



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 37 Years  
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Editor for this Issue—John Oss



### Good Morning Optimist Welcome on this Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Craig Eley and Frank Ross welcomed all comers.

Rod Winget was helping out, as Craig and Frank were showing him the ropes. The greeter role is a great way to meet the membership so be sure to sign up when OC Larson asks. Currently greeters are need for the duration of the summer months.



### First Bell

President Jon Wachter asked us to greet our fellow Optimists and guests alike! Moving about a bit gets the blood flowing and helps all to feel there is something in them.

### Invocation & Pledge

Past CO-WY District Governor Tom Overton (2002-

2003), shared a prayer for this father's day weekend ... *We are thankful to our fathers for instilling in us many positive traits. We give thanks for the lessons and values learned that they have passed on to us.*

### Guests

Bob Avery started to introduced Jim Kelton, then he stopped, because he was looking for some Danes in the crowd. That got a good laugh. An oxymoron? Strange, after Bob introduced Jim, Bob handed Jim the microphone. A quick thank you and the microphone went back to Bob. Prez Jon shared in jest, that death is something some people fear more than public speaking.

Then Prez Jon hit his stride. He walked right to the back of the room where he pointed out Tom Kramis. Tom was visiting again and filling out his Optimist application. It was in Greg Young's hand long enough to scan and send to the board for a vote this coming Wednesday evening. His application was in this editor's hand soon enough to see the spelling of Tom's last name, "Kramis." Tom is a full time student at Metro State in Denver. He is studying Urban Renewal. In addition, Tom likes skiing, travel, and currently trims trees and landscape design to earn a little money. Tom's sponsor is Jon Wachter. That is great leadership from our Prez. Greg Young let us know that we still need 15 more new members to be an honor club, and if Ron

Cisco gets the new club going, we would possibly be a "Distinguished Club" once again for the third year in a row. *Let's all pitch in by bringing others to Monaco South!*

### From the Prez

Thank You Cards: The American Diabetes Association Director

thanked our membership for contributing \$1,220. These dollars went to send kids to camp. We can thank Ron Gustas and Dick Cohen for informing us of the opportunity to help. Those individual donations add up and are appreciated.

Hamilton Middle School thanked our club for commitment to their Excellence in Reading program. We hear many reports, but there are many Optimist efforts that go on under the radar that support programs like this.

Sympathy Card: Joe and Donna Priester, from the Academy Club in Colorado Springs, expressed sympathy for our club's loss of Bill Culbertson. Bill was one of our charter members.

### Super Zone Meeting

The District Super Zone was held last Saturday at the Elks club in Silverthorne. President Jon Wachter and Past President Paul Simon reported that they were joined by Past District Governor and President Phil Perington, Fred Pasternack, and John Oss, and his wife Ruth. Governor Elect Abigail Nicholas was also in attendance. Abigail shared, that unfortunately husband Kent Gloor fell over an audio speaker the night before and he did not feel up to

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Guest Jim Kelton acknowledges the members, while host, Bob Avery, right, looks on. Prez Jon Wachter is in the background.

Photo John Oss

### ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS MONACO SOUTH NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

We need 15 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. Don't forget, for only \$100, you can make them a *Friend of Optimist*, and it counts too! See Greg Young for details.

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\*\*\*\*

## Super Zone Meeting Continued

making trip up the hill. Editor: *Hope you are doing okay Kent!* Too bad, there was much fun to be had by all. Paul Simon narrated a skit featuring Abigail Nicholas, Dennis Hutton, and Larry Brown.



Paul Simon, right, narrates, while Dennis, Larry, and Abigail play their parts to get the message of Optimism out.

Photo John Oss

The devil, Larry, came up with a lot of suggested excuses for new member candidate Dennis to walk away from the angle, who else but Abigail, and her invitation to join in Optimism. Paul interjected that cross club experiences and support are important for all clubs and members. Editor: *We learn from and draw strength from one another. Our club has much to give and gain from such district level gatherings. Just in this skit, Denver, Colorado Springs, and Buena Vista were represented. Stay tuned, Cheyenne is next.*

## Announcements

**Junior Golf at Boulder Flatirons:** Ron Cisco reported 104 kids took part this past week. The 15-18 year old girl winner shot a 73. The 14-15 year old boy winner shot a 69. A pair of 15-18 year old boys tied with 69. The Colorado Golf Association sent 15 people to help officiate the tournament. **Joe Marci, Barry Barker, and Ron** were there from Monaco.

**Optimist Day at Coors Field:** Ron Cisco said on Monday, June 23 at 6:40 p.m., the Colorado Rockies will play the St Louis Cardinals. This baseball game supports our Junior Golf Program. Anyone who wants tickets should contact **Joe Marci** at 303-771-3748. Seats are available in the upper level infield above home plate or the right field mezzanine for \$21. Out-field box seats cost \$33. Checks should be payable to Optimist Junior Golf. Come on out to see some fine baseball! Editor: *My fingers are crossed!*

**HOBY Leadership Seminar:** Paul Bernard reported a seminar was held last Saturday at the Colorado Christian University. Paul heads up our Optimist participation. Those participating were **John and Ruth Oss, Karl Geil and his wife Lesley, George Buzick, Ron Cisco, Andy McKean, Mark Metevia, and Paul.**

**Rockies Giveaway:** Michael Chavez reported we had a full contingent to hand out *Sasquatch Bubble-*



*head Dolls, as shown on the left, at the Rockies game last Sunday. Many brought wives and friends. Paul Simon, Barry Barker, Curt Boell, John Greene, Greg Young, Ron Gustas, Pat Bush, John Oss, Tom Hoch, Donlie Smith, John Swick, Ed Collins,*

**Kent Gloor, Gary Strowbridge, Karl Geil, Bob Avery, Gary Miller, Bill Anderson, Jack Kittchell, Mark Metavia, OC Larson, Don Thomson, Scott Walker, and of course Michael Chavez.**

## CO-WY MS Chapter 150 Bike Ride: Michael

**Chavez** also reminded us that the Club's hydration stop for the MS 150 will be on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. and are meeting at Silver Creek High School, 4901 Nelson Road in Longmont. **Eldon Strong** was parading about showing off his t-shirt from a past ride, see below.



Photo John Oss

**Les Larson**, on the left, was so taken with the t-shirt, that he claimed he might ride. Les, are you riding with Freddie this year? Fred was right in there with another fine shirt from another year. Take a look at the many pictures taken

by **Craig Eley** with many of the riders and our members from the MS150 last year — [CLICK HERE](#).

**Dime-A-Day: Fred Pasternak**, decked out in a MS 150 shirt, shared that he had a check made out to the March of Dimes. Editor: *Come on Freddie; do not work both sides of the street. Casey Funk is a nice guy, but cut him a little slack. Just let him replace the check with one made out to the foundation.* Freddie knows all this through personal participation.

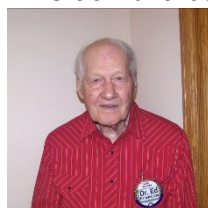


Photo John Oss

As a side note, **Phil Perington** is knowledgeable on several ways of benefiting our Optimist cause through the foundation. Phil had a nice table with material for the various options up at the Super Zone meeting last weekend. Both Fred and Phil are good sources for information and materials.

## Happy Birthday to Dr. Ed Fankhauser OCMS Founder

On Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> **Dr. Ed** will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. He mounts his throne each week, in the single seat pew in a back corner of the room, wearing his ever cheerful countenance. Dr. Ed was a charter member of the Happy Canyon Optimist Club and founder of Monaco South in 1976. Dr. Ed endured the proverbial Monaco South Happy Birthday serenade. Editor: *May we all grow by and be grateful for his leadership example!*



Dr. Ed Fankhauser  
Photo Don StJohn

## New Member Harry Arkin

**Harry Arkin**, on left, was presented with his certificate of membership by **Prez Jon Wachter**. Harry was sworn into membership, but the formal certificate is just now in his hands. Harry said he is going to hang his certificate up in a place of honor in his office today.



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## Our Speaker, Mike Cheroutes Sr. Manager, Colorado Dept. of Transportation

**Bob Avery** introduced our speaker, **Mike Cheroutes**, Head of Special Projects for Colorado Department of Transportation. Mike related many details about the many joint, private and government, ventures to add toll lanes in high traffic areas of the state. Highway 36 from Denver to Boulder is currently under construction. I-70 into the mountains is in a planning stage. A dozen other projects are in the works. A bit of Googling for Mike Cheroutes and Colorado can expose details on many projects. Here are just a few:

- *High-Performance Transportation Enterprise* @ <http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/high-performance-transportation-enterprise-hpte>
- *Public-finance expert to head Colorado's new transportation group* @ [http://www.denverpost.com/ci\\_16076828](http://www.denverpost.com/ci_16076828)
- *Critics Attack 50-Year Deal On Boulder Turnpike*



Photo Don StJohn

@ <http://denver.cbslocal.com/2014/02/13/critics-attack-50-year-deal-on-boulder-turnpike/>

The audio of his presentation at MSOC can be heard here: [click to hear](#). There is a lot of wisdom and information from the top man on the subject. That is what we get from our top shelf speakers.



Mike accepted our appreciation in the form of a cup with our creed printed on the side.

Photo John Oss

### Weekly Drawing

There was \$140 in the big pot with the queen of diamonds being king of the deck. **Cy Regan, Karl Geil, Nick Newey, Barry Barker, Lynn Jones, Gary Strowbridge, Tom Hoch, and Mark Metevia** all had good numbers. After Cy and Karl did not find the queen, the rest wised up and took a cup. **Bob Avery** had on his badge, but the queen evaded his grasp.

### A Bit of Humor

#### Advice to an Old Guy...

An old guy (not in the best of shape) was working out in the gym, when he spotted a sweet young thing.

He asked his male trainer, "What machine in here should I use to impress that sweet thing over there?"

The trainer looked him up and down and replied, "I would try the ATM in the lobby."

#### Oh My Gosh, I'm Rich...

Silver in the hair, Gold in the teeth, Crystals in the kidneys, Sugar in the blood, Lead in the butt, Iron in the arteries, and, an inexhaustible supply of natural gas. I never thought I'd accumulate such wealth!



### Which direction is this car going? Shared by Peter Dimond



### Weekly Greeters

6/20/14	Karl Geil & Jeff Johnston
6/27/14	Berry Barker & Joe Marci
7/4/14	?
7/11/14	?
Need Friday morning greeters, see O.C Larson, 303-797-7432 or <a href="mailto:larson1942@comcast.net">larson1942@comcast.net</a>	

June 18	Wed	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
June 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
June 23	Mon	6:40 pm	Optimist Day at Coors Field - See Joe Marci
June 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Excellence in Education Award
June 29	Sun	7:00 am	CO-WY MS 150 Hydration Station, Silver Creek HS, 4901 Nelson Road, Longmont, CO
July 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Pending

Happy July 4th

**Past Presidents of the  
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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		

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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.