



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South



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GOOD MORNING OPTIMISTS!!

Today's Greeters

Invocation and Pledge

Opening Bell

**CANCELLED**  
Guests

Supermarket Gift Card Sales

Closing Bell (s)

### SNOW STORM FORCES CANCELLATION

Due to a "major" spring storm that dumped almost 8 inches of snow on southeast Denver, the meeting today was judiciously cancelled by President **Phil Perington**, who said, "...driving...it's a Rodeo." It was not reported what type of livestock he was riding at the time, but RAV4 must be the name of the beast.

**Tom Mauro** commented, "Funny guy!"

**Prez Phil** sends Notes from the virtual meeting: History lesson: in 1790 the shoelace was invented, honest! 1794—US Navy founded. 1849—steam powered percussion rock drill, is that the father of Mr. Jack-hammer? B-days this date: Sarah Vaughn, Mariah Carey, Gloria Swanson and Brazilian beauty XaXu, David Janssen and Quentin Tarantino. A big ol' Thanks to **Professor Bob F.** for the e-mails, all the Board members who helped with the phone tree, especially **Frank Ross** for the organizing, **Gary Miller** for calling all the no e-mail guys and **Greg Young** for generally riding herd on the whole deal. We were to induct new member **Harry Fegley**, but now he can be a charter member of the **Paul Bernard** Invitation only "Snow & Christmas Tree" Club. See you Friday, Harry. Optimist thought: The more entertaining and helpful your life, the more likely you'll get a sequel. Does anyone know what T.A.R.P. really stands for? Answer on Friday. - That's a rap. Phil



Walking to the mailbox was tough-glad the Postal Service came through -photo by Greg Young

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**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

**Oscar Sorensen** announced that we are looking for a few good men for the slate for next year's officers. We need a new President, two Vice Presidents, and at least four for the Board of Directors (more can apply as there always seems to be some turnover during the year). So step up and make yourself available to Oscar, or others on the nominating committee: **Joe Marci, Dr. Ed Fankhauser, Bill Litchfield, or Kent Gloor.** Elections are in mid April.

### Speakers Needed

If you know of speakers call or email **Paul Bernard** with ideas at 720.339.8025 or [pxbernard@gmail.com](mailto:pxbernard@gmail.com).

### HOWDY, Pard!

#### Sign Up NOW



#### Western Hoedown and Barbeque.

Put April 18th down as the place to be for fun and food. The event is at the Outpost Club, just west of Havana at 10101 Colorado Avenue. Inexpensive drinks and a great meal (no price increase since 2006) make this a must for a fun time. If you are inclined to square dance, no expertise is needed as lessons are included, but you are welcome to come just for the camaraderie!! Checks for \$21 per person to **Frank Middleton** as soon as you can.



Sign up now to work at the 9Health Fair on Sunday, April 19th, 6:30 am to Noon, Schlessman Y. We need at least 12 people to be cashiers. See **Howard Fry** for details.

CHECK OUT THE MONACO SOUTH WEBSITE TO SEE IF YOU CAN HELP OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR JOBS, and LET RON GUSTAS or LES LARSON KNOW IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR WORK

### Community Kids Fair

Hey Buddy! Can you spare a bike? The inner City Health Center, where **Kent Gloor's** daughter Melinda works, is looking for some new or used bikes and trikes, or new helmets of all sizes for their 11th Annual Community **Kids Fair**. The fair will be held on May 16th starting at 10:00 am, at Harrington Elementary School, 2401 37th Street in Denver. If you can donate to this worthy cause or volunteer to help, call Melinda at 720-833-5092 or email at [Melindaa@innercityhealth.com](mailto:Melindaa@innercityhealth.com)

Inner City Health Center is a volunteer based healthcare center providing medical and dental care for low income and uninsured people in the community.

### Do You Remember When?

- It was considered a great privilege to be taken out to dinner at a real restaurant with your parents?
- You got your windshield cleaned, oil checked, and gas pumped, without asking, all for free, every time? And you didn't pay for air? And, you got trading stamps to boot?
- As well as summers filled with bike rides, baseball games, Hula Hoops, bowling and visits to the pool, and eating Kool-Aid powder with sugar.
- Nobody owned a purebred dog?  
Ah, the good ol' days!

### Whoozit? Pics from the Past



Photo from the 1995 Club Directory  
Hint: He Founded the Club!!

Name this member!!! Find this special member at the next meeting and say **Hi!**

## Do You Have Time for a Dime?

Now is the time to get your **Dime a Day** (only \$36.50!) donation in to the Optimist International Foundation (OIF). Donation forms are available from Jim Brown or on-line at: <http://www.oifoundation.org/donate/index.htm>

Let's strive to get 100% participation this year. Donations are due by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Last year, Monaco South was the top club in the District with an average of \$50 per member donated to OIF— **Building a Future Where Every Kid Counts!** All donations to OIF are tax deductible.

IF YOU DONATED TO THE OI FOUNDATION LAST FISCAL YEAR, GO ONLINE TO THE OI WEBSITE AND VOTE FOR JIM BROWN FOR THE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY April 30 <http://www.oifoundation.org/about/vote2009.htm>

## THOUGHTS...

*Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.*

## Furry Scurry Coming Up

**Don St. John** has announced the upcoming **Furry Scurry** at Washington Park on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our club always helps out on the Friday before in the afternoon with unloading the equipment needed, and then congregates at 5 am on Saturday morning to help set up the canopies, tables, etc. We should be done by 8:00 and then the horde of 3000 dogs and walkers descend for the walk. Join up if you like animals!! Below is one Optimist that is practicing getting ready:



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**MONACO SOUTH YEAR END BANQUET & CELEBRATION:**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2009**

## Monaco South Calendar

Mar 29	Sun	3:00-5:00 pm	Denver Tech Center Optimist Club Wine Tasting
Apr 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Capt. Jennifer Steck, DPD, Urban Security
Apr 2	Fri	10:30 am	Super Citizen, Slavens Elementary - Lynn Jones, presenter
Apr 6	Mon	6:30 pm	Zone 9 Oratorical Contest - Windsor Gardens
Apr 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Tim Powers, Colorado Bankers Assn.
Apr 15	Wed	1:15&1:45 pm	Super Citizen, McMeen Elementary - Bob Avery, presenter
Apr 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Apr 18	Sat	6:00 pm	Western Dance - Frank Middleton
Apr 17&18	Each day		<b>Tamarac Optimist Club</b> Garage Sale, 4060 S. Tamarac Drive.
Apr 19	Sun	7:00 am	9 Health Fair, Schlessman YMCA
Apr 21	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Room 102
Apr 22	Wed	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood - Jack Kleinheksel, presenter
Apr 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker pending
Apr 24	Fri	9:00 am	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary - Fred Pasternack, presenter
Apr 24	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International School - Tom Hoch, presenter
Apr 25	Sat	All Day	District Board Meeting and Oratorical Contest - Castle Rock
Apr 29	Wed	1:15&2:00 pm	Super Citizen, Samuels Elementary - Gary Strowbridge, presenter
May 1&2		am)	Furry Scurry, set up on Friday afternoon (3 pm) and Saturday (5
May 2	Sat	7:00 am	Colorado History Day Judging/volunteers - Karl Geil

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bob Safe	1995-96
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Tom Overton	1996-97
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Pat Bush	1983-84	Cy Regan	1999-00
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Jack Rife	2002-03
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Karl Geil	2003-04
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Avery	1989-90	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Walters	1991-92	Greg Young	2007-08

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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.

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