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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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### TODAY'S SPEAKER

Freddie introduced our speaker, Mel Goldberg, who spoke about "SAR EL" (Service for Israel). This program provides civilian volunteers who serve two, three or four weeks in Israel and frees up the Israeli military to perform their primary mission and also helps morale. While on duty at various bases throughout the country, the volunteers wear military uniforms (but are not in the military). They perform "mundane but necessary work" such as sorting and folding clothing, working on equipment, etc.

Mel, who is 83 years old, said that SAR EL is always looking for volunteers to serve and that if he could do it anyone can! Men and women come from all over the world to help and language is not a problem. He mentioned that 30% of the volunteers are not Jewish. The normal work week is Monday through Thursday and week-ends are free for travel in Israel. A normal day consisted of breakfast, work from 8:30 to 11:30, lunch (the main meal), work from 1:30 to 4:30, supper and discussion groups from 7:15 to 9:00. Mel lived in a 4-man rustic hut and thoroughly enjoyed his experience in-country.

Mel mentioned that Colorado is 8 times larger than Israel and about 2 million Muslims (1/3 of the population) live there. The Arab birth rate is 4 times that of the Israelis and does not bode well for the future. TV has lots of Hebrew programming, plus the BBC and some Arab.

Meeting Place - - American Legion Hall Post 1  
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado  
Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

## NEWS THROUGH March 2

### Invocation & Pledge

**Ralph Pedersen** offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our great Flag of the United States of America!

### King Soopers

**Cy Regan** sold \$900 worth of certificates today!

### Wine Tasting

The Denver Tech Center Optimist Club is having its annual wine tasting fund raiser on March 25 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Seasons Café in the Marina square shopping Center (Bellevue and Ulster). Tickets are \$30.00 per person. See Tom Overton, George Buzick, Ron Cisco, Paul Bernard, Kent Gloor or Karl Geil. "Wacky Wines", appetizers and a keepsake wine glass.

### History Day Competition

Denver Public Schools holds its annual History Day competition Saturday, March 17 at Hamilton Middle School. Judges are needed. You need to notify DPS and choose one of two training sessions, Sat a.m. on the 10th or Tuesday evening on the 13th. Contact **Karl Geil** 303-333-1814 for necessary sign-up forms.

### Eagle Scout Dinner

**Donlie** thanked Mike Snipes, Frank Middleton, Greg Hurd and Tom Overton for reviewing 29 Eagle Scout projects and selecting the winners. John Young provided the trophies. Paul Bernard presented the "Outstanding Eagle Projects" at the dinner. Over 600 people attended. Dan Probert of Arvada had the Councils "Outstanding Service Project".

### Essay Contest

"I Want to Make a Difference Because" theme allowed the TJ students an opportunity to share their thoughts on helping others through volunteerism. Our club winner, Gabriella Diaz, did a great job in sharing her thoughts and her essay is now being judged at the District level. Lizzy Whittemore's essay placed second and Alexis Scott-Perry's essay finished third. **Joe Marci** says we will have the winners at one of our breakfast meetings next month.

### Honeymoon Week-end

**Kent Gloor** reminded us of the 20-21 July week-end at Breckenridge. Condos have been reserved at the Mountain Thunder Lodge near the base of the New Breckenridge Gondola and within walking distance of main street. Sign up with one of the committee members: Kent Gloor, Al Gapuzan, Frank Middleton or Greg Young.

### St. Patrick's Day

**Gary Stowbridge** says sign up to be a pooper scooper for the 17 March St. Paddy's Day parade. The un-constipated horses will be worked from 8:00 a.m to 12:00. **Curt Jefferies** asked that anyone not working this event and having one of the white tuxedos to please bring them in next Friday. See **Gary or Ron Carlson** to help out with this fun activity.

### Tri-Star Basketball

**Jack Rife** may need help for the 17 March finals during half-time of the Nuggets/Phoenix Suns game.

### Club Elections

**Oscar Sorensen** has asked anyone interested in serving on the Monaco South Optimist Club Board of Directors to contact him.

## Western States Regional Training Conference/District's 2nd Quarter Conference

The Optimist International President's visit to our District will be combined with the above conferences from Friday, March 30 through Sunday April 1st at the Embassy Suites (I-70 and Havana). Training and informational programs will be offered all day Saturday the 31st for a registration fee of \$15. The programs will include presentations on mentoring programs, new club building, membership and Junior Optimist Octagon International Clubs. The faculty will include Benny Ellerbe, the Executive Director of OI and Ronnie Dunn, the President of OI.

The OI Presidents' banquet will be Saturday night, the 31st and the District's highly coveted C. Milton Morris Award (6 Monaco South members are previous winners of this award) for service to the Colorado Wyoming District will be presented after the dinner.

On Sunday morning, Immediate Past Governor Judy Williams will present the awards earned by Clubs and individuals during her administration, including the Distinguished Club Award to Monaco South.

Registrations and meal reservations need to be received by March 10. Sign up and come out and get to know many area Optimists and have a great time!! Contact **Karl Geil** for more information.

### Speaker Information

**Paul Simon** is our speaker coordinator and he thanked John Moser for coming up with many ideas for speakers. Paul also mentioned that he tries to mix it up, i.e., provide interesting speakers covering many diverse subjects. He asked that if anyone has any ideas on future speakers (not those trying to sell us something) to let him know. Paul tries to schedule speakers a couple months out to make sure we are covered.

*"The United States is like a magnificent place whose occupants are blissfully unaware of the debt they owe to those who are posted at the drawbridge."*

*I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.*

*Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.*

### MONACO SOUTH CALENDAR

Fri, Mar 9	7:00 a.m.	Meeting, Legion Hall, Denver Area Gangs, Rev. Leon Kelly
Thu, Mar 15	2:30 p.m.	<b>Super Citizen</b> , M.P.B., Bruce Prather
Thu, Mar 15	5:30 p.m.	<b>Super Citizen</b> , Hamilton, Cy Regan
Fri, Mar 16	7:00 a.m.	Meeting Legion Hall, Camaraderie Day
Sat, Mar 17	8:00 a.m.	Pooper Scoopers, St. Patricks Day Parade
Sat, Mar 17		Finals, Tri-Star Basketball
Sat, Mar 17		Denver Public Schools annual History Day Competition
Tue, Mar 20	1:15 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.	<b>Super Citizen</b> , Samuels, Gary Strowbridge
Fri, Mar 23	7:00 a.m.	Meeting, Legion Hall, Auditor Candidate, Bill Wells
Fri, Mar 23	9:00 a.m.	<b>Super Citizen</b> , Holm, Frank Ross
Fri, Mar 23	3:00 p.m.	<b>Super Citizen</b> , Bradley, Ed Collins
Sun, Mar 25	3:00 p.m.	Denver Tech Center's annual Wine Tasting, Seasons Cafe
Fri, Mar 30	7:00 a.m.	Meeting, Legion Hall, UPLIGHT Internationale Dr. Richard Bryan (Cleft surgery for Philippine kids)
Fri, Mar 30 through Sun, Apr 1		Western States Regional Training Conference and the District's 2nd Quarter Conference.

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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.

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