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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist

#### Welcome

Our official greeters today were yours truly (**OC Larson**) along with **Howard** (Howie) **Fry** and **Robert** (Bob) **Hugo**. If you want to be a greeter, please see me. Currently there are opening for July and August.

#### First Bell

President **Randy Marcove** called our meeting to order and asked **Donna Priester** (our District Governor) to give this morning's invocation. Donna asked for help and guidance for our club to realize the purpose of the Optimist Vision and to support the youth of our country. She then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



In accordance with a new tradition **Ron Gutru** played *America the Beautiful* for the club to enjoy.

#### Guests

**Prez Randy** introduced the other half of the Priester team, **Joe Priester**. Good to have you both at our meeting!

#### Other Guests

Floyd Hussy has returned with a membership application in hand. Floyd had attended a couple of our meetings in the past and with a change in work requirements has decided he wants to give back to the community by joining our club. Welcome Floyd! Also, Barry Barker was back as well. Hey Membership Overseer he said it took three visits before he saw a membership application. Be sure to sign him up!

### New members

**Prez Randy** called our board of directors to the podium to have **Ron Cisco** do the induction ceremony for new members: **Art Erickson** and **Aaron Berry**.



Joining Ron Cisco at the podium are from left to right: Fred Pasternack, Greg Young, Aaron Berry, Art Erickson, John Oss, Mike McMahon, Wyatt McCallie, and Frank Middleton.  
Photo Don StJohn

Congratulations guys! **Prez Randy** added that all a member needs to do is:

1. attend meetings.
2. participate in activities.
3. pay dues.
4. and plan to be president some day.

#### Special Birthday

Birthday greetings to **John Young**. He turned seventy today. Way to go old man! All the best!

#### Announcements

**George Washington HS Prom:** **Frank and Anne Rowe** thanked the after George Washington HS prom clean-up crew of **Joe Marci**, **Frank Middleton**, **Aaron**

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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 Continued

**Aaron Berry, Art Erickson, Mike Prete, and Mark Metevia.** Good job fellows!

**Thank You Note:** Prez Randy, read a note from East High School constitutional law team advising us that they had finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place finish in the *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution National Finals Competition* held in Washington DC. Fifty-two teams competed at the 2011 National Finals in Washington D.C. this year. Congratulations!

**2112 Bob Sullivan Scholarship Winners:** **Joe Marci** reported that at the Thomas Jefferson HS Senior Award Assembly on Thursday evening May 3<sup>rd</sup>, a total of 16 Sullivan scholarships were awarded. Many of these recipients will be joining us for breakfast next Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to arrive early to secure your normal seat.

**Commercial Stars:** It was shared that **John Oss'** grandson and **Randy Marcove's** son recently completed an info-commercial for their guitar instructor, Miguel Espinoza. See John or Randy to view the commercial. By the way, Randy is the narrator.

**9 Health Fair:** **Howard (Howie) Fry** thanked the following members for a successful 9 Health Fair event: **Russ Paul, Paul Simon, John Stoffel, Bud Black, Donlie Smith, Les Larson, Pat Sullivan, Jack Rife, Greg Young, Harry Fegley, George Buzick, and Phil Perington.**



Left, Health Fair workers Les Larson, Howie Fry and his wife, along with Pat Sullivan.

Below, George Buzick kneels as he counts the days receipts. Or is he praying that it balances?

Photos, Phil Perington & Howie Fry



**Range View Optimist:** **Fred Pasternack** announced he has tickets for a breakfast fund raiser for the Range View Optimist Club. Fred is also a member there. The date is Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Applebee's, the cost is \$7. See Fred for more details.

## Closing Bell



With the big drawing at \$30 and the winning card a 10 of spades we had 6 cup winners: **Frank Middleton, Craig Eley, John Oss, Oscar Sorensen, Keith Gallaway and Robert Duvall. Donlie Smith and Russ Paul** took a chance at drawing from the pot but no luck.

**Ron Cisco** name was drawn by **Craig Eley** for the "Are you wearing your tag?" drawing and his chance for the \$30. But again no luck.

**Optimist Creed**  
**Paul Stratton** led us in the optimist creed.



### More From the work of Steven Wright Gems of Wisdom: We Think

- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- I almost had a psychic girlfriend... but she left me before we met.
- OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
- Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
- I intend to live forever... so far, so good.
- If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
- Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
- The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
- The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.
- Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.
- If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- And the all time favorite: If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?

**Speaker Wayne Watson, Hail to the Chiefs: Tidbits about our lesser known President's**

**Paul Bernard** introduced **Wayne Watson** and **Bill Phillips** who gave us a very interesting talk on the past presidents of the United States and “what people don’t know much about.” For example:

- ⇒ The number of presidents that have died in office, is 8.
- ⇒ Zackary Taylor died a mystery death; some thought his wife may have poisoned him.
- ⇒ James Garfield was shot 4 months after he took office but died from mass infections not the gun shots.
- ⇒ We have had 47 vice presidents and about 1 in 4 went on to become president.
- ⇒ Four presidents have won the noble peace prize.
- ⇒ John Adams, most qualified to be a president, smart but unable to get his programs implicated.
- ⇒ The number of presidents to serve as a military general was 12.
- ⇒ Shortest president was Madison (5’-4” at 90 lbs.).
- ⇒ President Taft weighed 350 lbs., got stuck in a bathtub, and it took four men to get him out (how embarrassing).
- ⇒ Longest living president was Gerald Ford beat Ronald Reagan by one month.



In regard to the seal of the President of the United States of America is based upon the Great Seal of the USA. The Presidential seal pictures an American bald eagle holding a ribbon in its beak; the ribbon has the motto of the USA, *E PLURIBUS UNUM*, meaning “Out



Wayne Watson talks about the lesser known presidents.

Photos Don StJohn

of many, one.” The eagle is clutching an olive branch (with 13 olives and 13 leaves) in one foot (symbolizing peace) and 13 arrows in the other (the 13 stands for the original 13 colonies and the arrows symbolize the acceptance of the need to go to war to protect the country).

A shield is in front of the eagle; the shield has 13 red and white stripes (representing the original 13 colonies) with a blue bar above it (it symbolizes the uniting of the 13 colonies and represents congress). Above the eagle are 13 white clouds, 13 white stars, and many tiny stars. 50 white stars surround the eagle in a circle (on a deep blue field). The words, “Seal of the President of the United States” surround the seal (on a tan field).

The first President who used a presidential seal was Rutherford B. Hayes; in 1880, Hayes used the seal for White House invitations. US President Harry Truman had the seal redesigned on October 26, 1945, adding the circle of stars and re-orienting the eagle towards the right (the side with the olive branch).



Bill Phillips assists Wayne with the PowerPoint presentation.

| Super Citizen Presenters for May |            |               |
|----------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 10 @ 5:30 pm                     | Hamilton   | Karl Geil     |
| 11 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm              | Univ. Park | Don Thomson   |
| 17 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm              | Lowry      | Paul Stratton |

| Weekly Greeters |                               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Date            | Greeters                      |
| 5/4/12          | Howard Fry & Bob Hugo         |
| 5/11/12         | Mark Metevia & Nick Newey     |
| 5/18/12         | Phil Perington & James Riley  |
| 5/25/12         | Frank Middleton & Dick Zolman |
| 6/1/12          | Pat Bush & Brian Williams     |

**Monaco South Calendar**

- May 11 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TJ Scholarship Winners
- May 16 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- May 18 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

**Past Presidents of the  
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

|                  |         |                |         |
|------------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Bob Rhue         | 1976-77 | Mark Metevia   | 1994-95 |
| Jerry Whitlow    | 1977-78 | Bob Safe       | 1995-96 |
| Bill Kosena      | 1978-79 | Tom Overton    | 1996-97 |
| Duane Wehrer     | 1979-80 | Peter Dimond   | 1997-98 |
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| Frank Middleton  | 1981-82 | Cy Regan       | 1999-00 |
| John Young       | 1982-83 | Stan Cohen     | 2000-01 |
| Pat Bush         | 1983-84 | Don St. John   | 2001-02 |
| Bob Hugo         | 1984-85 | Jack Rife      | 2002-03 |
| 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 |
| Bill Walters     | 1991-92 | Ron Cisco      | 2009-10 |
| Kent Gloor       | 1992-93 | Ed Collins     | 2010-11 |
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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.