



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado  
Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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### Camaraderie Day

*Camaraderie* is French, from Spanish *camarada*, from *camara* (“bedroom”). Literally “one with whom one shares one’s bedroom.” *The Etymological Dictionary* states *camarada* as “chamber mate,” originally “chamberful.” “Camaraderie” is a noun and as the Dictionary states in 1840 the French turned “camarade” to “comrade” meaning:

1. Close friendship in a group of friends or teammates
2. A spirit of familiarity and closeness

“**Camaraderie**” is what members of the Monaco South Optimist Club practice, officially, once a month and unofficially every time two or more members are in the same place. The only place you will hear the verb form of this word is at a meeting, as in, “Announcements are over, go ahead and camarad(?)”.

### Good Morning Optimists

Friday morning, October 15, 2010 and **President Ed Collins** bangs the gavel to bring the one thousand six hundred and fourth (1,604) meeting of the Optimist Club of Monaco South to order. **Todd Olson** reads the invocation, we all say the Pledge of Allegiance, guests are introduced and chaos ensues.

### Guests

Guests today include Fred Daniels, who read about the club in the *Denver Post* “Hub” section and decided to see what we were all about. Fred is in business development and currently works with a company called Henhouse Coffee (<http://www.henhousecoffee.com/>), which works in conjunction with schools, churches,

etc. to sell coffee as a fundraiser. Hopefully, we’ll see Fred again in the not too distant future.

**John Young** also had a guest, who is the father of a Denver University student whom John and Claire are sponsoring.

### Recognition

**President Ed** recognized **Bill McGroarty**, a ten-year member whom we haven’t seen for awhile. Good to see you Bill! Hope to see you more frequently.

### Camaraderie Day Musical Chairs

**Frank Middleton**, instigator of the musical chairs, noticed that some were not sitting at their assigned table and suggested that, in the future, those who didn’t would be fined by our newly appointed Sergeants at Arms. While some grumble about not being able to sit with their normal “clique,” shifting seating is a great way to get to know members with whom you might not otherwise have the opportunity to talk.



**Phil Perington** was recognized as the author of an article which appears in the most recent “*OPTIMIST*” magazine, which outlines how Monaco South Optimist

Club supports the Liberty Day program by taking kids to the State Capitol to test the various elected officials, lobbyists and visitors on their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution.



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

At the start of announcements, **Bryce Slaby** ran up to tell a joke, which is not fit to publish, but the punch line is "Who the hell is Ed Collins." Ask Bryce.

Not to be outdone by Bryce, **Donlie Smith** gave a presentation on how to get rid of an Obama bumper sticker. In the interest of political neutrality, you'll have to ask Donlie.

**Thanksgiving Dinner:** **Donlie** also reminds us that Thanksgiving dinner at the Boys and Girls Club and at Girls Inc. will be held on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We need 30 volunteers to serve dinner (20 at Boys and Girls Club and 10 at Girls Inc.). Dinner will be served in both locations from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We need drivers with vans or SUVs to pick up and deliver the food and equipment beginning at 2:30 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We also need some volunteers to clean up and return equipment to storage. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next few meeting, but save November 23<sup>rd</sup> for this very important activity.

**School Super Citizen Presentations:** **Tom Mauro**, **Les Larson**, and **Karl Geil** were all in attendance at the Hamilton Middle School Super Citizen presentation. Les did the presentation and Karl was recognized at the function by one of the fathers by the phrase: "I know you, you're my divorce lawyer." Nice to be recognized Karl!

Speaking of Super Citizen presentations, **Steve Kady** was the presenter at Slavens Elementary this morning. Below are some pictures shared by **Don StJohn**; our chief photographer. Note how the families support their proud Super Citizen.



**MSOC Invoice:** Although **Greg Young**, our treasurer, was not in attendance today, **Ron Gustas** reminded us that it was the time of year when all good members of Monaco South get out their checkbooks out and pay their dues. Big saving when you pay on time and on an annual basis.

**Editor Needed:** **Bob Finkelmeier** made another plea for a volunteer to edit the newsletter every fourth month or so depending on the rotation. Join the ranks of GUMS editors like **OC Larson**, **Ralph Pedersen**, **Phil Perington**, and yours truly. This is a great opportunity to use all the skills you learned in your 7<sup>th</sup> grade creative writing class. Please contact Bob by email or telephone if you are interested.

**"Super Zone" Meeting:** From **Clara Sitter**, Lt. Governor for Zone 8, a "Super Zone" meeting will held at Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 South Datura St., on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Since there will be no 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Board meeting this year, this will be your opportunity to meet and share ideas with members of other clubs within the Denver Metro area. The meeting will run from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. As the "flagship" club of the Colorado/Wyoming District, other clubs look to Monaco South for guidance, so please set aside this four-hour block of time for expanding your Optimist horizons.

**Weekly Drawing:** The quest for the elusive card continues, with the pot now standing at \$30. As an added bonus, it was announced that the individual holding the first winning ticket would get to be the additional editor for the newsletter. Unfortunately, the lucky winner is already and editor! *Way to go George!*

### A Bit of Humor

**Steve Kady** shared this story this past week via email. *An older, white haired man walked into a jewelry store this past Friday evening with a beautiful much younger gal at his side. He told the jeweler he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend. The jeweler looked through his stock and brought out a \$5,000 ring.*



*The old man said, "No, I'd like to see something more special." At that statement, the jeweler went to his special stock and brought another ring over. "Here's a stunning ring at only \$40,000," the jeweler said.*

*The lady's eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement. The old man seeing this said, "We'll take it."*

*The jeweler asked how payment would be made and the old man stated, "by check. I know you need to make sure my check is good, so I'll write it now and you can call the bank Monday to verify the funds and I'll pick the ring up Monday afternoon."*

*On Monday morning, the jeweler angrily phoned the old man and said "There's no money in that account." "I know," said the old man, "But let me tell you about my GREAT WEEKEND!"*

See.....Not All Seniors Are Senile



And from **Bill Walters**, Two old guys sitting on a park bench talking. One said to the other, "My 85<sup>th</sup> birthday was yesterday. Wife gave me an SUV." Other guy, "Wow, that's amazing! Imagine, an SUV! What a great gift!" First guy says, "Yup. **S**ocks, **U**nderwear and **V**iagra!"



## Healthy Club Checklist

Healthy Optimist Clubs are needed to Bring Out the Best in Kids in your community! Use the list below as a checkup to see if your (our) Club is a healthy Club.

- Does your Club conduct or sponsor at least one youth activity or project per quarter?
- Is your Club visible within your community?
- Are your Club's Committees active?
- Is your Board of Directors meeting regularly?
- Are your Club leaders carrying out their responsibilities?
- Does your Club provide personal growth and leadership opportunities for your new Members?
- Does your Club have program speakers?
- Are your Club meetings well attended?
- Does your Club have good meeting facilities, meals and service?
- Does your Club's meeting time and location work for your Members?
- Is your Club retaining your existing Members?
- Does your Club have at least 20 Members?
- Has your Club added at least 1 new Member in the past 12 months?
- Do your Club Officers and Members attend your Zone and District meetings?
- Does your Club keep finances current and submit your reports on time?
- Does your Club stay in contact with all of your Members so they can be involved in Club activities that fit their schedules?
- Does your Club actively use the Optimist websites ([www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org), [www.optimistleaders.org](http://www.optimistleaders.org) and [www.optimistmail.org](http://www.optimistmail.org)) as well as your District's website?



If you marked yes to all of the above questions, congratulations and thank you for your commitment to the children in your community!

## REMEMBER JUST ASK

Super Citizen Presenters for October		
Day	School	Presenter
20 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Miller
22 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	John Stoffel
22 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Phil Perington
25 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Samuels	Bob Avery
27 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Joe Marci

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
10/22/10	Frank Ross & Fred Pasternack
10/29/10	George Vassilaros & Elton Strong
11/5/10	Russ Paul & Keith Gallaway
11/12/10	Jack Kitchell & Terry Shroyer
11/19/10	Craig Eley & Woody Thibodeau

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### Monaco South Calendar

Oct 20	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Oct 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado Supreme Court Election
Oct 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - James Buckles, Executive Director, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Rocky Mountain Chapter
Nov 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBD
Nov 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBD



## 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

## 2010 - 2011 Officers

President	Ed Collins	303-905-7572
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Ron Cisco (Past Pres.)	303-794-0749

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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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