



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado  
Serving Youth and the Community for 39 Years  
Recognized as Outstanding Service Organization in Colorado in 2012

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### Good Morning Optimist

Greeters **Tom Glazier** and **Allan Malask** passed out

OPTIMIST CLUB OF MONACO SOUTH  
MEETS EVERY FRIDAY - 7 TO 8 AM AT THE AMERICAN  
LEGION HALL, I-25 AND YALE (5400 E. YALE)



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

YOUR HOST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Breakfast is complimentary  
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smiles, handshakes, and some of the "invite cards to breakfast." As a reminder for all of us to carry them on our person and spread the news about our

Friday meetings. Share the fun and bring someone new to one of our meetings!

Since it was Comradery Day **Frank Middleton** was there handing out the "mix it up card," a process to get us to locate at a different table.

### Invocation & Pledge

Our invocation came from **Paul Simon**, and had a message encouraging us forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. Paul then led the pledge of allegiance.

### Guests

**Judy Paulson** - Childhood Cancer Campaign co-chair and FRACSOC board member joined us. She let us know that 285 kids a day are diagnosed with cancer. "Providing Care, Finding a Cure" is Ol's motto as they focus time and attention on this issue. Judy also talked up the Touch of Vegas event on May 8<sup>th</sup> to be held at the American Legion. See flyer attached to the newsletter email distribution. It will be \$30 per ticket, and FRACSOC is looking for sponsors and donated items for the silent auction. In addition, if you are interested in being a dealer that evening, let **Paul Simon** know.



**Tim O'Brien** - Candidate running for Denver City Auditor, was another guest. **Paul Bernard** introduced him and he let us know that as a CPA for over 40 years in Colorado he feels qualified to serve as the city's auditor. It is his first time running for office, and he has a goal of auditing the financial activity of the city



Photos Don StJohn

via financial audits and performance audits (currently only performance audits are being done, which are conducted after the project).

### Installation

President **John Oss**, called **Noah Hasselgren** was called to the stage, along with **Gary Miller** and **Curt Merrill**. Gary and Curt sponsored Noah, and witnessed President John conduct the new member induction welcoming Noah to our ranks. We are glad to have you Noah!



From left, Curt Merrill, John Oss, Noah Hasselgren, and Gary Miller.  
Photo Don StJohn

### From the Prez

What a great evening with Donlie on his acceptance of the Silver Beaver Award. On behalf of Monaco South Optimist Club, I thank you. Donlie is a great blessing to our club and all those he serves. You and the Denver Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America did a beautiful thing in recognizing and honoring our dear brother in Optimism, Donlie.

#### Donlie Smith receives The Silver Beaver Award

By Jack Kleinhessel

Donlie Smith has been a member of our Club since 1991. He has served as president, vice-president. Twice he was Optimist of the Year.

On Wednesday, March 18, Donlie received the Silver Beaver Award. This award is made for noteworthy service of exceptional nature to youth, the Boy Scouts of America, and the community for a sustained period. The award was presented by the Denver Area Council (55,000 youth and 11,000 adult volunteers).

Donlie is an Eagle Scout and is especially proud of his Eagle Scout son and grandson.

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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\*\*\*\***

## Donlie Smith continued:

Donlie's active, dedicated and outstanding service to youth began in 1974 and continues to this day—40 years.

He was an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 143 from 1974 to 1976. For the next 15 years he was Scoutmaster and mentored 38 Scouts to the Eagle Rank. As Scoutmaster, Donlie led numerous high-adventure canoe and float trips to Canada, Montana and Wyoming.

Fifteen years ago, Donlie conceived, organized and led the first program to formally recognize those Eagle Scouts who had completed outstanding Eagle Scout Leadership Service Projects for the year. Awards are made by the Club to Eagle Scouts for the best service projects in each of seven districts and one for the overall best project in the Denver Area Council. Initially, these awards were presented at an informal Optimist ceremony. Since 2006, the Awards for Outstanding Eagle Scout Service Projects



Donlie and his grandson.

have been formally presented by the Club President at the Denver Area Council's annual Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet. Hundreds of new Eagle Scouts, their families and friends attend. This continues to be a very popular recognition.

In our Club, Donlie has been active with the Super Citizen Awards, Thanksgiving Dinner and grocery card sales. For 12 years, Donlie was a mentor for Denver Kids, Inc. for boys from single mother homes.

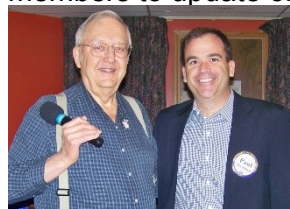
In 1976, Donlie served, by invitation, as a member of the Colorado Centennial Commission. He developed a special Centennial version of a Ruger revolver for collectors. Thousands were sold. The substantial royalties supported the work of the Commission.

**Added comment by John Oss:** Those celebrating with Donlie at the March 18<sup>th</sup> Recognition Dinner of about 500 were family, scouts, and Optimist friends, that included **Jack and Georgia Kleinhessel**, Bob Avery, **Phil Perington**, **Frank Middleton**, **Keith Gallaway**, **Michael Chavez**, **John Walsh**, **John Oss**, and **Tom Overton's** son.

## Announcements

**Hamilton Super Citizen Program:** Tom Mauro reported that Hamilton Middle School had their Super Citizen ceremony last night, with **Karl Geil** presenting and **Wyatt McCallie** taking photos. Tom also conveyed that Hamilton had eight kids participate in the State Spelling Bee, which included the eventual 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place finishers.

**MSOC Directory Update:** Tom also reminded members to update or edit their entries in the directory. He announced that Oscar Sorensen is retiring from his real estate career, so therefore he is giving up the coveted first page location for his business card ad that runs in the directory.



Pictures do not lie. Prez John Oss with the highest bidder, Paul Stratton.  
Photo Don StJohn

A bidding war ensued amongst advertisers/sponsors to try to secure that spot. With Tom conducting a spontaneous live auction, the ad space eventually went to **Paul Stratton**, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones, or was it Perington-Miller & Co. President **Phil Perington**, for \$150. Thank you both for supporting the club.



Donlie and his daughter.  
Photos Michael Chavez

**St. Patrick's Day Parade:** Gary Strowbridge reports on another great year having fun at the St. Patrick's Day parade with one of the biggest crowds we have seen. Many thanks to everyone who scooped poop and participated: **John Oss**, **Craig Eley**, **Bryce Slaby**, **Donlie Smith**, **Kent Gloor**, **Tom Hoch**, **Harry Fegley**, **Pat Bush**, **Allen Yockey**, **Karl Tae** (not a MSOC member...yet), **Russ Paul**

(special thanks to Russ for helping with the pick-up and cleaning, **John Young** - for use of his truck, **Cy Regan** - for his Friday morning kick-off.) And finally, to those who are retired but still with us in spirit: **Don St. John**, **O.C. Larson**, **Fred Pasternack**.

**Western Hoedown:** Frank Middleton shouted out that on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> is the Western Hoedown, which is a great way to get to know other members. Frank assures us that no square dancing experience is required! It is \$23 per ticket, and will be at The Outpost Club, 10101 E Colorado Avenue, see the flyer attached to the distribution email.

**Moving On:** Rod Winget announced that he and his wife are retiring out of the country and this is his final meeting and "swan song." Rod will look to start an Optimist Club in Panama or whatever country he lands in. Good luck to Rod! We will miss your positive energy. Editor: Rod send us updates on your whereabouts!



**Jim VanderKamp:** Bob Finkelmeier let us know that **Jim VanderKamp** is recuperating after a broken pelvis from a skiing fall. Jim's doctor says he is looking at 10-12 weeks of recovery, so send some good thoughts his way. *Get well soon Jim!*



Jim VanderKamp

**Tom Kramis:** Tom Glazier reported that **Tom Kramis** ("Mr. Titanium") is doing well after his injuries and hopes to return to our meetings soon.



Tom Kramis



**Brain Bowl:** Karl Geil emailed that by the time you read this, The Optimist Brain Bowl Season will be over! The once-delayed Championship tournament was held on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Hamilton Middle School. Fifty teams representing 28 different schools competed. The results will follow.

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## Announcements Continued

### Looking for a Book Sale Site: Tom Glazier

asked if anyone knows a site to have a book sale at some time in the near future. Ideally, this would be about 2,000 open square feet that could have some folding tables put up in. If we could use it for two consecutive weekends, again that would be ideal. Would need to have parking in the near vicinity. Open to explore any and all possibilities. Let Tom Know if you have any ideas.

**JDRF Gala:** Ron Gustas and Dick Cohen are looking for help on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. moving stuff from the JDRF office to the Sheraton downtown hotel for the Gala. Items will be moved from the JDRF office located at 2727 Bryant St. (NW of I-25 and Speer Blvd interchange) to the Sheraton Downtown Hotel. To sign-up or request more information please contact either Ron or Dick Cohen. This GALA raises funds to finance research seeking a cure and improved treatment options for the three million American kids and adults with Type 1 Diabetes.

**Monaco South Election:** Oscar Sorensen reminded us that the club elections are coming up next month. He is looking for three board member positions. **Randy Marcove** and **Allan Malask** have put their names in the ring, along with **Don Iley**, president and **Michael Chavez**, vice president. Any others who are interested are welcome, so contact Oscar and get on the ballot.

### Is There A drawing?



In the pot today was \$50, and the two of clubs was the card to find. **Ron Cisco's** name was called twice, so he took two cups. Other cups went to: **Oscar Sorensen, Bryce Slaby, Cy Regan, and Terry Shroyer. Nick Newey and Craig Eley** took a shot at the \$50 but came up empty.

### Weekly Greeters

3/27/15	Ron Cisco & Pat Bush
4/3/15	Phil Perington & John Young
4/10/15	Carl Brown & Frank Ross
Need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or <a href="mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com">jon_wachter@msn.com</a>	

### Super Citizen Presenters March

Mar 25 @ 2:30	MPB	Pat Bush
Mar 26 @ 1:30	McMeen	Rob Gardner
Mar 27 @ 3:00	Bradley	Mark Metevia
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 <a href="mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com">gardnerrb@gmail.com</a>		

Nametag-wearing Kent Gloor went in search of the two of clubs, to no avail.

### Closing Bell

Our guest Judy Paulson started off our creed and the rest of our Friday: *"Promise yourself...."*

### Homographs

Shared by Joe Marci

Homographs are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning. It is also pronounced differently is a heteronym.

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture..
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert..
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong for me to wind the sail.
18. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear..
19. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
20. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it—English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins were not invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which are not sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

— You figure it out —

Mar 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Celeste Archer, National History Day in Colorado  
 Apr 3 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA  
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 Apr 10 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA  
 Apr 11 Sat 5:30 pm Western Barbeque & Hoedown, Outpost Square Dance Club

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bob Safe	1995-96
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Greg Young	2007-08
Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Paul Simon	2012-13
Mark Metevia	1994-95	Jon Wachter	2013-14

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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.