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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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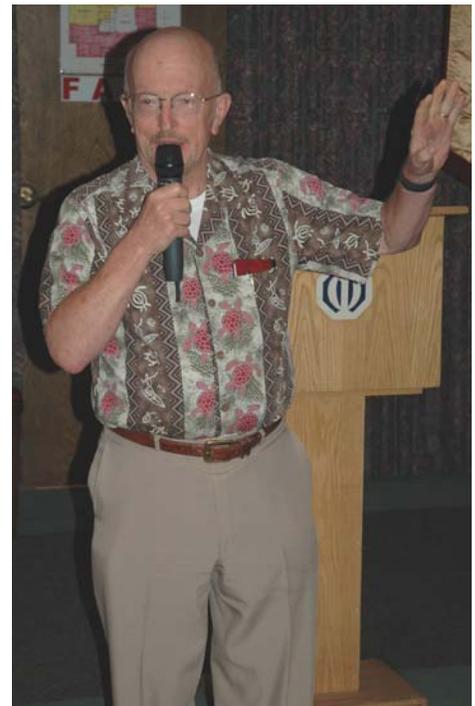
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## Medical Couple Change People's Lives

The featured speakers at the May 25, 2007 meeting of the Optimist Club of Monaco South were Richard and Edie Bryan. Richard is a pediatrician, and Edie is a nurse. They are part of Uplift International, a medical organization which surgically corrects cleft palates and lips in Filipino children.

Dr. Bryan explained that cleft palates and lips occur in one in every 200 U.S. births, and in one in every 400 births in the Philippines. Because this birth defect is quickly corrected in American babies, it is rarely noticed in this country. In the Philippines, however, children who do not receive corrective surgery suffer not only from being able to learn to speak correctly, but from the ridicule of other children. Thus, many of them choose not to go to school, and their lives are irreparably harmed by an easily-corrected birth defect.

Uplift International was started in 1989 by Colorado maxillo-facial surgeon Jaime Yrastorza, who was born in the Philippines but educated in the United States. Dr. Yrastorza now leads a group of physicians, nurses and others on annual two-week stays in the Philippines, where they perform the



Dr. Richard Bryan of Uplift International

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**Meeting Place**  
**American Legion Hall Post 1**  
**5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado**  
**Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.**

## Proceedings of the Meeting of May 25, 2007

### Invocation & Pledge

**Cy Regan** offered an invocation which reminded us to honor our military veterans by cherishing and preserving the liberty for which they fought.

### Two Bernies, No Waiting

**Bernie Love** and **Bernie Baker**, members of the Montbello Optimist Club, visited as guests of **Fred Pasternack**.

Also making an official visit was District Governor **Sherman Phillips**, who told us that he really needs the help of our "flagship club" to make his tenure a success.

### On This Date

President **Paul Bernard** humbled the golfers in the Club by relating that on this date in 1986 a 95 year old Florida woman golfer made a hole in one. One can only imagine how she's golfing now, with another 21 years of practice under her belt!

### A Penny Saved

The penny can was passed around, and our



President reported that we have about 8,000 pennies donated so far. The goal is to collect 100 pennies for each member in the Club, for a total of 13,000 pennies, to send to the Optimist International

Foundation. So bring your extra pennies to the next meeting and throw them in the can!

### Farewell

**Henry Aalders** announced that he would be forsaking the coveted first entry in the MSOC Directory (then it's all yours again, **Neil**

**Alderson**) because the Salvation Army is transferring him to Fresno, California. He were all sorry to hear that he is leaving us, but were cheered somewhat by Henry's offer of a place to stay whenever we're in Fresno.

### MS 150

We were reminded by **Don St. John** that the Club will be setting up and staffing a rest stop for the 2007 MS 150 on Sunday, July 8. The good news is that we will be in Louisville (not a far drive) and we don't have to be there until 7 a.m. So sign up and sleep in!



### Korsoski Award

**Karl Geil** reported that the Charlie Korsoski Award was presented the previous evening at Hamilton Middle School. Also, the Club provided \$100 savings bonds to 22 Hamilton students who had completed an accelerated reading program. Hamilton, Karl declared, is the only school in the state where reading actually pays!

### Optimists at the Rockies

**Joe Marci** thanked the 100 or so Optimists who turned out for the Optimists at the Rockies fundraiser last Sunday. Joe related that all the Optimists had a great time (he didn't tell us what kind of time the Rockies had).

### Honeymooners

The Monaco South second Honeymoon is coming up July 20 - 22, and **Tom Overton** told us that the Honeymoon committee has visited the Thunder Mountain Lodge in Breckenridge and found it to be top notch. He guaranteed that it will impress your wife, your significant other, or even your insignificant other. Among the activities promised are boat rides and golf, plus an elegant dinner in the elegantly-named Dredge Restaurant.

## Buckingham Golf Tournament

The Buckingham Square Optimist Club is holding its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 15 at the Meadow Hills Golf Course. The price is \$95 per golfer, and includes 18 holes of golf with ½ a cart, BBQ dinner, trophies, gift bags and raffle prizes. The course is located at 3609 S.



Dawson Way in Aurora, near the intersection of Parker Road and Hampden.

Those interested should contact Paul Fabrizio at 303-750-2791 or Tom Maron at 303-696-6909.

## King Soopers

The Club was asked by **Cy Regan** whether anyone wanted to be able to purchase Safeway cards as well as our usual King Soopers card. He received enough interest that he said he would soon have Safeway cards available for purchase.

Meanwhile, Cy did well selling the King

Soopers cards at the meeting, with \$1175 worth being snapped up.

## Uplift International

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corrective surgery free of charge. In February of 2007 a group of 51 brought three tons of medicine, supplies and equipment and performed 86 surgeries.

The surgery can be performed on adults, but, according to Dr. Bryan, it is only children who can hope to significantly improve the ability to speak understandably. This is because adults have ingrained speech patterns which makes improving their speech after surgery the equivalent of learning a new language.

Because the group returns year after year to the same country, it is possible to find former patients to see how they have progressed. Finding patients who are leading happy, productive, self-confident lives is very rewarding, and it is this that shows the Bryans that they are truly making a change in people's lives.

Uplift International relies on donations and contributions. Those who wish to learn more about this non-profit organization may go to [www.info@upliftinternational.org](http://www.info@upliftinternational.org).

## Monaco South Calendar

<b>Jun 1</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Mike Coffman, Secretary of State.
<b>Jun 1-3</b>	Fri-Sun		Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, School of Mines, Golden.
<b>Jun 8</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Ray Mohn, Air Pollution Department.
<b>Jun 15</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day.
<b>Jun 22</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Ron Mitchell, Philatelic Society.
<b>Jun 29</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall.
<b>Jul 8</b>	Sun	7:00 am	MS 150 Rest Stop, Louisville.
<b>Jul 13</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - David Althouse, Colorado News 2.
<b>Jul 20</b>	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day.
<b>Jul 20-22</b>	Fri-Sun		Second Honeymoon Week-end, Thunder Mountain Lodge, Breckenridge.

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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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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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