



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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### Good Morning Optimists

#### Greeting Us Today

There they were, Johnny (and Jim) on the spot; **John Oss** and **Jim Rumer** offered a glad hand and a smile to welcome us today. Good job, guys!

#### Invocation and Pledge

**President Ed** called on past president **John Young**, who invoked the Creator God to help us see that “something in them” in everyone we meet. John then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

#### New Member

**President Ed** presented a Membership Plaque to **John Oss** and congratulated him on his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We all congratulate John and wife on this notable milestone!



Photo Don StJohn

**93<sup>rd</sup> Optimist International Convention**  
July 3-5, 2011  
Baltimore, Maryland  
For More Information [CLICK HERE](#)

### Guest

**President Ed** introduced his long-time friend in the business, **Bruce Secret**, a board member at Brent's Place. We are familiar with Brent's Place by our involvement as volunteers. Welcome Bruce; come back and join us! It might help in keeping our Prez inline.

### Announcements

**MS 150 Bike Run:** **Howard Fry** pleaded for more volunteers; we have 20, need 30. Save June 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 AM to 3 PM for going up to West View Middle School in Longmont to put up tents, distribute water and snacks, tear down tents, and clean up our area for the riders. Members who are riding include **Jack Rife**, **El-don Strong**, **Bob Avery** and **Randy Marcove**. Donations to fight MS are being accepted; look for the clip board or see Howard.

**Annual Picnic:** **Phil Perington** reminded us that the picnic is tomorrow, June 11<sup>th</sup>. This festival is put on by the University Hills Neighborhood Association with bunches of help from Monaco South. The venue is Magna Carta Park, Girard Avenue at South Colorado Blvd. Music (five bands), activities (games for children), vendors, and lots of food (fried chicken and potato salad by **John Marinos**).

**Rocky Mountain PBS Fund Raising:** **Bryce Slaby** sent around a clip board to sign up for Rocky Mountain PBS telephone volunteers. Fourteen (14) members are needed; the clip board had 18 signed up to have a chance to be on TV and a free dinner. This takes place on a date in August to be announced. Bryce will have more information next week.



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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

**Thomas Jefferson High School Celebrity:** Gary Laman announced that the City of Denver's new First Lady is a graduate of TJ. "I thought you would be interested." Okay!

**Portable Defibrillator:** Steve Kady proposed the purchase of the device by the club to be placed in the American Legion Hall. He will bring the idea to the board of directors at this month's meeting, Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> for approval. This device has the potential to save lives. (*Editor's note: I have one as an implant.*)

**HOBY Picnic:** Paul Bernard reported on the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) event at the Colorado School of Mines, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Members met with groups of kids at the Leadership Seminar to talk to them about Volunteerism, and what we do as Optimist Club members in our quest to *Bring Out the Best in Kids*. Participating were **Ron Cisco, John Oss, Karl Geil, Phil Perington, Tom Vos, Greg Young** and Karl's wife Leslie Geil, along with Paul.



**Monaco South Guys Who Can Sing:** Two of our fellows just returned from a singing engagement in New York City's Lincoln Center. **John Young**, along with Claire, and **Keith Gallaway**, along with Keith's wife Lois Jean, sang in a chorus of 125 voices accompanied by a full orchestra on May 29<sup>th</sup>. While the others were rehearsing, Claire hoofed around 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue including a visit to FAO Schwartz. Other recent New York visitors were **Doug Morton** and wife Marilyn who celebrated their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in the Big Apple. (*Editor's note: My thanks to Claire for the info I requested; John and Keith were too modest to reply.*)

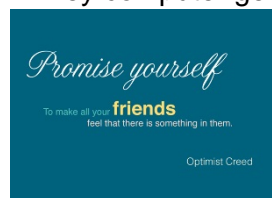
## OI Desktop Wallpaper

Hey computer geeks, let your desktop inspire you—Optimistically of Course! Your favorite tenet of the Optimist Creed is now available for download so that you can use it as your computer's desktop or screensaver. It's easy! Go to,

[Optimist Desktop Images](#) and select the tenet you would like to use.

- ⇒ For Mac users, Right click on the image (or Control-click) and select "Set as Background." You're done!
- ⇒ For Windows 7 Users, download an Optimist Creed theme for their computer. This includes a rotating desktop background and screensaver.

You can modify the theme after download and load them into your screensaver. After the theme is saved, click "open" and you're done.



**Junior Golf Program:** Neither Ron Cisco or Joe Marci were present today, so we will expect a full report soon on the tournament for younger golfers age 10 to 13 held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Fitzsimons Course. The competition for the older juniors-ages 14 to 18 will take place Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Flatirons Golf Course in Boulder.

## The Morning Drawings

\$60 was in the pot, but no big winners again. The cup winners were:

- ♦ **Woody Thibodeau**
- ♦ **Terry Shroyer**
- ♦ **Phil Perington**
- ♦ **Oscar Sorensen**
- ♦ **Bryce Slaby**



**Craig Eley, Jim Rumer** and **Dick Cohen** had a free draw but failed to pick up the correct card.

## Closing Bell

We recited the Optimist Creed. *Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind....*

## Pictures from the MSOC & UHNA Annual Picnic





## Today's Speaker, Nathan Wilkes

Democrat activist **John Stoffel** introduced Nathan Wilkes who was billed to speak on Health Issues. Actually it was a lecture for Universal Health Care, a very



controversial subject. *This editor suggests that future subjects of this nature be in the form of debate, or schedule a speaker for the other side of the question on the following Friday. Mr. Wilkes represented Healthcare For All Colorado, a volunteer-based, non-profit membership organization dedicated*

*to achieving affordable, undeniable, quality healthcare for every Coloradan.*

Nathan's son Thomas Wilkes was born with severe hemophilia, which puts him at risk for major internal bleeding and for which he must receive nearly \$1 million in healthcare costs each year to avoid death or serious disability. You can see the background for Nathan's message telling his story and advocating for a single payer system, which is not currently on the table, at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNHNCScYpX8>.

The video was made at a Town Hall Meeting, with President Barack Obama, on healthcare reform in Grand Junction, Colorado, on Saturday, August 15, 2009. The story was featured in [The New York Times](#).

### **Admiral Chester Nimitz: Real Leadership and Optimism** **"Reflections on Pearl Harbor"** by Admiral Nimitz

Sunday, December 7th, 1941 - Admiral Nimitz was attending a concert in Washington D.C. when he was paged and told there was a phone call for him. It was President Franklin Delano Roosevelt who told the Admiral that he would now be the Commander of the Pacific Fleet. Nimitz flew to Hawaii to assume command, landing at Pearl Harbor on Christmas Eve, 1941. There was such a spirit of despair, dejection and defeat, you would have thought the Japanese had already won the war. On Christmas Day 1941 Nimitz was given a boat tour of the destruction wrought on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. Big sunken battleships and other Navy vessels cluttered the waters. As the tour boat returned to dock, the young helmsman asked, "Well, Admiral, what do you think after seeing all this destruction?" Admiral Nimitz's reply shocked everyone within the sound of his voice. He said, "The Japanese made three of the biggest mistakes an attack force could ever make, or God was taking care of America." The young helmsman asked, "What do you mean by saying the Japanese made three big mistakes?" Nimitz explained.

Mistake number one: the Japanese attacked on Sunday morning; nine out of ten crewmen of those ships were ashore on leave. If those same ships had been lured to sea and been sunk, we would have lost 38,000 men instead of 3,800.

Mistake number two: when the Japanese saw all those battleships lined in a row, they got so carried away sinking those battleships, they never once bombed our dry docks opposite those ships. If they had destroyed our dry docks, we would have had to tow every one of those ships to California to be repaired. As it is

now, the ships are in shallow water and can be raised. One tug can pull them over to the dry docks, and we can have them repaired and at sea by the time we could have towed them to California. And I already have crews ashore anxious to man those ships.



Mistake number three: every drop of fuel in the Pacific Theater of War is in top-of-the-ground storage tanks five miles away over that hill. One attack plane could have strafed those tanks and destroyed our fuel supply. That's why I say the Japanese made three of the biggest mistakes an attack force could make, or God was taking care of America.

Admiral Nimitz was able to see a silver lining in a situation where everyone else saw only despair and defeatism. Talk about an Optimist! You can find more on Fleet Admiral Chester William Nimitz at: <http://www.history.navy.mil/faqs/faq36-4.htm>.

*Shared by Dick Zolman*

### Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
6/17/11	Nick Newey & Leo Hagele
6/24/11	Fred Pasternack & Ron Cisco
7/1/11	Frank Ross & Mark Metevia
7/8/11	John Oss & Michael Chavez
7/15/11	Bob Hugo & Tom Wos

### Monaco South Calendar

- June 15 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- June 17 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- June 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Walker Stapleton, Colorado State Treasurer
- June 26 Sun 7:00 am [Rest Stop for Bike MS Colorado-Wyoming West View Middle School in Longmont](#)
- July 1 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Joanne Kelley, What Colorado foundations do for nonprofits
- July 3-5 Sun-Tues 93<sup>rd</sup> Optimist International Convention, Baltimore, MD
- July 8 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Phil Hahn, Building the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge
- July 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

## 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
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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.