



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimists



Today, Friday April 29, 2016 is Arbor day in the United States and for people all over the world! On Arbor Day, communities are encouraged to plant trees and recognize the value of trees and forests around their homes and in their cities and countries. See more on this DIPNote, [CLICK HERE](http://blogs.state.gov/stories/2016/04/29/arbor-day-2016-celebration-forests-trees-and-plants): <http://blogs.state.gov/stories/2016/04/29/arbor-day-2016-celebration-forests-trees-and-plants>. Or, The Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE <http://www.arborday.org/>.

However, it is a bit cold and wet for planting trees in this area. Ah yes, *Springtime in the Rockies* with a snow/rain mix; but, we are greeted warmly this morning by **Chris Dunphy** and **Frank Middleton**.

### First Bell & Invocation

**President Michael Chavez** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. **Eldon Strong** delivers the invocation this morning. *Giver of Life, let us not forget that for centuries untold generations have built communities that will eventually be taken over by the youth of today. Give us Time to Aid them in developing so they may carry on and build upon them. Each generation learns from us and will take what they deem good and cast out the bad. Help us to carry this idea for today and for the future.*

### Pledge of Allegiance

**Eldon Strong** then leads us in the **Pledge of Allegiance**. *"I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."*



### From the Prez

President **Michael** tells us about yesterday's tour to Canyon City and the tour of the Colorado Correctional Industries operation. The program brings hope for the inmates and continues to shine as an example. More on this later.

Michael also tells us that in the recent *Optimist Interna-*

*tional Magazine* our **David Bruton Book Drive** that **Steve Kady** led was featured with a full page story. Thanks to **Steve** and **Paul Simon** for submitting the story and bringing light to another great program for kids in our community.

On Saturday, April 30, the **Know Brainer** will be held at Hamilton Middle School. The event begins at 8 a.m., volunteers arrive at 7:30 and 90 students from various schools will be in attendance.

Also on that same Saturday, the **CO-WY District Finals of the Oratorical Contest** begin at 1 p.m. at the All Saints Lutheran Church, 15625 E Iliff Ave., in Aurora.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> the Thomas Jefferson High School Senior Awards Ceremony will announce the **Sullivan Scholarship Award** winners. The event will be at the Radisson Hotel Southeast, located I-225 and Parker Road, at 7 p.m.

President Michael shares that Optimist Club of South Monaco will be awarded the **Helen Phelps Award** as an Outstanding Service Organization from the Denver Teachers' Awards program on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Those interested in attending should contact Michael and reserve their seat. It will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel, 3203 Quebec Street. **Tom Mauro** also mentions that this is DPS' highest award and encourages members to attend. Along with that he adds, Monaco South will award our **Outstanding Teacher Award** to a teacher from University Park, so get out and support the club and DPS teachers!

Michael reminds us that the **Gateway Optimist Club** is having a Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, May 14 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Village Inn at Mississippi and I-225. Michael has tickets and they are \$8 per person.

Optimist Club of Monaco South will be at City Park on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> with a tent and all the trimmings to **Welcome Kaitlyn Morgan**, daughter of Bill Morgan, as she finishes her leg of the MS Run the US. See <http://www.msruntheus.com/>.



As we learned when Kaitlyn spoke to us at our April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the **MS Run the US**, is a non-profit organization committed to raising disease awareness and funds to further research in the fight to end multiple sclerosis (MS). Monaco South members can donate on behalf of recently departed loved, i.e., **Pat Sorensen** and **Jean Arkin**. More details regarding the club's activities on May 29, will follow.

**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

**McMeen Elementary Super Citizen:** Don Thomson gave a recap of yesterday's Super Citizen assembly at McMeen Elementary. One recipient was able to have his entire family present at the ceremony, a very proud moment for all who attended including **Pat Bush, Mike White** and **Dave Peck**. Don also encouraged any member who is interested to come out and see how the *Know Brainer* works and helps kids.

**CO-WY Junior Golf:** Joe Marci reminds us that two events are coming up that will benefit Junior Golf. The first will be the CO-WY District Optimist Golf Scramble on Tuesday, May 24, at Park Hill Golf Club. The second is *Optimist Day at the Rockies*, Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Joe has 200 ticket for this game. See Joe and support the Junior Golf program.

**New Directory Available:** Craig Eley tells us the new club directory is out and he invites those members to pick up a copy. A pdf file version will be made available on the OCMS webpage in the next few weeks.

**Colorado Correctional Industries Tour:** Bob Avery recaps the tour of CCI yesterday and thanks those who attended: **Michael Chavez, Jack and Georgia Kleinheksel, Jack and Kathy Rife, Paul Gibson, Dick Nickoloff, and John Greene**. The group toured the medium security area and were able to see the furniture making facility. CCI is a combination of more than 60 programs, manufacturing goods and providing services to thousands of government and/or non-profit customers in Colorado. This wide diversity includes office furniture, metal fabricated goods, printing, leather products and much more. Bob points out that the pride of workmanship that is evident from the inmates involved with the program is terrific. It is a source of hope for these men and provides training that gives them real life experience for when they are released.

**Recycle your Optimist International Magazine:** Ron Cisco, who heads up our new member orientation program, asks members to bring in their old *OI Magazine's*. The Magazine is then handed out with new member packets. By the way, you can always review the *OI Magazine* at <http://www.optimist.org/e/member/magazine.cfm>.

Ron also mentioned that he has received his first check for supporting the CO-WY Golf program. Let's get those sponsorship opportunity going.

**CO-WY 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference:** Paul Simon talks about the upcoming District Conference, on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. The 3rd Quarter Conference will be at Maggiano's Little Italy, I-25 and Dry Creek. The conference will feature *OI* Vice President **Al Clark**. Also featured will be the CO-WY Oratorical contest winner and the Communication Contest winner for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing. KUSA-Channel 9's **Amelia Earhart** will also speak. Registration is \$30, of which the club will reimburse you \$25, cost goes up to \$35 after April 31<sup>st</sup>. You can register online at district website [www.optimistcowy.org](http://www.optimistcowy.org).

Paul also mentions the Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> Casino

Night to benefit CO-WY Childhood Cancer. The event will be held at the South Metro Denver Realtor Association, 4899 S. Lincoln Court. Tickets are \$35 and includes \$1,000 of chips. Food, prizes, entertainment, and a whole lot of fun. Tickets can be purchased early or you can purchase them at the door. Paul puts a plea in for volunteers to deal Blackjack, half of the admission will be discounted for those who help out.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference:** Greg Young steps up to give us a clarification on the upcoming District Conference saying, if you register before the end of the month the club will reimburse you \$25 big ones. So sign up now and learn about how much more Optimism can offer you. Also, **Max Tucker**, this morning speaker, will be in attendance to deliver his speech for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Oratorical Contest. He won the club's contest and will now compete in the District competition.

**Special Olympics:** Mike McMahon mentioned the Special Olympics will hold a track meet in Brighton on May 14<sup>th</sup> and they need volunteers to help with the operation. It is called the *Denver Metro Athletics Meet* and will be held 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Brighton High School Stadium. See Mike for details.

**DTC Wine Tasting:** John Oss announced that the DTC club will host their wine tasting event May 21<sup>st</sup>. Funds go to help the DTC club.

**Super Citizen Program Coordinator's:** Robert Wardlaw asked all SC coordinators to please talk with him regarding school supplies donated by Office Depot. They are available to distribute to students who need them. Thanks goes to **Karl Geil** and Office Depot.

## Drawing

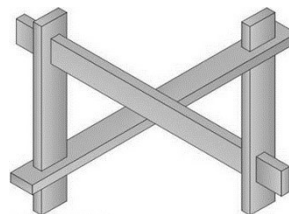
President **Michael** asks, "Do we have a drawing?"



And yes, we do have a drawing this morning and there is a pot totaling \$70. The Lucky Card this week is **King of Hearts**. Members who hold winning tickets this morning include: **Don Thomson, John Walsh, Jack Kleinheksel** (twice), **Craig Eley, Steve Kady, and Scott Walker**. No winner of the pot is awarded this week.

**Craig Eley** then draws Dr. **Rob Gardner's** name from the plastic jug for wearing his name tag, to pick the lucky card for the \$70, but he comes up empty! Next week we move to \$80.

## More of M.C. Escher



A rear construction technique.



And another, note the center beam disappears, look from left to right.



## Max Tucker

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Oratorical Contest Presenter

Our speaker this morning is Max Tucker. Max recently won the OCMS Deaf & Hard of Hearing Oratorical Contest and presents his speech on the *Bringing the Best Out in Others* at the upcoming CO-WY Conference.

Max tells us about the ability to bring out good in others and how that plays such a positive role in his life. Max recounts that by positive interaction with those that are not being particularly nice can in turn create better experiences. By him, working hard on challenges he is able to influence his friends to work hard. By him, being good and doing right influences others to be better and more positive. He brings out the best in others and helps with the overall good experience his circle enjoys.

As Max continues, it becomes apparent that his de-



Max Tucker  
Photos Steve Kady

meanor calms and his delivery becomes calm. Max is able to convey his message and tell us what he can do to improve his circle of influence. How impressive it is to see this young man come into a large gathering of strangers and deliver a positive message that has impacted him and in turn his friends and family.

Thank you Max and continued success!



At right, Max's proud mother looks on as he shares his thoughts on "Bringing the Best Out in Others."

## Heavens to Murgatroyd!



Would you believe the spell checker did not recognize the word "murgatroyd"? Here are some "Lost Words" from our childhood: Words gone as fast as the buggy whip! Sad really! The other day a not so elderly (65) lady said something to her son about driving a *Jalopy* and he looked at her quizzically and said what the heck is a *Jalopy*? OMG (new) phrase! He never heard of the word *jalopy*! She knew she was old but not that old. Well, I hope you are *Hunky Dory* after you read this and chuckle.

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included, *Don't touch that dial*, *Carbon copy*, *You sound like a broken record*, and *Hung out to dry*.

Back in the olden days we had a lot of *moxie*. We'd put on our best bib and tucker to *straighten up and fly right*. *Heavens to Betsy!* *Gee whillikers!* *Jumping Jehoshaphat!* *Holy moley!* We were *In like Flynn*, and *Living the life of Riley*, and even a regular guy couldn't accuse of being a *knucklehead*, or a *nincompoop*, or a *pill*. *Not for all the tea in China!*

Back in the olden days, life used to be *swell*, but when's the last time anything was *swell*?

*Swell* has gone the way of *beehives*, *pageboys* and the D.A. of *spats*, *knickers*, *fedoras*, *poodle skirts*, *saddle shoes*, and **pedal pushers**.

Oh, *my aching back*. *Kilroy was here*, but he isn't anymore. We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, *Well I'll be a monkey's uncle!* or, *This is a fine kettle of fish!* we discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind.

We blink, and they're gone. Where have all those phrases gone? Long gone: *Pshaw*, *The milkman did it*. *Hey! It's your nickel*. Don't forget to *pull the chain*. *Knee high to a grasshopper*. Well, *Fiddlesticks!* *Going like sixty*. I'll see you in the funny papers. *Don't take any wooden nickels*.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than *Carter has liver pills*. This can be disturbing stuff!

We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeable times. For a child each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that one strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging.

*See ya later, alligator!* *After while crocodile!*

Now isn't that funny as all get out? *You Katzenjammer Kid?*

### May Super Citizen Presenters

May 18 @ 1:00	Samuels	Joe Marci
May 18 @ 2:30	MPB	Dave Peck
May 19 @ 2:15	Univ. Park	Dave Peck
May 19 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Curt Merrill
May 26 @ 9:00	Lowry	Paul Stratton

### Weekly Greeters

5/6/16	Ed Collins & Allen Malask
5/13/16	Aaron Beery & Craig Eley
5/20/16	Eldon Strong & Jim Vander Kamp
5/27/16	Bob Avery & Kent Gloor

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

May 6 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Colorado State Patrol Trooper
May 13 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TJHS Essay Contest Winners
May 14 Sat	8:00 am	CO-WY 3rd Quarter Conference, Maggiano's Little Italy, 7401 S. Clinton, Englewood, CO
May 19 Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
May 20 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
May 27 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA



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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.