

Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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MSOC Sweethearts Breakfast at the
 Citron Bistro

Good Morning Optimist

The Monaco South Optimists who attended this Friday's breakfast were a good-looking, well-behaved, and a nattily-attired bunch. How could that be? Well, their appearance was greatly enhanced by the presence of a great many sweethearts and significant others, as we celebrated Valentine's Day.



On left, Donagene and Al Gapuzan, along with dapper Freddy Pasternack. In the foreground are Dr. Ed and Jeannie Fankhauser.

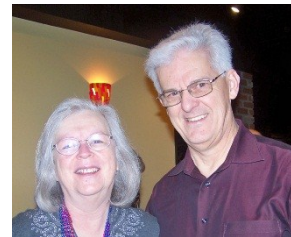
Photos Don StJohn & John Oss

Fred Pasternack recited our invocation and **Tom Overton**, the morning's ringleader, led the Pledge. **Claire and John Young** provided decorations and goodies for the tables, including vases and flowers

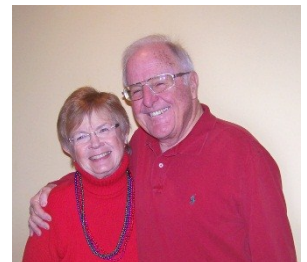
that lit up at a touch. John also had some handouts on *HUGGING* (the perfect cure for whatever ails you) and Gifts to Give Someone You Love. **Craig Ely** provided Valentine trivia questions, and Citron Bistro provided eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, and lots of pastries.



Pat and Mary Jean Sullivan



Mike and Sheila Short



Bill and Kathy Anderson



Les and Ruth Larson



Pres. Paul Simon and Debbie Reinberg

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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MSOC Sweethearts Breakfast continued

After breakfast, **Claire Young** tickled the ivories and led the group in renditions of *Ain't She Sweet*, *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*, *I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing* and *Love Me Tender*. Editor: Not only do our club members look better in the presence of their sweethearts, their singing improves too! No one was observed covering their ears - that's progress!

Tom Overton used a very scientific method to award the flowers on the center of each table (provided by Tom and Sheryl) - the prizes went to:

- ♥ **Bob Avery**
- ♥ **Peter Dimond**
- ♥ **Al Gapuzan**
- ♥ **John Greene**
- ♥ **Jack Kitchell**
- ♥ **OC Larson**
- ♥ **Wyatt McCallie**
- ♥ **Gary Miller**
- ♥ **Fred Pasternack**
- ♥ **Don St. John**
- ♥ **Don Thomson**

Joe Marci shared some quotes from children, when they were asked, *"What does love mean?"*

- ◇ *"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other."* Karl - age 5
- ◇ *"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth."* Billy - age 4
- ◇ *"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen."* Bobby - age 7
- ◇ *"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well."* Tommy - age 6
- ◇ *"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."* Jessica - age 8

Announcements

Brain Bowl Championship: President **Paul** made a plea for additional volunteers for the February 23rd Brain Bowl Championship at Douglas County High School, Castle Rock, CO - we are far short of the goal! Please lend a hand that Saturday. Let Paul know and get more details.

Liberty Day: **Andy McKean** announced that Liberty Day will be Wednesday March 13th at 9:00 a.m. at the State Capitol with 120 kids participating. If you want to go on a tour of the Capitol let Any know and be there at 11:00 a.m. There is room for 30 adults. Governor **Phil Perington** announced that **Barry Barker** is now the new chair of the Liberty Day committee. *Thanks for stepping up Barry!*

JDRF Optimist Club Building: **Ron Gustas** says that on either March 19th or 26th the JDRF club will have it's charter date. Sign up or bring new members as a great new club is launched!

The Polar Plunge: **Mike McMahon** is going to be Freezing for a reason! February 23rd is the Polar Plunge. If you signed up, also register on line - look for an email from Mike with instructions. The event benefits Special Olympics, so if you are making a donation please make your check out to them.

Oratorical Contest: **Keith Gallaway** let us know that March 1st at TJHS is the Oratorical contest from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Students from GW, South and TJ will be participating. Keith and **Frank Rowe** are still looking for a few more helpers, so please sign up.



Tri-Star Basketball: **Michael Chavez** reminded us that Tri-Star Basketball is Thursday, February 28th 3:30 - 6:30 p.m., at the Boys and Girls Club (Ninth and Inca) and he and Jon Wachter could use some help. To sign up see Jon or Michael!



From the CO/WY District Conference Newsflash

Reports from **Prez Paul Simon** and **Past Prez Randy Marcove** say that **Governor Phil Perington** will do anything for money. As was reported the DTC Optimist Club proposed a project to raise funds for district officer training by duct taping Phil to a wall during the quarterly meeting. Members purchase a roll of duct tape for \$100.00 and got to tape him down.



Photo Randy Marcove

Well here he is, as Randy suggests, "We need to rename Phil, ART seems more apropos!"

285 Barrel Stave Downhill

285 Optimist Club is hosting Colorado's first ever - "285 Barrel Stave Downhill" (a non-ski, skiing event) on Saturday, February 23rd, 2013 at the Jefferson County Open Space - Meyer Ranch Park on US Hwy 285 in Conifer, Colorado. See the flier attached to the GUMS distribution email.

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Valentine Trivia

1. **What state produces 60% of America's roses?**
a. California b. Florida c. Michigan d. Texas
2. **When you fall in love, a chemical in your brain activates the pleasure receptors. Which chemical is responsible for making you addicted to love?**
a. norepinephrine b. dopamine c. cortisol d. glutamate
3. **A 2008 University of Rochester study found that women posing against or wearing what color were rated by men as more attractive than women in other colors?**
a. black b. pink c. purple d. red
4. **In what country did Valentine's Day first become an official holiday?**
a. France b. USA c. England d. Argentina (in 1537, Henry VII declared it)
5. **What Italian city receives about 1,000 every Valentine's Day, addressed to Juliet?**
a. Venice b. Verona c. Milan d. Pisa
6. **What New England company makes the sweet-hearts conversation candy hearts?**
a. Hershey's b. Necco c. Pez d. Frito-Lay
7. **In South Korea, if you did not receive any kind of gift on Valentine's Day, what do you do on April 15th?**
a. Give a gift to someone else b. Burn a paper with a wish on it for the next year c. Wear black d. Go to a restaurant and eat black noodles
8. **What is Valentine's Day called in Latin America?**
a. Dia del amor y la Amistad b. Dia de San Valentino c. Dia de los enamorados d. Dia do los novios
9. **How many marriages take place in the U.S. each year?**
a. 3.3 million b. 2.2 million c. Just under 1 million d. 750,000
10. **In 1847, Esther Howland began creating and producing the first mass-produced Valentine's Day cards, made with paper lace. Where was she from?**
a. Somerset, England b. Quebec City, Canada c. Massachusetts, USA d. Sydney, Australia
11. **Which of these famous people were NOT married on Feb. 14?**
a. Prince b. Elton John c. Meg Ryan d. Harrison Ford
12. **In Roman mythology, Cupid is sent to make a princess fall in love with the vilest thing in the world, but accidentally falls in love with her himself. Who is he supposed to be shooting with his golden arrow?**
a. Venus b. Aphrodite c. Psyche d. Pandora
13. **The first recorded association of Valentine's Day with love was made in 1382 with the line of poetry: "For this was Saint Valentine's Day, when every bird cometh there to choose his mate." Who wrote this poem, called Parliament of Fowles?**
a. Dante b. Christopher Wren c. Geoffery Chaucer d. John Donne
14. **A British superstition says that if a woman sees a robin flying overhead on Valentine's Day, she will marry what type of man?**
a. a rich man b. a poor man c. a farmer d. a sailor
15. **How many sonnets did Shakespeare publish?**
a. 154 b. 38 c. 365 d. 202
16. **What were Vinegar Valentines?**
a. packs of coloring you can dip your valentine in b. Victorian-era insult valentines c. 1950's singing valentines telegrams d. Martha Stewart's anti-valentine's day recipes

For correct answers see your editor.

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
2/22/13	Gary Strowbridge & Tom Seaman
3/1/13	John Oss & Dick Cohen
3/8/13	Bob Avery & Aaron Berry
3/15/13	Tom Hoch & Kent Gloor

Super Citizen Presenters for February		
Feb 22 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Dick Cohen
Feb 22 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Al Gapuzan
Super Citizen Presenters for March		
Mar 1 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	?
Mar 1 @ 1:00 & 1:45 pm & Mar 21 @ 1:00 & 1:45 pm	McMeen	?

Monaco South Calendar

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| Feb 20 | Wed | 6:30 pm | Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102 |
| Feb 22 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - American Presidential History, Lisette Clemmons |
| Feb 23 | Sat | 7:00 am | Brain Bowl Championship, Douglas County High School, Castle Rock |
| Mar 1 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Colorado History Day, Kendra Black |
| Mar 8 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Kendal & Taylor Atkinson Foundation, Ken Atkinson |
| Mar 15 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day |
| Mar 20 | Wed | 6:30 pm | Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102 |

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ron Cisco	2009-10
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Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Randy Marcove	2011-12

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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.