



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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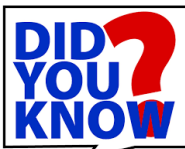


### Good Morning Optimists

Many thanks to **Allen Malask**, who greeted the men of MSOC warmly on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

#### A Bit of Football Trivia

On this day in 1967, at the Los Angeles Coliseum, the Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs in the first-ever world championship game of American football.



In the mid-1960s, the intense competition for players and fans between the National Football League (NFL) and the upstart American Football League (AFL) led to talks of a possible merger. It was decided that the winners of each league's championship would meet each year in a single game to determine the "world champion of football."

In that historic first game—played before a non-sell-out crowd of 61,946 people—Green Bay scored three touchdowns in the second half to defeat Kansas City 35-10. Led by MVP quarterback Bart Starr, the Packers benefited from Max McGee's stellar receiving and a key interception by safety Willie Wood. For their win, each member of the Packers collected \$15,000: the largest single-game share in the history of team sports.

Postseason college games were known as "bowl" games, and AFL founder Lamar Hunt suggested that the new pro championship be called the "Super Bowl." The term was officially introduced in 1969, along with roman numerals to designate the individual games. In 1970, the NFL and AFL merged into one league with two conferences, each with 13 teams. Since then, the Super Bowl has been a face-off between the winners of the American Football Conference (AFC) and the

**I Knew That!**



National Football Conference (NFC) for the NFL championship and the coveted Vince Lombardi Trophy, named for the legendary Packers coach who guided his team to victory in the first two Super Bowls.

### Camaraderie Day

**Frank Middleton** was passing out cards today. No, not business cards—playing cards. You know what that means—*Cam-a-rad-er-ie*. The seating chart was mixed up, but the greetings were still warm.

#### Invocation & Pledge

Prez **Michael Chavez** began our meeting with an invocation on living our optimism every day. He then led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

#### Introduction of Guests

This week there were three:

- ◇ James Richardson, who recently retired from the VA, was a guest of **Frank Middleton**.
- ◇ Tim Settle, a friend and guest of **Jon Wachter**.
- ◇ Dan McKenzie, an estate and trust attorney, guest of **Paul Stratton**.

#### From the Prez

Prez **Michael Chavez** received a thank you letter from Girls Inc., which he read and passed around. It was a thank you for our for the turkey dinner that we served to the Girls Inc. members and their families.

#### Announcements

**Wives & Friends to Breakfast:** **Craig Eley** says "mark your calendars"! Sweethearts to breakfast is coming up on Friday morning, February 12<sup>th</sup>. More details, including the location, and price, to follow.

**Brain Bowl:** **Karl Geil** reported on the Brain Bowl - One tournament down and three to go. The North Regional tournament of the Optimist Brain Bowl was held at Standlee Lake High School on January 9, 2016. There were 89 teams, approximately 445 students from 16 different schools competed. The list of winners is attached. Overall, the day went very smoothly with few hiccups, thanks to our excellent volunteers. However, there are three more tournaments to go: Central on January 30 at Arapahoe High School in Littleton, South on February 6 at Horizon Middle School in Colorado Springs, and the



**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\*\*\***

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## Announcements Continued

Championship tournament on February 20 at Hamilton Middle School.

MSOC members who worked at the North Region Optimist Brain Bowl were: **Noel Hasselgren, Craig Eley, Harry Fegley, Tom Overton, Kent Gloor, Lee Claymore, John Greene, Pat Bush, Barry Barker, Don Iley, Everett Gardner, Paul Bernard, Randy Marcove, Curt Merrill, George Buzick, John Oss, Bob Avery, Allen Pierce, David Telpner, Phil Perington, Bob Meyer, Paul Simon, and Karl Geil.** MSOC contributed 23 of the 158 volunteers at the tournament, over 14.5 percent of the total.

**Special Olympics Polar Plunge: Mike McMahon** shared a thanks to all of the club members who have committed to sponsoring him for the Special Olympics Polar Plunge thus far. *Jon Wachter* is the highest donor thus far, and Mike is looking for someone to best Jon's pledge of \$57. He is also looking for jumpers to join him in the cold, icy water. You can sponsor Mike at a meeting or online.



1. Go to <http://www.specialolympicsco.org/give/polar-plunge/>.
2. Click on Aurora Polar Plunge
3. Click on "Sponsor a Plunger"
4. Search for Mike McMahon

Thanks you for supporting the athletes of Special Olympics Colorado!

**Recognition of Frank Ross: Wyatt McCallie**, sporting a new titanium hip, took to the stage and called up a familiar-looking out of town named **Frank Ross**—former MSOC member. Wyatt gave us "*the rest of the story*" when it come to Frank's efforts with the Brain Bowl buzzer system that indisputably answers the question of which team buzzes in first. These were custom made by Frank, and now that he has moved to Pennsylvania, three people have taken up the task of maintaining the system.



Wyatt McCallie sharing "the rest of the story," about Frank Ross in background. Photo Don StJohn

Frank started as a volunteer runner for the Brain Bowl when his wife was a Tamarac Club member. He felt the buzzer system could be improved and took that task seriously, and soon started off making 10 units in a month.

Wyatt asked us to stand up and give everyone around you a thank you for all of the things we do. He then led a standing ovation for Frank!

**Dime-A-Day: Greg Young**, standing in for **Perry Allen**, gave a dime a day reminder. That is \$36.50 for those of you who struggle with math, or as many as our in this jar. Make your check to Optimist International, and Greg will get you a pin.



**Looking for Friday Speakers:** **Paul Bernard** encouraged club members who may have interesting stories to share to talk to him about being a speaker at an upcoming Friday meeting. He shared that the pay is good and the audience is terrific! So see Paul!

## January Birthdays

Our January birthdays are included: **Kevin Koalenz, Joe Marci, Bill McGroarty, Allen Pierce, John Stoffel, Jim VanderKamp, Jon Wachter, and John Walsh.**



Additionally, Friend of Optimist member **Leo Hagele** was reported to be 93 in the January, 1<sup>st</sup> issue of *GUMS*, but it was discovered he really turned 95 on January 5, 2016. Happy Birthday to all!

## Drawing

As the Camaraderie Day came to a close the Ace of Hearts was the goal for finding \$40 in this week's pot. Those who did not go for the big money were: **Bill Morgan, Gary Strowbridge, John Stoffel, Dick Nickoloff, Paul Gibson, and Joe Marci** took the cups. Those drawing for the \$40 were: **Matt Spapanato** and **Allen Malask**, without success.

Although **Steve Kady** was wearing his nametag, but alas - no luck.

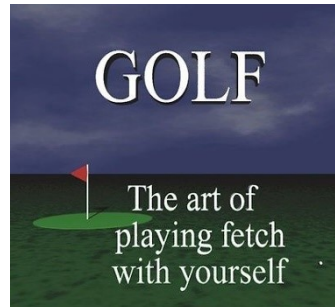


## Closing Creed

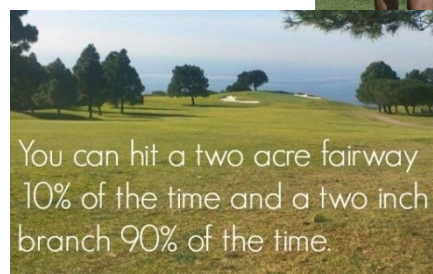
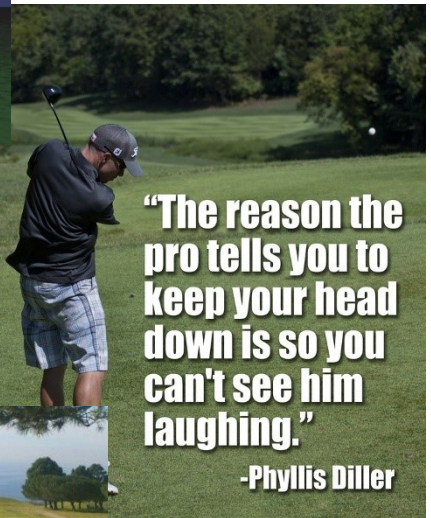
**Don Thomson** started us off on our Optimist creed - "Promise Yourself..."

## Golf Humor

Since the golfers are trying to get some warmer weather we thought we would share some Golf Humor.



The art of playing fetch with yourself



You can hit a two acre fairway 10% of the time and a two inch branch 90% of the time.



## Military Quotes

- ⇒ "Any ship can be a minesweeper. Once." - unknown
- ⇒ "Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do." - Unknown Marine Recruit
- ⇒ "Don't draw fire; it irritates the people around you."
- ⇒ "If you see a bomb technician running, follow him." - USAF Ammo Troop
- ⇒ "You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3." - Paul F. Crickmore (test pilot)
- ⇒ "The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire."
- ⇒ "Blue water Navy truism: There are more planes in the ocean than submarines in the sky." - From an old carrier sailor
- ⇒ "If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter - and therefore, unsafe."
- ⇒ "When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane, you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash."
- ⇒ "Without ammunition, the USAF would be just another expensive flying club."
- ⇒ "What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots? If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies; If ATC screws up.... The pilot dies."
- ⇒ "Never trade luck for skill."
- ⇒ The three most common expressions (or famous last words) in aviation are: "Why is it doing that?", "Where are we?" And "Oh S...!"
- ⇒ "Weather forecasts are horoscopes with numbers."
- ⇒ "Airspeed, altitude and brains - two are always needed to complete the flight successfully."
- ⇒ "Mankind has a perfect record in aviation; we never left one up there!"
- ⇒ "Flashlights are tubular metal containers kept in a flight bag to store dead batteries."
- ⇒ "Flying the airplane is more important than radioing your plight to a person on the ground who is incapable of understanding or doing anything about it."
- ⇒ "The Piper Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you." - Attributed to Max Stanley (Northrop test pilot)
- ⇒ "A pilot who doesn't have any fear probably isn't flying his plane to its maximum." - Jon McBride, astronaut
- ⇒ "If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible." - Bob Hoover (renowned aerobatic and test pilot)
- ⇒ "A slipping gear could let your M203 grenade launcher fire when you least expect it. That would make you quite unpopular in what's left of your unit." - Army's magazine of preventive maintenance.
- ⇒ "Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than you."
- ⇒ "There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime." - Sign over squadron ops desk at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1970
- ⇒ "If something hasn't broken on your helicopter, it's about to."
- ⇒ Basic Flying Rules: "Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there."

### January Super Citizen Presenters

Jan 20 @ 8:00	Highline	John Oss
Jan 20 @ 2:30	MPB	Joe Marci
Jan 20 @ 3:00	Bradley	Everett Gardner
Jan 28 @ 3:00	McMeen	Joe Marci

**Be a Super Citizen Presenter**  
**See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203**  
[gardnerrb@gmail.com](mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com)

### Weekly Greeters

1/15/16	Everett Gardner & Tom Glazier
1/22/16	Gary Strowbridge & Chris Dunphy
1/29/16	Allen Malask & Ed Collins
2/5/16	John Oss & ?

**Help, Help, Help — we need**  
**Friday morning greeters,**  
**see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or**  
[jon\\_wachter@msn.com](mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com)

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

Jan 21	Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Jan 23	Sat	9:30 am	Brain Bowl Reader Training, Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E. Dartmouth Avenue
Jan 30	Sat	6:45 am	Brain Bowl, Central Regional, Arapahoe High School, 2201 E. Dry Creek Road
Feb 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 6	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl, South Regional, Horizon High School, 1750 Pinos Drive, Colorado Springs
Feb 12	Fri	7:00 am	Valentine's Day Wives' to Breakfast: 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.