



# 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 39 Years  
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### Good Morning Optimist



The first Friday of Fall breaks sunny this morning. **Barry Barker** and **George Buzick** are our greeters this morning. Welcome everyone to Camaraderie Day!

### First Bell

President **Michael Chavez** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. and call on **Donlie Smith** to the podium.

### Invocation & Pledge

**Donlie Smith** reads the invocation this morning and has chosen a prayer for veterans, those present and past. *Merciful God, thank you for the sacrifices that have been made on our behalf by men and women who fought for Freedom. Remember those that have made the ultimate sacrifice, a sacrifice we can never repay. Bring comfort to disabled veterans and ease their suffering.* Donlie then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



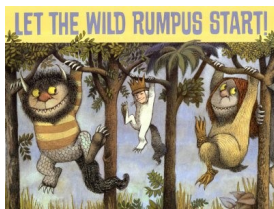
### From the Prez

**Prez Michael** tells members that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last meeting and his last Camaraderie Day meeting that he will officiate. "Let the wild rumpus begin."

He reminds members about the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary bash on Saturday.

**Jim Easton** mentions from the floor that he is looking forward to presenting a historical overview slideshow at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon and shares he has enjoyed putting the presentation together and reviewing past memories.

He then encourages those who are in charge of projects for the coming year or have an idea you want to propose to get your request in. Project managers need to send their requests for budget items, IN WRITING or email, to **Greg Young**, club treasurer, as soon as possible. If there is no budget request, the



project may be dropped for next year. Members are reminded that they may not spend money or order goods/services on behalf of the club without express budget authorization or approval from the Board of Directors.

### September Birthday Guys!

Asking for those Birthday Boys in attendance to stand he recognizes all who are advancing in age — they include, **Neil Alderson**, **Peter Dimond**, **Jim Easton**, **Howdy Fry**, **Casey Funk**, **Glenn Kindt**, **Frank Middleton**, and **Guadalupe Salinas**. Even with only **Peter Dimond** and **Jim Easton** present, a rousing effort was made in serenading them with MSOC version of *Happy Birthday*.



### Announcements

**Bradley International's JOI Club:** **Jon Wachter** brings the energy this morning and tells us about the Junior Optimist International (JOI) meeting coming up at Bradley International School. JOI club is an Optimist Club for kids and is a great way to expose kids to the tenants of Optimism. Junior Optimist clubs provide kids in our schools the opportunity to learn about being an Optimist while having fun and doing a community or school project for the betterment of their community. Currently we have a club at Bradley Elementary School, with plans for others schools in Southeast Denver. The meetings this year take place at lunch hour on Mondays, so if this works for your schedule please contact Jon. Editor's note: *The official name change of Junior Optimist Octagon International to Junior Optimist International began on October 1, 2016. Therefore, the organization should be marketed as "Junior Optimists" or "Junior Optimist International. Above is the new JOI logo.*



**Alzheimer's Memory Walk:** **Cap Hermann** thanks those members who helped out with the Alzheimer's walk last Saturday. They were, **Scott Walker**, **George Buzick**, **Joe Marci**, **Allen Malask**. The walk raised \$998,194, but only 72 percent of goal, which was set at \$1,390,000.

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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

### **MSOC Support for Optimist Junior Golf: Joe**

**Marci** tells us about another chance to support Junior Golf and Optimist Club of Monaco South. Joe has tickets available for the last regular season game for the Colorado Rockies. Joe has tickets in a couple of locations, all are good seats for viewing the game. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, against the always exciting Milwaukee Brewers. A ballgame on a Sunday afternoon is always a good way to spend the day, and this is the game where the team will have the walk around afterwards passing out gifts to lucky fans.



### **Updated Member Directory Picture: Craig Eley**

asks members who are new or want a new picture for the directory to stay behind and get your photo snapped. Also, for \$25 you can have your business card included in the Directory, then sit back and count your earnings.



### **Need Super Citizen Presenters: Dr. Rob Gardner**

has the sign up sheet for Super Citizen Assemblies in October. If you are new to the club or just visiting, Super Citizen is a way to teach kids to be good citizens. This program recognizes their attitude of being a positive influence in the school and reinforces this behavior. To reward this Super Citizen, we present these kids with a framed plaque signed by their Principal, Monaco South Optimist Club President and a great t-shirt that quickly becomes a source of pride. This is done at a school assembly and we would like you, as a representative of the club, say a few words and help present these kids with their awards. Last year over 855+ students were recognized in ten different schools.



### **MSOC & Silicon STEM Academy:**

Two Hamilton Middle School students (one boy and one girl) were awarded the MSOC and Silicon STEM Academy Scholarship for two full-ride scholarships in their Gadgets & Gizmos Electronics/Arduino programming class at SSA. This is a value of over \$1,000. These students will learn the basics of electronic circuitry, micro processing, and coding. These students were nominated by their teachers at Hamilton, and are well deserving of this honor. Through these scholarships, the Optimists of Monaco South are helping to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math in our community. **John and Kelly Scarborough** are the co-founders of Silicon STEM Academy.

### **Special Olympics Hall: Mike McMahon**

announced the upcoming Special Olympics Hall of Fame recognition banquet upcoming on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The dinner will feature Governor John Hick-enlooper and recognize athletes and volunteers for their efforts. Mike is hoping to have a table full of Monaco South members so please see him if you are interested in attending.

### **King Sooper's & Safeway Cards: Greg Young**

reminds all members to purchase and use King Soopers and Safeway Gift Cards as a way of raising funds for the optimist



club. See **Cy Regan** to purchase King Soopers or Safeway cards for groceries and gas. The club will receive percentage back from purchases made.



**Be Involved, Give Day: Pat Bush** has a great opportunity for a day volunteering: *What is the BIG Day?* The BIG day stands for **Be Involved, Give**. It is a volunteer service day benefiting the local nonprofits in south metro Denver. Volunteers provide assistance to a nonprofit that performs valuable services in our communities by introducing them to the people and businesses that live and work in their backyard.

**Who Can Volunteer?** Anyone! Businesses, their staff, family and friends. In addition, community organizations (schools, churches, sports teams) and individuals are all encouraged to participate. See Pat for details, the chosen activity that our club will be helping with involves Manual Labor and it may be time to reacquaint yourself with this concept.

### **TJHS Spartan Artfest & Book Sale: Tom Glazier**

announces the TJ Spartan Artfest & Book sale that will be held Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 4 p.m. To donate books, you can either drop them off at TJHS's Main office after Thanksgiving or contact Tom. Originally known as the Craft Fair, TJ recently changed the name to Artfest which more accurately describes the products being sold as well as the artistic vendors. TJ parent Kathryn Lepry is the leader and organizer behind the new design. A wide variety of holiday gifts will be sold at the Artfest, including baked goods, homemade jams, and honey, as well as handcrafted clothes such as hats or scarves. Vendors will also sell artwork and homemade crafts. Paired with Artfest is a used book sale held in TJ's cafeteria. At this used book sale, one can find not only books but secondhand CD's, video tapes, and DVDs as well.



### **Thanks to CO-WY District Governor Curt Merrill:**

Governor-Elect **Paul Simon** gives a big Thank You to **Curt Merrill** who is the outgoing Governor of CO-WY District for Optimist International. He says that this year can actually end on a positive in terms of members if a few more individuals are to join an Optimist club. So if you have anyone in mind, please let them know that now is the time.



Paul also shared that his first official District meeting will be Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Bethany Lutheran Church.

He further explained that the Optimist year begins on October 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Members of the District meet quarterly for education, training, entertainment and camaraderie. We are like a large, extended family who enjoy each other and giving to the future of our kids! Note the 2016-17 Schedule:

- ⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Conference, October 22, @ Bethany Lutheran Church, Denver
- ⇒ 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference, February 11, 2017
- ⇒ 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference, May 13, 2017
- ⇒ 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Conference, August 17-20, 2017



## Installation

**President Michael** asks **Dave Moore** to come to the stage for his induction into the club. Dave and his sponsor, **Bill Morgan**, are present and he takes the oath for official membership. Welcome Dave!



Prez Michael Chavez, center, installs Dave Morgan, right, while his sponsor Bill Morgan, left, looks on.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

## Happy Buck

**President Michael** passes around the brass cuspidor for happy bucks. Memorable among the donations are **Harry Fegley** who is very happy he and Linda will be in Canada and will be able to miss the presidential debate. Also, **Allen Pierce** and



Photo Noel Hasselgren

his wife Amy Schulstad are expecting their first child any day. Congratulations Allen and Amy! Another big contributor was president elect **Craig Eley**, who was happy to take office in Monaco South's 41<sup>st</sup> year.

## Weekly Greeters

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9/30/16	Noel Hasselgren & Mark Metevia
10/7/16	Bill Morgan & Don Roth
10/14/16	Bob Avery & Dick Zolman
10/21/16	Paul Gibson & Michael Chavez

## Do We Have a Drawing?

Yes, we do and there is \$30 in the pot and the lucky card is the Ace of Diamonds. Members holding tickets this morning include **Allen Malask**, and **Gary Strowbridge** who take a chance on drawing one of the two remaining cards; both with no luck. While **Curt Merrill**, **Mark**



Gary Strowbridge says a few non-printable words as he draws one of the two remaining cards.

**Metevia**, **Oscar Sorensen**, **Tom Kramis**, **Don St. John**, and **Allen Yockey** all have to settle to take a cup.

Then **Craig Eley** draws **Steve Kady's** name from the jug for having his name tag on and Steve he gets a chance, but no luck.



Steve Kay cannot do it either—another loser, Ron Cisco looks on.

Photos Craig Eley

## Some of the important discussions overheard during today's Camaraderie Day...

- ♦ How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?
- ♦ Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?
- ♦ Why does a round pizza come in a square box?
- ♦ What disease did cured ham actually have?
- ♦ How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- ♦ Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?
- ♦ Why are you IN a movie, but you are ON TV?
- ♦ Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- ♦ Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They are going to see you naked anyway.
- ♦ Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?
- ♦ Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
- ♦ If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?



## Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Sept 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Tom Briggs, The Gabby Krause Foundation
Oct 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: New Optimist Year, TBA
Oct 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Oct 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96		

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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.