



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Paul Stratton

### Good Morning Optimist

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of the 10<sup>th</sup> month, greeters **Russ Paul**, who evidentially was filling in for the Prez, since he was scheduled, and Dr. **Jeff Johnston** welcomed MSOC members warmly. By the way, SIGN UP to be a Greeter and see if you can match their energy and enthusiasm!

### Invocation & Pledge

**Ron Cisco**, delivered our invocation with a powerful message extolling us to be “too strong for fear....” *Everything we do has risks, but if we allow the fear of possible failure to control us, we will take no risks, and failure will no longer be a possibility, but a certainty.*

### From the Prez

President **John Oss** shared that time is going fast, “I am in my third week of office. Wow!” It is nice to see Dr. **Ed Fankhauser** back on board today. His wife Jeannie, is thankful for his feisty ways and the support of MSOC.



John Oss  
Photo Craig Eley

Our quarterly CO/WY gathering will be next Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us!

Thanks to **Greg Young** for so much. He led us through the budget. He laid out all the line items from last year. As officers, board, and project leaders, all had their shot. Greg will give a detailed report at an upcoming meeting.

Optimist International and our board deserve your and my thank you. OI provides the standard rules under which we are incorporated, and the guidance for conducting meetings. “*Roberts Rules of Order*” are prescribed as the means for conducting our business meetings. [Click to see a tutorial](#). Also view the basic parliamentary procedures attached to GUMS distribution email. Via the rules, we were able to establish our budget for the year. I am grateful to a great process and outcome.

Last, **Andy McKean** asks for our support of the Liberty Day project. “*In order to make this program really effective I would like to recruit members of MSOC to visit the classes to review the contents of the US Constitution with the students and have them complete a worksheet to assess what they learned. Some teachers assign their students to write down, in their own words, as a homework assignment what they learned about the contents of the United States Constitution. Family members can help with this. Maybe the Optimist member that works on the Super Citizen program at each school would be a great person to talk to the 5th graders? Optimist members can recruit others, outside of the club, to speak to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders?*” The [Liberty Day](#) project continues at MSOC even though Andy is departing as a formal member. His heart is with us and ours with him.



### Camaraderie Day Birthdays

Since today was Camaraderie Day we celebrated the October BD's of **Neil Atkinson, Dick Cohen, Tom Glazier, Ron Gustas, Allen Malask, Allan McCall, Doug Morton, John Swick, and Robert Wardlaw.**

When it was heard that today, October 17<sup>th</sup>, was Tom Glazier's birthday, all “BD Boys” present were serenaded. Editor, *Tom was not sharing but we approximate that his birthday was one of the October 17<sup>th</sup> days between 1935 - 1985. Happy Birthday Tom!*

Tom was likely was NOT born on October 17, 1931, because he is younger and on that specific day, a man entered the U.S. Penitentiary in Atlanta to begin an 11-year sentence for tax evasion and ordered to pay a fined of \$80,000. He would soon be moved to a maximum-security facility due to charges that he was receiving favorable treatment. **Can you name this notorious man? First, one to identify him to the editor at the start of next week's meeting will win a prize!**

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**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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**Speaking of Birthdays:** Speaking of birthdays, the GUMS editor-in-chief, Dr. Bob, received a notification from LinkedIn on Saturday (October 18<sup>th</sup>) to remember **Paul Gleditsch** BD. As some of you may recall, Paul, was President and Founder of "Bring On The Music," and was an active MSOC member.



Paul Gleditsch

At the time of his sudden death on October 4, 2011, he was doing some contract consulting for Transformance Advisors Inc. back east, and went for a jog and suffered a massive heart attack. Read more about Paul's fascinating background at a tribute website @ <http://obituaries.triblive.com/listing/194071/Paul-Gleditsch/>. We should remember all of our past member who have past before us. See the "In Remembrance" section of our MSOC Directory.

## Announcements

**Christmas Tree Lot:** President **John** recognized **Joe Marci**, **OC Larson**, and **Gary Miller** for tree lot work that has already started. Joe will speak at a meeting in November with all of the details. We will be moving from last year's lot slightly south to the parking lot behind the dentist office. An email to our customers to inform them of the move will be going out soon.

**CO/WY District Meeting:** **Curt Merrill**, the Governor Elect, announced that the District Conference will be held a week from Saturday, October 25. Steve Spangler is the guest speaker. Your \$35 registration fee includes breakfast and lunch. 7:30 - 4:00 at the Littleton Methodist Church, Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Carol McAvoy Passed Away:** While Curt had the floor he shared a sad announcement, he wanted us to know that Carol McAvoy passed away this week. Carol was the 2011-2012 U Hills Optimist Club President.

**MSOC T-Shirt:** **Tom Glazier** is launching another custom t-shirt program. A sign-up sheet will start in a few weeks. Shirts will be \$15, which includes taxes, and payment accepted when order placed. They will be short sleeves, white or blue with circular logo, S, M, LG, XL, and XXL. We need a minimum of 20 shirts to place the order. Call Tom at 303-522-5214 if you have questions.

**Don Thomson Update:** **Gary Strowbridge** reports that **Don Thomson** is back at Skyridge Medical Center for hopefully a short stay, but Don wants everyone to know that he helped present the Super Citizen program at Samuels this week, which went very well. "We are wishing you... all the best Don!"

**Highline Super Citizen:** **Joe Marci**, sitting in for **Jim Easton** said the Highline Academy Super Citizens presentation was this week. Several teachers referenced the Creed in their presentation as to why a child was selected for the honor. By the way, all SC recipients receive a copy of the *Optimist Creed*, in honor and memory of **Gerald Davis**.

**Hamilton Super Citizen:** **Karl Geil** reports that

MSOC conducted its first Super Citizen presentation at Hamilton Middle School for this year and honored 12 new Super Citizens. **Tom Mauro**, who is normally the Master of Ceremonies, had a conflict, so **Karl Geil** filled in. **Randy Marcove** was the featured speaker and told the honorees what being a Super Citizen was all about. **Wyatt McCallie** took photos, and **Harry Arkin**, participating in his first Club project, helped hand out t-shirts to the award winners. The teachers did their usual wonderful job in describing what the winners did to deserve the award. In addition, we learned that one of Hamilton's Assistant Principals, **Yolanda Greer**, was a Super Citizen in elementary school (courtesy of one of the Windsor Gardens Optimist Clubs). In a scary moment, one of the Super Citizen's siblings fainted during the photo shoot, and paramedics were called to the scene. The young lady was conscious and talking to paramedics at the end of the program. "We hope all is well with her."

**Columbus Day Golf at Fitzsimmons:** **Joe** also mentioned that the results are in. The Monaco South golfer's scores did not beat the Junior golfer's who played earlier this year. **Casey Funk** with an 86 and **Joe Marci** with an 89 recorded the top member scores. The junior boy golfer in the 10-11 age bracket shot an 80 to win and the top 12-13 year olds a 79 won and an 80 was second. Everyone had a great time as they started with a fine breakfast and lots of camaraderie! The golfers included **Ron Cisco**, **Barry Barker**, **Jon Wachter**, **Lee Claymore**, **Sewell Black**, **Lynn Jones**, **Vince Gonzalez** and guests **Bob Stre-no** and **Adam Cole**.

**Bradley International PTO Wine Tasting:** **Mike McMahon** reported that the Bradley wine tasting and auction will be at Wellshire Golf Course on November 14, starting at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and includes food. Many auction items are exciting travel opportunities. Details can be found at <http://www.biddingOwl.com/BradleyIBPTO>.

**NW Optimist Club Fundraiser:** **Michael Chavez** promoted a NW Optimist Club fundraising raffle. \$100 tickets gets you a chance to win \$10,000. See Michael for more details. Randy S. Marcove bought a ticket!

**Heather Gardens Optimist:** **Donlie Smith** announced that the Heather Gardens Pancake breakfast would be on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are only for "all you can eat," so see Donlie.

**Car For Sale:** **Tom Overton** is selling his dad's 2007 Lexus GS 350 sedan AWD, with 19,000 miles on it. It has a blue book value of \$26,094. Contact Tom if you are looking for a used car, 720-323-9935.

**Pumpkin Sale:** **Bob Avery** asked us to *Support the Scouts!* Buy your pumpkins at the southeast corner of Holly and Bellevue in front of the Greenwood Community Church. Proceeds go to help support Troop 457 activities including subsidizing summer camp.



## Announcements Continued

**Dues For 2014-2015:** Treasurer **Greg Young** said, you should have received your dues statement for this fiscal year, October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Dues have increased for regular members by a measly \$1.00. This makes annual dues \$125.00. BUT WAIT — If you pay the full year's dues by November 30, you can take a \$5 discount. BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE — Life Members only pay \$88 dollars, or \$83.00 with the full year payment discount. If you are interested in becoming a Life Member, download the attached *Life Member Application* attached to the Newsletter Email and send it in to Optimist International in St. Louis, with a copy to Greg Young.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**  
*Annual Dues*

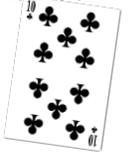
### As Camaraderie Came to a Close...

**John Young** observed that 20 past presidents of our club were in the room asked them to stand. Our club has been around 38 years - five past presidents have passed away, but approximately 25 are still club

members - Amazing! The date of Chartered was July 20, 1976 as OI Club # 25164. See the list of past presidents on page 4 of this *GUMS Newsletter*.

### Weekly Drawing

The 10 of Clubs proved elusive during the drawing for the big bucks (\$40), as **Jack Kleinhessel** and **Paul Stratton** won the chance to draw, but came up empty, as did nametag-wearing **Dick Zolman**. The true winners, those that took a cup, were **Lynn Jones, Curt Merrill, OC Larson, Perry Allen, Nick Newey, and Wyatt McCallie**.



### Closing Creed

**Perry Allen** led us in the *Creed* as we headed out to meet the day: "*PROMISE YOURSELF...*"

Mark Your Calendar: Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
Holiday Party, Glenmoor Country Club  
Dinner & Entertainment  
Q & A see Frank Middleton

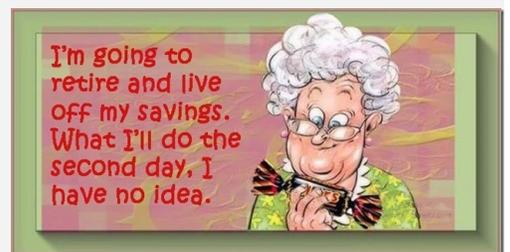
### Weekly Greeters

10/24/14	Terry Shroyer & Cap Hermann
10/31/14	Tom Glazier & Allen Malask
11/7/14	Scott Walker & Phil Perington
11/14/14	Tom Hoch & Mark Metevia
Need Friday morning greeters, see O.C. Larson, 303-797-7432 or <a href="mailto:larson1942@comcast.net">larson1942@comcast.net</a>	

### Super Citizen Presenters Oct.

Oct 22 @ 8:00	Highline	Bob Avery
Oct 24 @ 8:30	Slavens	Michael Chavez
Oct 24 @ 1:40	Univ. Park	Dave Peck
Oct 24 @ 3:00	Bradley	Jon Wachter
Oct 30 @ 1:30	McMeen	John Oss
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 <a href="mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com">gardnerrb@gmail.com</a>		

### A Bit of Humor



If you can't laugh at yourself, call me, I have no problem laughing at you.

- Oct 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Robert Garelick, Executive Director, JDFR Rocky Mountain Chapter
- Oct 31 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Nov 7 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Nov 14 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Nov 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Joe Marci, Tree Lot Set-Up and Operating Procedures

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

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	Jon Wachter	2013-14

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**NEWSLETTER EDITORS:** Oct **Paul Stratton**, Nov **Phil Perington**, Dec **George Buzick**, Jan **Robert Wardlaw**

**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.