

# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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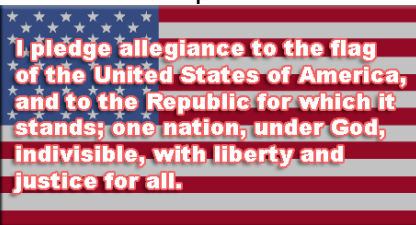


### Good Morning Optimist

**Barry Barker** and **Michael Chavez** greeted us on a warm and sunny Friday morning. The morning was so fine that this editor almost decided to leave the car at home and ride the bicycle to the meeting for the first time this year. By the way, Barry and Michael were so good as greeters that I went back for seconds.

### Invocation & Pledge

Chaplin **Bob Coulson** reminded us that this month is child abuse prevention month and delivered an invocation asking for strength to help us in our work with youth. He then facilitated the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.



### From the Prez

**President Jon Wachter** reminded the membership that the next Board Meeting is this Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at Councilwomen Peggy Lehmann's office. Her office is at 3540 S. Poplar Street, Suite 102. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Jon encourages all officers and board members recently elected for the 2014-2015 year to attend the meeting.

Prez Jon also shared that the JOOI "Helping Hands" Club, recently sponsored by Monaco South will be meeting later today. The Helping Hands club is at Bradley International School and was chartered with



The JOOI Helping Hands Club charter meeting in February 2014.

Photo Phil Perington

about 30 members. Jon invites any interested Monaco South member to attend the meeting and see what this club is all about.

### Announcements

#### Junior Golf Tournaments for CO/WY: Joe Marci



reports that the Optimist Junior Golf Tournaments for the Colorado/Wyoming district will be held on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Flatirons course for the older players and June 18<sup>th</sup> at Fitzsimmons course for the younger players.

In the meantime, a fundraising adult tournament is scheduled for Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Park Hill Golf Club. Joe invites all interested Optimists, and non-Optimist guests, to participate. You can enter a foursome or as a single players that will be assigned to a foursome. Talk with Joe if you are interested in playing a round (of golf). You can learn more at CO/WY Junior Golf Webpage, [Clicking Here](#).

**Robert Sullivan Scholarship:** While in possession of the microphone, **Joe Marci** also announced that a committee meeting would be held right after the membership meeting to review all of the applications received for this year's Sullivan Scholarship Awards. The committee will choose 15 recipients for the \$500 scholarships from among the 24 applications received this year.

**FRACSOC Meeting:** **Paul Simon** shared that the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club (FRACSOC) will have their monthly meeting this Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be at the Rock Bottom Brewery at 9627 E. County Line Road. A meet and mingle will be held from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. FRACSOC was sponsored by Monaco South a couple of years ago and Paul invites all Monaco South members to come out and see what the FRACSOC club has planned for their summer activities.

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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

**Know Brainer:** Michael Chavez reports that the *Know Brainer* is set for Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Hamilton Middle School. He needs one more reader and about five more volunteers to help run the competition. Volunteers need to report to the school by 7:00 a.m. We conduct only the preliminary rounds with awards determined by total points accumulated. No elimination rounds will be held like the Brain Bowls. This means the competition will be completed in the morning with awards presented at lunch and you are gone by 1:00 p.m. If you can help, let Michael know.

**Rockies Giveaway:** Monaco South will be working the Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> Rockies game against the Los Angeles Dodgers. We will be distributing Rockies souvenirs to the fans as they enter the ballpark. Work is done when the souvenirs are gone or at the start of the game. You can then enjoy the game for the rest of the afternoon. This also serves as a fundraiser for the club. Talk to **Michael Chavez** if you would like to help on this project. The giveaway appears to be a "Sasquatch" Bobblehead Gnome. Who would not want one?

**Colorado Health Fair:** Howard Fry is still looking for help with the Colorado Health Fair on Sunday morning, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Monaco South will be helping by serving as cashiers at the Schlessman YMCA site—they do not trust us with the syringes. If you would like to help, just contact Howard Fry.

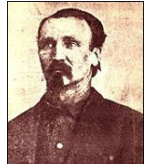
**Excellence in Education:** Tom Mauro announced that he is looking for nominations for the *Excellence in Education Award*. Anyone who knows an outstanding or innovative teacher, administrator, or councilor should nominate them for this award. The selection criteria is as follows:

- ◇ Educator selected should be of first priority from a school currently served by Monaco South. This does not preclude selection of a more than deserving Educator from a school outside of Monaco South's service area. For example, Connie Ackerman was from DU and was recognized for her involvement in Odyssey of the Mind; Beth Gower taught at East High and was recognized for her involvement with the East High Constitutional Scholars. (East High could be considered a school in Monaco South's service area).
- ◇ Educator performance must be of an outstanding nature for a sustained period of time of at least five years.
- ◇ Approval of Educator's principal or supervisor is strongly suggested.
- ◇ One Educator per year should be selected although unusual circumstances might allow more than one given a team teaching award or other group award.
- ◇ Educators receiving a Colorado Teacher of the Year Award and serving in the Monaco South Optimist service area should become candidates for the award based on the rigorous evaluation the Colorado Teacher of the Year Awards give recipients. While this is significant recognition in itself, it should not be an automatic reason Monaco South would give its award. The primary requirement and determination is based Monaco South's determination of the contribution the committee believes is made to the Monaco South service

area and school(s).

- ◇ Educators who receive the Colorado Teacher awards should not be excluded from the Monaco South Award because the Monaco South Award will carry unique meaning and status to the awardee based on the contribution to the Monaco South Service area and students.
- ◇ Retired Educators not currently serving may be eligible for the award.
- ◇ Educators including administrators, staff, and teachers are eligible for the award.
- ◇ Educators receiving the award must be of superior citizenship and character.
- ◇ Educators receiving the award may not receive it twice.

Displaying his vast knowledge of Colorado history, Tom also reminded us that this weekend marks the anniversary of the conviction of Alfred Packer for cannibalism and thereby reducing the number of "dimmycrats" in the county by five.



**Friday Morning Walk:** Rod Winget announced that the "Friday Morning Walk Group" would be talking their weekly 20-minute brisk walk through the neighborhood right after the meeting. He has only been able to get four members to join him but he says there is room for many more and it is a great way to work off those breakfast calories. Additionally as reported last week the walk route is very scenic.

**MSOC Ski Day at Copper:** Bob Avery shared evidence of the Optimist Ski Day at Copper Mountain. Here is a selfie of **Jeff Johnston** (R) and Bob enjoying a great Spring ski day at Copper Mountain. Taken before heading down a powder run.

**Membership Roster:** Craig Eley was handing out the new membership rosters today. You



need to catch Craig over the next few meetings if you have not received a copy yet. He, along with the rest of us, thank **Doug Morton** for printing the rosters free of charge over the years.

Editor: You might notice that this new roster sports a new Monaco South logo created by Craig and a couple of interesting editions. You might also ask **Oscar Sorensen** how his picture turned out.

## Drawing & Closing Bell

Today's drawings winners were **Frank Ross, Mark Metevia, Ron Gustas, Terry Shroyer**, your editor **Pat Bush, Cy Regan, John Greene, Craig Eley**, and **Barry Barker**. Frank, Craig, and Barry drew cards but that is where their luck ran out. Oh, we had a bonus drawing today. **Allen Yockey, O.C. Larson**, and **Ralph Pedersen** each won a pair of tickets to the Denver Auto Show this weekend. Thanks to our quest speaker.

## Our Speaker John Hames The American Car Prospector

Our guest speaker today is a pioneer in his field. He is an investigator, a car lover, a storyteller, a TV producer, and an entrepreneur. John Hames grew up in Denver and went to Cherry Creek High School. He developed a love for classic cars and an interest in TV and producing films and combined them into his vocation. To do this, he had to develop a character so he combined his love for classic cars with his western heritage and thus was born the *American Car Prospector*.

The *American Car Prospector* is now a television program seen around the world. John emphasizes that he is not a car collector but rather a storyteller. He searches the backcountry to find rare classic cars to tell the stories behind the cars and their owners. Finding cars that have been restored is not as appealing as finding cars that are in their original condition. Colorado is a great hunting ground since the climate here is very kind to the preservation of older model cars.

Many of the cars John finds are still in possession of their original owners. He told a story about when he was lost in the downtown Littleton area and he drove by an open garage that was obviously used as a storage shed rather than a garage. He saw the end of an older model car with boxes and "other junk" stacked on top of and around it. After John had driven by the garage still trying to find his way, it proved to be too much of a temptation to pass up and he turned back to investigate.



John Hames  
Photo Don StJohn

John found that it was an early model "Bullet" Ford Mustang and was still in possession of the original owner. He had parked the car in 1989, it still had all of the original equipment, and while it had a few dings, it was in relatively good shape. John purchased this car and with a little work got the car running again. He has left the dings as he found them but has featured the car on the TV program. In fact, he now calls the car the War Horse. He also told the story of a 95-year-old man that he found in Arkansas who had not ridden in a car for 75 years. John took this man for a ride and the man was amazed at the power steering and power windows but he just could

not figure out why door locks were required. He also wondered what that "ticking sound" was that he heard periodically. After John explained that, it was the turn signal used to tell the other drivers, which way John was, going to turn the man was amazed that the other drivers could even hear that ticking sound. You can catch the *American Car Prospector* on Velocity cable station or visit these web links.

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### Super Citizen Presenters for April

<b>Apr 16 @ 2:30</b>	MPB	George Buzick
<b>Apr 18 @ 8:30</b>	Slavens	Tom Hoch
<b>Apr 22 @ 1:30</b>	Samuels	?
<b>Apr 25 @ 9:30</b>	Holm	?
<b>Apr 25 @ 12:45</b>	McMeen	?
<b>Apr 25 @ 3:00</b>	Bradley	?
<b>Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 <a href="mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com">gardnerrb@gmail.com</a></b>		

### Weekly Greeters

<b>4/18/14</b>	Jack Kleinheksel & Dave Peck
<b>4/25/14</b>	Don Thomson & Greg Young
<b>5/3/14</b>	Russ Paul & Ralph Pedersen
<b>5/9/14</b>	Terry Shroyer & ?
<b>5/16/14</b>	Gary Strowbridge & Keith Gallaway
<b>5/23/14</b>	Robert Wardlaw & ?
<b>Need Friday morning greeters, see O.C Larson, 303-797-7432 or <a href="mailto:larson1942@comcast.net">larson1942@comcast.net</a></b>	

Apr 16	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Apr 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Apr 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado Alliance for Retired Americans
May 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA
May 2-3	Fri-Sat		CO-WY 3rd Quarter Conference Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd., Golden
May 3	Sat	7:00 am	Know Brainer, Hamilton Middle School, see Michael Chavez



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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
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Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
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Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
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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.