Wheaton Illinois. **President Randy** also acknowledges a bearded **Tom Overton**, who has been away for several weeks. *Welcome back Tom!*

### Prez Update

**Prez Randy** recalls the new member orientation that took place this past Monday night and was led by **Mike McMahon**. Three new members took part, including our talented piano player **Ron Gutru** who by unanimous vote has been appointed official club pianist.

**Prez Randy** also cites **Allen Pierce** as having ridden in the recent Bike MS 150 tour; your editor spotted Allen looking strong on the Sunday portion of the ride, good job Allen. Next week's meeting is Camaraderie Day, and President Randy has a special guest attending so come out and see who it is.



Allen we didn't see you in any MS 150 pictures.

### Announcements

**MS 150 Pledges:** **Eldon Strong** once again reminds members who have pledged to support the Bike MS with a monetary gift to pony up. Let's support the riders who made the long journey this year.

**Jr. Golf Thank you Note:** **Joe Marci** read a "Thank you Note from Taylor and Jordan Sunset," who will be playing the PGA National Course in Florida. Good luck to the Sunset Ladies!

**Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast:** **Paul Bernard** has 12 volunteers to help with the Brent's Place pancake breakfast on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Brent's Place is the only Children's Hospital Colorado approved "Safe-Clean" housing facility for immune compromised patients and their families. It helps children stricken with cancer.

**Peach Orders Taken:** Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** happily proclaimed that peach orders are being taken. This year they cost \$25 a case or lug, about 16-18 lbs., with \$4 going to either Monaco South or Tamarac Optimist Clubs. Peaches arrive in town by refrigerated truck sometime near the end of July. Call Bob at: 303-756-5829.



**Mudd Volleyball:** **Cy Regan** pleads for more time to explain the upcoming logistics at the Mud Volleyball event August 4<sup>th</sup>.



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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 Cont.

Cy looks forward to another parking extravaganza and invites those so inclined to join him. The event is held at the Majestic Commercenter in Aurora (east of I-70 and Tower Road). Optimist volunteers will handle the parking duties for the event. Those helping are asked to meet at the club that morning at 5:30 a.m. to car-pool to northeast Aurora. It should be over by mid morning. See Cy for more details.

**Winter Holiday Party:** It is never too early to plan your upcoming holiday schedule, proclaimed **Frank Middleton**. After some heckling from the crowd Frank announced the date for this year's Holiday Dinner/Dance will be Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> at Copper Fields Event Chateau. So get your practice in now and prepare to



dance the night away. Frank exits stage left to applause and relief. Editors Note: After some serious Internet research Copper Fields Event Chateau is at 4901 Marshall St., in Wheat Ridge. For planning purposes the Event Chateau can be reviewed at: <http://www.copperfieldsevents.com/>. We hope the weather is good for the commute.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Correctional Industries Tour:** **Bob Avery** is trying to firm up another tour of the Colorado Correctional Industries, for sometime in September. He will be providing more details as they become available. Bob also reported that many inmates are working hard fighting fires in our state. A big thank you to them.

**Tom Overton's Son:** On a serious note, **Tom**

**Overton** tells the club about the serious injuries his son sustained in a mountain biking accident recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Tom, during this time.

**Email from Donlie:** **Russ Paul's** dog, **Scottie**, was put to sleep around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Russ is now looking for a new Cocker Spaniel at a reasonable price. Russ is interested in a well behaved, older dog, who also is looking for a good companion. Donlie states, "possibly one of our members might come across a perfect dog for Russ. I know Paul was very attached to his dog."



## Closing Bell

With the meeting coming to a close **President Randy** asks Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** if there is was a drawing, and the amount of the big pot. It

was shouted, \$90 dollars. **Ron Gutru's** name was called twice, while others had several attempts to draw the Queen of Clubs—no winners of the large booty were awarded. The cards are down to 11 so next week's winners' chances are excellent. **Craig Eley** calls **Lynn Jones** up for wearing his name tag, but he also comes up empty. See you then.

**Bike MS Colorado/Wyoming Pictures:** Craig Eley's photos for the event can be found at: <https://picasaweb.google.com/107672609333608194927/BikeMSJuly12012?authkey=Gv1sRqCKnKrdi8mYriCq>



## Ramblings of a Retired Mind

*I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener. I also made a cover for my hearing aid and now I have what they call blue teeth, I think. Now everyone thinks that I'm cool, too.*

*You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized that people didn't like me anyway.*

*I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans!*

*I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is "when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it."*

*Thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age and calling it, "Pumping Rust."*

*I've gotten that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest has fallen into your drawers!*

*When people see a cat's litter box, they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?" Just once, I want to say, "No, it's for company!"*

*Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "A Good Doctor!"*

*Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post*

*Office? What are we supposed to do ... write to these people? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mail carriers could look for them while they delivered the mail?*

*Does a clean house indicate that there is a broken computer in it?*

*Why is it that no matter what color of bubble bath you use, the bubbles are always white?*

*Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with the hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?*

*Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give their vacuum one more chance?*

*Why is it that no plastic garbage bag will open from the end you first try? As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve.*

*I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then, it dawned on me. They were cramming for their finals.*

*Enjoy Your Days and Love Your Life, Because Life is a journey to be savored.*



## Speaker, Brent Jackson

### Success Journey Match Coordinator for Friends for Youth

**Rich Wagner** introduces our speaker this morning. Rich met our speaker several months back and has become personally involved with the *Friends for Youth* organization. Brian Jackson spoke on behalf of Friends of Youth and from the name, the group and its focus appears to



be very similar to our own clubs.

Brian tells us that *Friends for Youth*, which is a nonprofit organization, whose mission is to support positive youth development for at risk youth in the Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare systems by providing caring adult mentors, life enriching experiences and enhanced community connections resulting in successful life transitions. More can be learned about *Friends for Youth* at: <http://www.friendsforyouth.com>.

In simpler terms, Brian tells us that teens, like adults, who are exposed to positive influences, respond positively to these influences and are more likely to make positive decisions about themselves and their communities if given positive enforcement. Having an adult to show support, making a timely phone call or having regular contact can be some of the first good aspects for many of these kids.

Brian talked about a program, which begins with a 14-week program where an equal number of adults and teens meet weekly at a set time. This is Phase 1. These meetings

will have different topics; some fun and some serious but are a way for the two groups to get to know one another. After this initial period, Phase 2 involves pairing an adult with a teen for a period of one-to-one mentoring. Phase 3 usually involves a mentor getting to know more about the teens environment and what has led to some of the conditions that exist in that child's life. At the end of this three phases, 14-week period, the official part of the program

ends, but mentors can continue the regular meetings or they can choose to go on without that.

Brian asks the members about some of the issues that we wished had been discussed when we were young. Many good topics were brought up, with the point being that these kids need someone to tell them in a caring way about some of life's lessons and how they are worthy and valuable too and that they can achieve. Brian mentioned that he sees much of himself in many of these teens and he remembers himself of that frequently. Brian also he speaks passionately about his desire to help them.

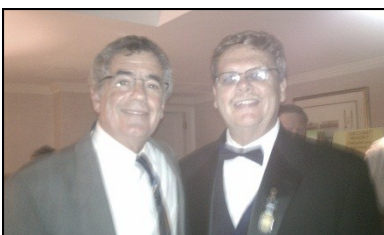
Brian mentioned that he believes many in our group could become excellent mentors. *Friends for Youth* will provide direction and the conditions to provide a positive environment for both the adult mentor and the young person mentee. The need is there, if the desire to help is directed in the proper way, a great life experience can be realized. Those interested can speak privately with Rich Wagner to gain more information. Thank you Brian for a wonderful speech!



Left, Brian Jackson with is his manager & colleague Lewis Brown, Success Journey Program Manager.

### On the Run

If you were looking for CO/WY Governor Elect, **Phil Perington** and OCMS President Elect, **Paul Simon** on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, here is the last known picture from Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the 94th OI Convention.



### Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
7/20/12	Ed Collins & John Swick
7/27/12	Jim Tapp & Russ Paul
8/3/12	Ralph Peterson & John Oss
8/10/12	Greg Young & Art Erickson
8/17/12	Frank Ross & Frank Middleton

### Monaco South Calendar

- July 18 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- July 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- July 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence
- July 29-29 Sat-Sun American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, Parker - See Paul Simon
- July 29 Sun 6:00 am Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast - See Paul Bernard
- Aug 3 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Dolls for Daughters, Jessica Bachus
- Aug 4 Sat 6:00 am March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball - See Cy Regan



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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
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Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
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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
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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.