



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 37 Years  
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### Good Morning Optimist

Friday morning, May 16<sup>th</sup>, the 136<sup>th</sup> day of 2014, began for Monaco South with warm greetings from **Keith Gallaway** and **Gary Strowbridge**. Only 222 shopping days until Christmas! Editor, I am not sure why that is important, but it is a reminder.

Thomas Jefferson High School students who received the Robert Sullivan Scholarship for Academic Accomplishments in High School from Monaco South were also in attendance with some of their teachers and parents. This brought the average



age of today's breakfast attendees down to 61. The club gave 16 scholarships of \$500 each to deserving TJ

students. The recipients were, Mohamed Babiker, Ronnie Bol, Cymone Brown,



Photos Don StJohn

Maliya Conley, Aidan Jared, Mariam Kyabou, Savannah Lewis, Jessica McCaffrey, Joseph Mpumuro, Kessanet Negash, Mayrel Rodriguez, Brianna Russell, Zaire Sayers, Eboni Stevenson, Joshua K. Witter, and Dawit Woldu.

### From the Prez Elect

Soon to be President **John Oss** bravely ran the show today with Jon being out. He rang the bell several times just to get a few practice swings into the mix. As any good leader would do, he immediately turned the meeting over to Past President **Randy Marcove** (TJHS Class of 1981) who welcomed our visitors and asking students to introduce themselves and to share their favorite memory or teacher from their YJ school days, plus to tell us where they were

going to school and what they were planning on studying.

The following schools were mentioned, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Community College of Denver, CSU, Northeastern Junior College, Northern Arizona University, Arapahoe Community College, and CU Boulder.

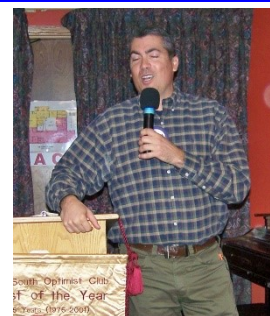
The students will be studying pre med, art, computer science, business administration, accounting, early childhood development, health sciences, criminal justice and physics. They mentioned influential teachers and coaches from TJ, as well as from middle and elementary school. One smartly mentioned her parents, who were sitting nearby. A great group of kids the club is lucky to know and should be proud to support.

### Give Recognition to the Recipients

**Craig Eley** spoke to the TJ students and shared that a few years ago he wrote a letter to a meaningful teacher who had influenced him. He heard back from the man's wife a few months later that the teach had received Craig's letter three weeks before he passed away, but enjoyed and appreciated the letter. Craig's message, "The people who have helped and guided you—make sure you let them know!"

**Phil Perington** gave the students his congratulations and best wishes, and encouraged them to act as mentors now, and to give guidance to sophomores and juniors.

**Bob Avery** asked the students if any earned Super Citizen recognition from our club when they were younger. One student did, a graduate of McMeen Elementary.



Past Prez Randy Marcove  
Photo Don StJohn

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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

**CO-WY Super Zone Meeting:** Paul Simon shared that the CO-WY district super zone meeting is coming up on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> in Silverthorne at the Elks Lodge. See Paul for details.

**CO-WY District Optimists:** Greg Young shared via email, that as part of their ongoing support of youth in our community, the CO-WY area Optimist Clubs provided scholarships to local students at the recent district meeting at the Marriott West, and was the culmination of



over 100 students vying for college scholarships of \$2500 each. Four scholarships were awarded to young men and women in two categories: Deaf and Hard of Hearing contest, and regular speech contest.

**Dime-A-Day:** Fred Pasternak proudly announced that one more dime-a-day check of \$36.50 was received! Keep up the good work!

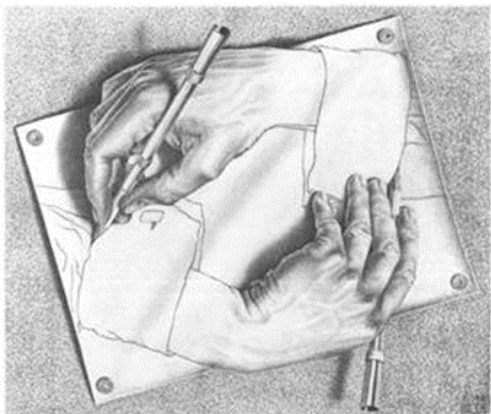
**Rockies Giveaway:** Michael Chavez thanked the 48 people who have signed up for helping at the Rockies game on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. If your schedule changes please let Michael know, otherwise he will see you there.

**Congressional Youth Awards:** Bob Coulson reminded us of the Congressional Youth Awards meeting which will be this Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 1 p.m. It will be held at the American Legion Hall and will be focused on recruiting and further orientation. Bob encouraged the TJ students to take a look at the program and pass along the information to friends.

**Hamilton Accelerated Reader Program:** Karl Geil announced that the Accelerated Reader program at Hamilton just ended, and 20 winners met the criteria. Each of them will receive \$50 from the club, which will be given out the week after next.

## Camaraderie

Because of the efficiency of our meeting leadership camaraderie ensured for a few moments prior to our weekly drawing.



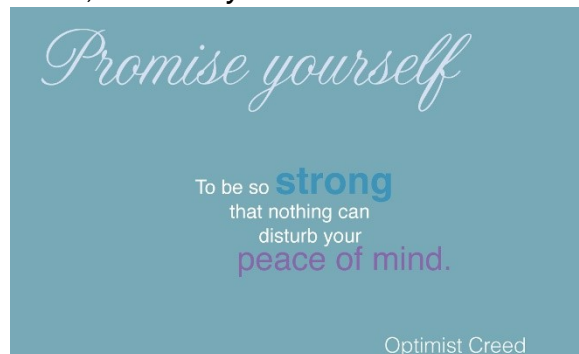
No, not this type of drawing! This type of drawing—

A \$100 was in the pot and the first called was **OC Larson** who went in search the King of Diamonds, with no luck. **Phil Perington** got his chance, but gave his attempt to TJ's Principal, Ms. Suzanne Morris-Sherer, but no cigar. Money cups went to two TJ students, **Tom Mauro, John Stoffel, Craig Eley, and Ron Carlson**. Even Mark Metevia who was wearing his name tag, did not leave the meeting with \$100 extra bucks—no King for him.



## Closing Creed

Our creed was kicked off by **Wyatt McCallie** with the usual, "Promise yourself...."



## MSOC Memory Lane

If you would like to go back in time, take a look at all the past *GUMS* at [http://www.monacosouth.org/newsletters/Newsletters\\_13-14.php](http://www.monacosouth.org/newsletters/Newsletters_13-14.php). See the work of past editors, Dick Zolman, Ralph Petersen, Jim Piccinelli, Craig Eley, and many others.



## ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS MONACO SOUTH NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

We need 15 new members to achieve honor club. So bring your friends, neighbors, sons or grandsons... get them to join and receive a discount on your next year's dues. Don't forget, for only \$100, you can make them a *Friend of Optimist*, and it counts too! See Greg Young for details.

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## A Bit of Humor

### Out of the mouth of babes. Some of us can readily relate to these comments.

1. **NUDITY:** I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!"
2. **OPINIONS:** On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."
3. **KETCHUP:** A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle, the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."
4. **MORE NUDITY:** A little boy was lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"
5. **POLICE #1:** While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, "Are you a cop?" "Yes," I answered and continued writing the report. "My mother said if I ever needed help, I should ask the police. Is that right?" "Yes, that's right," I told her. "Well, then," she said as she extended her foot toward me, "would you please tie my shoe?"
6. **POLICE #2:** It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It sure is," I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally, he said, "What'd he do?"
7. **ELDERLY:** While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers, and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"
8. **DRESS-UP:** A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, "Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit." "And why not, darling?" "You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning."
9. **DEATH:** While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said, "Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes."
10. **SCHOOL:** A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!"
11. **BIBLE:** A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

Super Citizen Presenters for May & June		
May 16 @ 1:00	Lowry	?
May 21 @ 8:00	Highline	?
May 22 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Karl Geil
June 3 @ 12:45	McMeen	Rob Gardner
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 <a href="mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com">gardnerrb@gmail.com</a>		

Weekly Greeters	
5/23/14	Robert Wardlaw & Curt Boell
5/30/14	Ron Cisco & Pat Bush
6/6/14	John Oss & Tom Glazier
6/13/14	Frank Ross & Craig Eley
Need Friday morning greeters, see O.C Larson, 303-797-7432 or <a href="mailto:larson1942@comcast.net">larson1942@comcast.net</a>	

May 21	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
May 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
June 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Lixin Zhang, Acupuncture
June 7	Sat	6:00 pm	HOBY Colorado Leadership Seminar at Colorado Christian University, see Paul Bernard
June 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Michael Cheroutes, Sr. Manager, Colorado Dept. of Transportation

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Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
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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.