



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 37 Years  
Recognized as Outstanding Service Organization in Colorado in 2012



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Editor for this Issue—Patrick Bush

### Good Morning Optimist

**Don Thomson** was working the entry solo when this editor arrived. However, **Greg Young** showed up shortly after to help Don with the greeting chores this morning.

### Invocation & Pledge

**Perry Allen**, was back and stepped in for our chaplain **Bob Coulson**, to deliver the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guests

President **John Wachter** asked if we had any guests at the meeting this morning. **Bill Wells**, a former MSOC member, introduced himself as **Fred Pasternack's** guest and that Freddy was supposed to pick him up to bring Bill to the meeting; however, Fred did not show up. Remember, "Step one is show up!" Usually Fred introduces guests that have not showed up. This is the first time Fred's guest shows but Fred is not here. No wait Fred showed up late claiming he had gone by Bill's house.



### Announcements

**Dime-A-Day:** **Fred Pasternack** announced that he has two more Dime-A-Day checks bringing the Monaco South's total up to about 75 members who have donated to the Optimist International Foundation. He also reminded us that we still need a few more members to donate to take over the lead.

**9 Health Fair:** The 9 Health Fair is ramping up. **Don Thomson** was passing out information about the services that will be provided at the Augustana Lutheran Church site on April 28 and 29.



He says this is one of the larger sites in the fair. You can register and pay for your tests online which will save you from standing in the registration and cashier lines at the site. Augustana Lutheran Church is locat-

ed at 5000 E. Alameda Avenue and the fair is open from 7 a.m. until noon both days.

**Super Citizen Awards:** On Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, **Joe Marci** presented the Super Citizen Awards at Samuels Elementary. **Fred Pasternack** and President **Jon Wachter** will do the honors at Holm Elementary and Bradley International later today. **Rob Gardner** says he still needs a presenter for the McMeen awards ceremony that has been pushed back from today to next Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:45 p.m. If you can help with this presentation, let Rob know

**Bradley Fun Run:** Speaking of Super Citizen schools, the Bradley International School Fun Run takes place this Sunday morning. **Mike McMahon** invites all members to come out and support Bradley during the 5 kilometer run. The race starts at 9:30 a.m. at Bradley International School located at 3051 S. Elm Street. There will be food and entertainment after the run. The Monaco South Optimist Club will be manning a water station near Eisenhower Park. The station is located on the bike trail just east of the park recreation center. Volunteers need to report to either site by 9:00 a.m.

**JDRF Gala:** The T1DOC club is still looking for



JDRF Rocky Mountain Chapter  
15th Annual Dream Gala  
CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF  
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volunteers to help move merchandise from the JDRF office down to the Gala site at DCPA. They are needed on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. You can sign up by contacting **Dick Cohen**. Dick is also looking for wine donations for the "Wine Pull" to be held during the Gala. He asks that donations be worth at least \$18 and you can receive a tax deduction for the wine. The Gala is on Saturday, May 17 at the Seawell Grand Ballroom at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts and has a *Great Gatsby* theme. More information can be found at <http://rockymountain.jdrf.org/events/dreamgala/>.

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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:** The Second Annual *Know Brainer* is just one week away. It will be held at Hamilton Middle School on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are expecting 16 teams to participate in this year's competition. Volunteers are to report to the school by 7:00 a.m. and the event should be completed around noon. Hamilton Middle School is located at 8600 E. Dartmouth Avenue.

**Rockies Giveaway:** **Michael Chavez** is still looking for more volunteers to help handout items at the Rookies giveaway on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. He is looking for 45 volunteers and they do not have to be members of Monaco South. They can be family members or friends. This would be a great event to bring a prospective new member. It is fun and easy and you get to enjoy the game against the L.A. Dodgers at no cost to you after we finish with the handouts. We need to report to Coors Field by 11:30 a.m. and the game starts at 2:00 p.m.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Editor: *I thought we had bought all of Fred Pasternack's tickets to the Gateway Optimist Pancake Breakfast, but he has somehow come up with a few more.* If you are in the mood for pancakes, you can eat all you want from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Village Inn at Mississippi Ave. and Abilene in Aurora. Tickets are just \$8.00 each or two tickets for \$16.00. Catch Freddy at the next couple of meetings if you like pancakes and support the Gateway club.



**OI Junior Golf Fundraiser:** **President Jon** reminded the membership of the fundraising golf tournament to be held on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Park Hill Golf Course. The cost is \$110.00 with net proceeds going to the Optimist International Junior Golf program. The money is used to help send the Colorado/Wyoming district winners to the international tournament in Florida. If you are an avid amateur golfer, serious professional golfer or just an occasional putt-putt golfer, you will have fun at this tournament. Pull down the reservation form attached to GUMS distribution email or just get in contact with **Joe Marci** if you are interested in this event.

**District Conference:** The third quarter District Conference is coming up on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is the conference that hosts the district oratorical winners. The deaf and hard of hearing students will deliver their speeches at lunch and the rest of the winners will deliver their talks after dinner. If that is not enough to draw you to this conference, our very own **Ron Cisco** will join **Paul Simon** in "plucking ducks" at the Duck Pluck for Childhood Cancer Campaign. Editor: *I have it on good authority that Ron is amongst the very best duck plucker's in the entire Rocky Mountain Region.* Remember, if you are registered for the conference, you can be reimbursed for the cost of lunch OR have the

**KEEP CALM AND PLUCK THE DUCK**

same amount offset the cost of dinner. The conference will be held at Denver Marriott West in Golden.

**Csaba Recke Bench:** **Ron Cisco** shared some sad news regarding his former neighbors son who Ron treated as his own grandchild. Casba recently passed away due to heart problems. Ron asked if members would help with placing a friendship bench at Csaba's school in his memory. To that end Ron reports, *"members of MSOC opened their hearts and their wallets this Friday morning, to the tune of \$342.00. I sincerely appreciate your generosity. Some members asked if they could send a check. If you want to send a check please make it out to Legacy Academy, 1975 Legacy Circle, Elizabeth, CO 80107 and put for Csaba Recke Bench. I really appreciate the kind words and thoughts that were expressed to me this Friday morning. My grandson was a very special person and this bench will be a real tribute to him."*

## OI PGI Program: A Tip from Phil Perington

This week we will explore the opportunities for advancement through Service to Youth and Community. **Level IV, Self Development:** allows you to make a brief presentation on "Highlighting the Best Times you've shared with Children since Becoming an Optimist Member." With all the numerous programs your Club has, this should be a no brainer. Take a little time and share your recent personal involvement, with one of those programs, with fellow Club members.

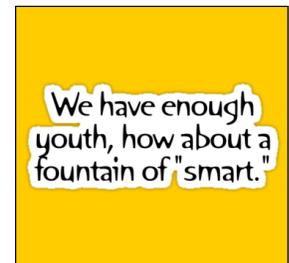
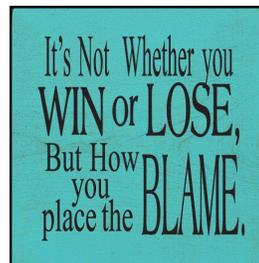
While you are at it, you can follow up by writing an article about your experience for your newsletter or website detailing a District or Zone meeting you have attended as well. This will qualify for the Level V, Communication requirement.

Participation in one additional service project of your Club will also qualify you for the Level V, Activity requirement.

Finally, by making a short presentation on "How Optimism Can Make a Better World" to anyone will automatically qualify for the Level I, Self Development requirement.

Just by doing many of these small things we all make a big difference in our kids' lives!

## APHORISMS FOR THE YEAR...



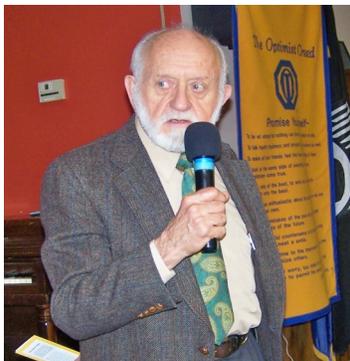
**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS**  
**MONACO SOUTH NEEDS NEW MEMBERS**  
 We need about 10 new members to achieve honor club. So bring your friends, neighbors, sons or grandsons... get them to join and receive a discount on your next year's dues. See Greg Young for details.

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## Our Speaker Ed Augden Colorado Alliance for Retired Americans

**John Stoffel** introduced Ed Augden as our guest speaker this morning. Ed is the president of the Colorado Alliance for Retired Americans. See there webpage at [www.coallianceforretiredamericans.org/](http://www.coallianceforretiredamericans.org/).

Ed retired from Denver Public Schools in 2000 after spending over thirty years in DPS. The Colorado Alliance for Retired Americans is affiliated with the AFL-CIO. Their mission is "To advance public policy that protects the health and economic security of older Americans." The organization reviews legislation that affects seniors, then writes letters, and lobbies the legislature on behalf of seniors. They also sponsor voter drives and organize demonstrations to fight for affordable and accessible prescription drugs, health care through expansion of Medicare and expansion of Social Security systems to provide guaranteed benefits for the remainder of a senior's life.

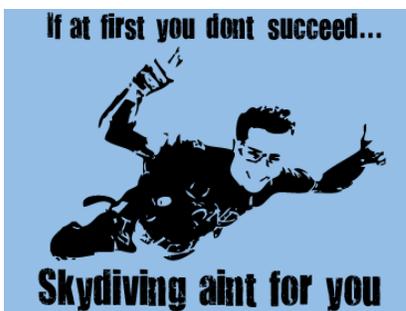


Ed Augden  
Photo Don StJohn

Ed indicated that the Alliance is against the privatization of Social Security and for a single payer national health care system. They believe that "for profit" health providers drive up the cost of health care and that many other countries with socialized health care systems provide superior health care for their citizens. They also fight for protection of pensions, affordable housing, community services, and tax cuts for seniors. Ed and John passed out membership applications. If you would like to join the Alliance, talk with John.



### MORE APHORISMS FOR THE YEAR...



Super Citizen Presenters for May		
May 1 @ 12:45	McMeen	
May 2 @ 2:45	Univ Park	
May 14 @ 2:30	MPB	
May 16 @ 1:00	Lowry	
May 21 @ 8:00	Highline	
May 22 @ 5:30	Hamilton	
<b>Be a Super Citizen Presenter</b> See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 <a href="mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com">gardnerrb@gmail.com</a>		

Weekly Greeters	
5/2/14	Russ Paul & Ralph Pedersen
5/9/14	Terry Shroyer & Harry Arkin
5/16/14	Gary Strowbridge & Keith Gallaway
5/23/14	Robert Wardlaw & Curt Boell
5/30/14	Ron Cisco & Pat Bush
<b>Need Friday morning greeters,</b> see O.C Larson, 303-797-7432 or <a href="mailto:larson1942@comcast.net">larson1942@comcast.net</a>	

May 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies
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
May 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Stan Moore, What Adolph Didn't Do
May 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TJ High School Sullivan Scholarship Winners
May 21	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

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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.