



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 39 Years  
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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush

### Good Morning Optimist

It was a bright and crisp morning for the start of a great day. The calm before the storm as the forecast for the rest of the weekend was not as good. **Ralph Pedersen** single handedly handled the greetings this morning. We missed **Bob Avery** this morning.

### Invocation & Pledge

**Carl Brown** gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to get us started on this Camaraderie Day.

### Guests

As Prez **John Oss** started the meeting he recognized our two guests. The first was **Barbara Barron** owner of Warning Lites Inc. of Englewood, who helped us so much by given us a sign to advertise the tree lot. **Steve Kady** was very good in putting together a plaque to present to Barbara. Warning Lites has supported our Christmas Tree Lot over the past couple of



Prez Oss with Barbara Barron owner of Warning Lites Inc. of Englewood.

Photo Don StJohn

years with donations of signs that have directed traffic on Monaco to the lot. Barbara is just the second owner of this

company since its inception in 1958. Their support has been especially valuable considering the hidden location of the lot these last two years. Our lot would not be nearly as successful without the support of companies like Warning Lites.



Rusty Reynolds, Colorado Barricade  
Photo Steve Kady

The other company that supports us in this same way is Colorado Barricade. **Rusty Reynolds**, VP of Operations of Colorado Barricade was not present, but was presented his plaque later on Friday by Steve.

Another guest introduced by **Paul Bernard** was **Ce-leste Archer** who spoke briefly about Colorado, National History Day. She will be returning as our meeting speaker on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Her request today was for prospective judges to assist with DPS, Regionals on March 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a contest for students to research a historical subject relating to a pre-chosen theme and then make a presentation, documentary, web site, a paper, or an exhibit of their research. They need 70 judges. If members would like to participate as a judge in any of the categories, let Paul know and he will get you in touch with the proper people. To learn more about [Colorado, National History Day Click Here.](#)

### From the Prez

Prez **John Oss** reported that East High School reclaimed the Colorado State Championship at the Annual Constitutional Scholar's competition. Now they must raise some \$62,000.00 for the trip to Washington to compete in the national competition. Prez John expressed that the MSOC Board had approved a \$500.00 donation to their fundraising efforts and that the money raised from the "Happy Bucks" this morning would also be donated to the East High scholars. Additionally, if any members wishes to donate to the East High cause, they can write a check to the OI Foundation, give it to **Greg Young**, and designate it for East High and he will submit it for "pass through" so you can get the tax write-off. They can use all the help we can give them.

As a side note, **Jack Kleinheksel** also reminded us that the constitution was approved by congress in 1787 and was just four pages long. This is amazing when compared to nearly 10,000 pages for the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).

### Announcements

**CO/WY Second Quarter Game/Conference:** There is still time to register for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Conference. The conference will be held at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Colorado Springs on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Attendance is just short of 100 registrations at this time. This is a great event

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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

to attend if you would like to see what other clubs are doing. The club will even buy you lunch if you are a registered attendee. You first must register, see *GUMS* distribution email, and submit a copy of your registration form or check to Treasurer **Greg Young** for reimbursement.

**Brain Bowl Championship Tournament:** **Karl Geil** reported that the 2015 Brain Bowl is almost over. The championship and final tournament is scheduled for tomorrow at Hamilton Middle School. The top six placing teams at each grade level in each of the three regional tournaments have qualified to participate in the championship tournament. **WAIT, this just handed to your editor. No the tournament has been postponed due to the expected bad weather this weekend. Karl says they will try to re-schedule for some time in March. Keep reading GUMS for the more information.**



**Super Citizen Awards:** **Rob Gardener** announced that the Super Citizen presentation sign-up sheet has been lost and/or stolen. At any rate, we no longer have a record of who will be presenting when. He asks that those members who had volunteered to present at schools over the next month or so, please contact him and let him know when you were scheduled. It is important to do this immediately so that we can know which events are covered and which events need coverage. Your earliest response is greatly appreciated.

**Hoe Down Square Dance:** The Hoe Down Square Dance is scheduled for this April 11<sup>th</sup>. **Frank Middleton** is starting a sign-up sheet today and will pass it around for the next couple of meetings. He promises to let you know what the cost will be and where it will be held once you have signed up.

**Tri-Star Basketball:** The Monaco South Tri-Star Basketball competition will be held on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Boys and Girls Club at 8<sup>th</sup> and Inca. **Michael Chavez** would like all of those that have volunteered to be at the Boys and Girls Club by 3:30 p.m. If you can help and have not signed up yet, just give Michael a call.

**Eagle Scout Awards Banquet:** **Donlie Smith** reminded the membership that President John would be presenting the 2015 Eagle Scout Awards at a banquet this evening. The Monaco South Optimist Club started this event about 20 years ago and while the Boy Scouts have since taken control of the event, Monaco South still plays a major role including



President John Oss presenting the 2015 Eagle Scout Awards Banquet, Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Photo Greg Hurd

the awards presentation. Attending on Friday evening were **Phil Perington, Greg Hurd, Greg Young, JR Gieck, Ralph Pederson, John Oss, Doug Morton, Mike Chavez, Don Iley, Donlie Smith.**

While Donlie had the floor, he told us about his recent visit to the horse track and he happened to be passing by the stables when he spotted a Catholic priest at one of the horse stalls with his hand up on the horse's mane and his head bowed. Donlie thought this might be a good omen so he bet on the horse and the horse won the race. Donlie returned to the stables and again sees the priest at another

stall with his hand on the horse's mane and head bowed. Again, Donlie bet heavily on the horse with the same good results. Recognizing a good thing, Donlie returns to the stable to find the priest not only putting his hand on the horse's mane but also petting the horse nose, rubbing his legs and brushing his back. Seeing that the horse was a long shot, Donlie put his full faith in the priest and bet his entire winnings from the previous races on the horse. The horse, however, seemed to disappear from sight on the backstretch and in fact never crossed the finish line. Dismayed, Donlie found the priest and asked why the horse did not finish the race. The priest said that obviously Donlie does not know the difference between a blessing and the last rites. ☺

**Dime-A-Day:** **Freddy Pasternack** reported that the good news was he has received pins from Optimist International for the Dime-A-Day donors this year. The bad news is he does not know who has made a donation. He will trust the membership and asks that those who have donated to the Dime-A-Day program to come get a pin and those who have not donated can still do so.

**JDRF Gala Wine Collection:** The fundraising gala for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is quickly approaching and **Dick Cohen** is collecting wine donations for the auction. If any member wishes to donate a bottle of wine valued at least \$25.00, please bring it to a meeting and he will get it to the proper people. **Jack Kleinhessel** said he had a case of wine valued at \$25.00 that he could donate, but it was not selected as the right vintage.

**Golf Expo:** **Joe Marci** announced that the booth for the Optimist Junior Golf Tournament would open this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the Golf Expo. He had all the shifts covered. Editor: *This editor, with all that he had going on this weekend, even a run to the airport in the snow, forgot about his shift until there was only a half hour left. Sorry Joe, I owe you and Don Thomson big time.*

**St. Patrick's Day Parade:** The pooper-scoopers are warming up for this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. **Gary Strowbridge** indicated that he will be short a few scoopers. If you can scoop poop, this will be an opportunity that you will not want to miss. You will get to dress up in a white, long tails jacket, a not quite so free breakfast, a behind the scenes view of the parade, and view of the horse's behinds. What is not to like about that? Talk with Gary if you find this too good to pass up.



**Monaco South Election:** The elections for the 2015-16 officers are just around the corner. **Oscar Sorensen** is still looking for a few good men. If you would like a seat at the table of club directors, be sure to talk with Oscar.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**Western Barbeque & Hoedown**  
**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**  
 \$23 per person  
**Outpost Square Dance Club**  
**10101 East Colorado Avenue**

## HAPPY BUCKS

Today is camaraderie day so we did a round of "Happy Bucks." This is where a member can donate a dollar in exchange for stating a reason for their happiness. Typically, the money raised goes as a donation to fighting childhood cancer, but today it will go to the East High Scholars. Some of the happy thoughts were:

- ◆ Don Thomson, He has been off his antibiotics for a month now.
- ◆ Kent Gloor, Just completed 40 years of service to his company.
- ◆ Fred Pasternack, The Nuggets just traded away half of their team.
- ◆ Frank Middleton, He has a new granddaughter, Makenzie.
- ◆ Don St. John, He has a great granddaughter "on the way."
- ◆ Ron Gustas, His granddaughter, Elsie, is an ambassador for the upcoming JDRF Gala.
- ◆ Karl Geil, For the support he gets for the club and across the district for the Brain Bowl.
- ◆ Dick Nickoloff, Is grateful because his daughter-in-law is pregnant and that Bryce did not tell a joke.
- ◆ Tom Hock, Is happy because the airline did not lose his luggage and it was delivered to him yesterday.
- ◆ Oscar Sorensen, Is happy that he has turned 80 because it is better than the alternative.

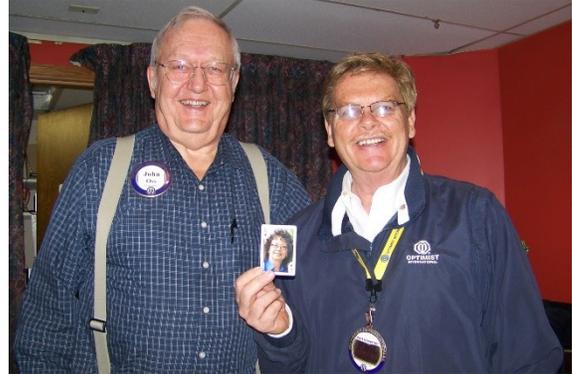


### Weekly Greeters

2/27/15	Barry Barker & Don Thomson
3/6/15	Noel Hasselgren & Curt Boell
3/13/15	Russ Paul & Frank Middleton
3/20/15	Tom Glazier & Allen Malask
<b>Need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or <a href="mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com">jon_wachter@msn.com</a></b>	

## DRAWING WINNERS

The lucky winners today were **Phil Perington** taking a cup, as did **Karl Geil, Kent Gloor, Kurt Merrill,** and **Les Larson**. Phil won again and this time went for the cards and won the big money. Sometimes you win and other times you win big.



Phil Perington takes the Pot of \$50 with this Queen. Prez John share the moment.

Photo Don StJohn

## A Bed Project

Prez John shared that **Joe Marci** was double special this past week. He helped a family get two beds for their four children. The boys and girls were all sleeping in the same bed. With Joe's help they were able to set up two beds. And with our help as a club we were able to defray most of the cost. We passed the spittoon. And, we were the benefactors of hearing a number of reasons for happiness. **Rob Gardner** shared that he knew what it was like with multiple siblings in the same bed. Seems like he turned out just fine. I expect the same will be true for the kids that Joe and we stepped up to help. Thank you Joe. Thank you all!



### Super Citizen Presenters February

Feb 24 @ 1:00	Samuels	Joe Marci
Feb 26 @ 1:30	McMeen	Rod Winget
Feb 27 @ 3:00	Bradley	Barry Barker
<b>Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 <a href="mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com">gardnerrb@gmail.com</a></b>		

Feb 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Cynthia York, Denver Kids Inc.
Mar 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Halisi Vinson, City Council Candidate
Mar 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Abigail Nicholas, Story Time with the Coach
Mar 19	Thu	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Mar 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Mar 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Celeste Archer, National History Day in Colorado
Mar 27-28	Fri-Sat		CO/WY 2nd Quarter Game/Conference, Franciscan Event Center, Colorado Springs

**Past Presidents of the  
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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bob Safe	1995-96
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Cy Regan	1999-00
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Stan Cohen	2000-01
John Young	1982-83	Don St. John	2001-02
Pat Bush	1983-84	Jack Rife	2002-03
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Greg Young	2007-08
Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Paul Simon	2012-13
Mark Metevia	1994-95	Jon Wachter	2013-14

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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.