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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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### HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

What a great way to kick off the new year, having the *KIDS TO BREAKFAST*. GARY LAMAN is to be commended for inviting the kids to breakfast and having a great Puppet show!

A puppet Elf told us a Christmas story with lots of our MSOC member's names woven into the script. Very Creative. The kids were really a part of the show and made this morning fun for the dads, moms, and grandpas in attendance.

The kids had front row seats and they all participated. Jamie Young (Greg's grandson) and Aubrieve Miller (Mike's granddaughter) were especially active and kept us all laughing. After the puppet show, *Puppets Alive* owner, Mike, did a balloon show giving all the kids balloon animals.

Mike has been in the puppet business since 1978 and puts on a wonderful show. If you would ever like a terrific show for your group, call on *Puppets Alive* at 303-741-5877.

To top it all off, JOHN YOUNG had light up necklaces and flashlight gifts for all the kids, plus "Wishes for the New Year" for everyone present.

### WHEEL OF LIFE!

Is your Wheel of Life balanced?

Picture yourself in the middle of a wheel. There are six spokes going out.

1. Your physical health
2. Your mental health
3. Your family and home
4. Your spiritual and ethical life
5. Your social and cultural life
6. Your career and financial life

"You don't find the time to do the things that are important to you, you make the time"



Have a Happy and Balanced 2008!



#### Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado

Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

## Good Morning Optimists!

JOHN YOUNG and RON CISCO greeted us before JOHN YOUNG gave us spiritual nourishment.

### KIDS TO BREAKFAST GUESTS

GARY LAMAN, did a wonderful job organizing this day. GARY brought as his guest, wife Joyce, granddaughter Izzy and grandson Max.

MIKE MILLER'S guests were grandson Ashton and granddaughter Aubrievie.

RALPH PEDERSEN'S guests were grandson Peder, plus the Senior Pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, Roman Sanchez and Roman's son Daniel. Daniel was excited to be here because he received the Super Citizen award last year at Holm Elementary School.

GREG YOUNG'S guests were his two sons Nick and Chris and grandson Jamie.

ROBERT WARDLAW brought his son, David and daughter Kate as guests.

JIM EASTON brought as his guests, wife Kim and two kids Emily and Evan, plus Pat Krebs from Huron, Ohio.

**WELCOME ALL!** We are happy you came and made this morning's gathering a fun event.

*Editors Note:* Lots of members did not attend *KIDS TO BREAKFAST* for whatever reason, possibly the weather. I am one of those who would not have attended if not for writing the GUMS. I have not been to *KIDS TO BREAKFAST* in years. However, this morning was an eye opener. The *PUPPETS ALIVE* show was great and the kids that attended made it very enjoyable and a fun meeting. So, even if you do not bring kids or grand kids, come anyway, you will be glad you did.

## Brain Bowl

KARL GEIL told us about the upcoming Brain Bowl. The first leg is almost here. Helpers are needed! Here is information on January's event.

**WHEN, WHERE and WHAT TIME:**

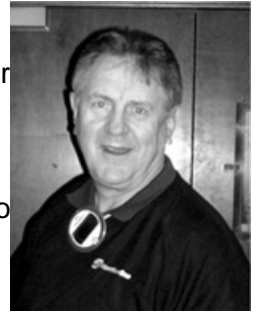
North Region Optimist Brain Bowl on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>  
Fairview H.S. (FV) in BOULDER  
1515 Greenbrier Blvd (carpooling OK!)  
Volunteers be there at 7AM

Readers training for this year's Brain Bowl is NOT optional, as was previously written. You must communicate with Karl in this regard.

Training: Signing up is a must. Training times and locations are:

- Jan 5 - 9AM to 11AM at FV in BOULDER
- Jan 10 - 6:30PM to 8:30PM at GW in DENVER
- Jan 26 - 9AM to 11AM at GW in DENVER

BILL WALTERS was recognized with a beautiful glass crystal for heading up the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys and Girls Clubs for 20+ years. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver also recognized Bill on their website. "Congratulations to Bill on his years of service and dedication to young people in our community!"



## Tree Lot Report

JOE MARCI reported that we had a record year. There were 95 different members (a record) working a total of 1845 hours (a record). "Superman," BRYCE SLABY worked 99 hours and our President, GREG YOUNG worked 84 hours. Members who worked over 60 hours are RUSS PAUL, PHIL PERINGTON, and FRED PASTERNAK. The top 15 workers rounded out to include DON St JOHN, PAUL BERNARD, AL GAPUZAN, CY REGAN, OSCAR SORENSEN, GARY STROWBRIDGE, ALLEN YOCKEY, COY HORTON, GARY MILLER and CURT BOELL. Students from GW and TJ added another 85 hours. Our kids and grandchildren contributed 45 hours. The Boy Scouts added another 9 hours. Total of all workers was 1,948 hours. Joe said everyone did a great job helping sell to our S.E. Denver neighbors. He congratulated everyone who contributed time and talent to this year's lot. Tons of credit go to JOE MARCI, MIKE MILLER, and RALPH PEDERSEN for making this project happen. When everything goes so smoothly, the behind the scene work is because of these guy's hard work.

## Chili Cook Off Winner

RON CISCO announced that MIKE SNIMPE's chili was the winner of this year's cook off. Competition was "hot and heavy" but MIKE came through with one great bowl of chili.

## OI's Duck Race

Optimist International will be sponsoring a CCC Duck Race at the 2008 International Convention with proceeds benefiting the Research Fund Hematology and Oncology at Johns Hopkins or the Canadian Childhood Cancer Campaign. There will be a paper forms at the Friday meetings. Cost per duck is \$10. The good news is that everyone can participate, even if you're not attending the convention. You can purchase as many ducks as you like. Payment can be sent via credit card to the OI Foundation (OIF-CCC). The first duck to cross the finish line pays a cool \$100. The second place duck winner wins an all expense trip to Hays, KS. Just kidding, they win \$50. Third place pays \$25. Questions may be answered at 800-500-8130 or via email at: [ccc@optimist.org](mailto:ccc@optimist.org).

## Cy Regan's Report

Cy reported that he sold \$1,225 in grocery cards today. Everyone is stocking up for the New Year. It was also mentioned that the Safeway at the corner of Monaco and Yale has its new gas station open.

## 2007 Christmas Basket Project

The Monaco South Christmas Basket Project took place on December 22, 2007. The Club purchased over \$1,000.00 worth of food and supplies from the Safeway store on Monaco and Yale. The Managers of that Safeway store, Jason and Gregg, gave us \$200 worth of discounts and merchandise.

KENT GLOOR, COY HORTON, BOB AVERY, FRANK ROSS, JOE MARCI, RUSS PAUL and DON ST JOHN met at Safeway at 7:15AM to pick up the food and supplies and deliver it to the American Legion Hall. JOHN MARINOS opened the Hall up for us and had the coffee ready for us when we arrived. We unloaded all of the food and supplies and with the help of DICK DALY and his two children, Lisa & Greg, we put the 27 food baskets together. The club members that signed up to deliver the food baskets arrived about 8:30AM and loaded the baskets in their vehicles and delivered it to the designated families. They were DOUG MORTON, OSCAR SORENSEN, HARRY JOHNSON, RON CISCO, GREG YOUNG, JOHN YOUNG, NICK NEWAY, OC and Pat LARSON, GARY STROWBRIDGE, TOM MAURO, FRED PASTERNAK, PHIL PERINGTON, and TERRY SHROYER.

Special thanks to COY HORTON and GARY STRWBRIDGE for delivering 5 food baskets and to DICK DALY, along with Lisa, and Greg Daly, for

delivering 4 of the food baskets. RON CISCO took 3 food baskets to the Boys and Girls Clubs to be distributed from there. Thanks to all who participated for their help and dedication to the Club. Special thanks goes to DON St JOHN, Project Chairman.

## Monaco South Member Stuff

Most of you know this but ED FANKHOUSER is the father of MSOC. Dr. Ed was with Happy Canyon Optimist Club when he and his club built Monaco South, Sept. 11, 1976. Dr. Ed was a dentist but his real work was that of a builder. His dad was a master cabinet maker and he must have taught little Ed well because Dr. Ed built his own custom home with a 10-car garage (OK, only 4-car) because he also collects classic cars (a Model T, a Model A, a Ford Classic and a '57 Bird). Dr. Ed is one of 11 kids from Rushville, NB.

If Dr. Ed is the father of MSOC, JOHN YOUNG is the mother of MSOC. He has brought in more members than anyone else by a lot. Over half of our club is a direct or indirect descendent of John. John passed through Palmer High in Colorado Springs, DU in Denver, then on to his first job at Procter & Gambles. JOHN also worked at Continental Can, was marketing director at 1st National Bank in Denver before he started his own company, Personalized Products. John's grand father was Chief Justice at the Nuremberg Tribunals in Germany. JOHN's dad owned the newspaper in Longmont.

**YOU MAY BE DISAPPOINTED IF YOU FAIL,  
BUT YOU ARE DOOMED IF YOU DO NOT TRY.**

## Monaco South Calendar

<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>New Year's Eve</b>	
<b>Jan 4</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Eric Hofmann, Solutions for Tuition
<b>Jan 11</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Cindy Acree, Candidate for House of Representatives
<b>Jan 12</b>	Sat	7:00 am	North Region Brain Bowl, Fairview HS in Boulder
<b>Jan 10 &amp; 26</b>			Brain Bowl Training in Denver
<b>Jan 18</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Comaraderie Day
<b>Jan 25</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Ryan Moore, Trees & Water Conservation
<b>Feb 2</b>	Sat	7:00 am	Central Region Brain Bowl, George Washington HS

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
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Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Tom Overton	1996-97
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Pat Bush	1983-84	Cy Regan	1999-00
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Jack Rife	2002-03
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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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