



# 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 39 Years  
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Editor for this Issue—George Buzick



### Good Morning Optimist

Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, the second meeting of president **Don Iley**'s term and what a beautiful day. What a pleasure it is to live in Colorado.

On this 282<sup>nd</sup> day of 2015, **Tom Overton** and **Eldon Strong** were our greeters. And our editors were



reminded that is was *National Moldy Cheese Day*. A unique holiday that is observed each year on October 9 for such cheeses as maytag blue, roquefort, briebleu, camembert, gorgonzola, and stilton. So we hope you enjoy the

Moldy Cheese Day with a slice of your favorite.

### First Bell

President **Don Iley** banged the gavel at exactly 7:00 a.m. and the meeting was called to order. **Lynn Jones** gave the invocation, with Respect for Law as the theme and the pledge to our country's flag followed.

### From the Prez

**Prez Iley** reminded us that the updated membership directory, October 2015, was now available and thanked **Craig Eley** and **Tom Mauro** who pull it together, and **Doug Morton** who generously prints it for us — this edition has a cover in Bronco orange. Members are reminded if you have corrections to contact Tom.

**Prez Iley** announced that **Frank Ross**, a long time member and the "*Master of the Buzzer Boards*" for the Brain Bowl is returning to his eastern roots by relocating to Pennsylvania. Frank will be missed, not only for his phenomenal support of the Brain Bowl, but also for his expertise with the sound system at Friday morning meetings. Thanks to Frank for all he has done and we hope to see him back for an occasional visit!



Frank Ross  
Photo Craig Eley

The Prez introduced a new member, **Paul Gibson** who was originally invited by **Steve Kady**. Paul is retired from the US Air Force and is a Master Gardener.

Since our planned speaker had a conflict, this mornings meeting turned into a comradery day. Therefore, with all assembled a rousing rendition of "*Happy Birthday*" for those celebrating October birthdays was in order. Those recognized were, **Neil Atkinson**, **Dick Cohen**, **Tom Glazier**, **Ron Gustas**, **Cap Hermann**, **Allen Malask**, **Allan McCall**, **Doug Morton**, **John Swick**, **Robert Wardlaw**, and **Dick Zolman**. Even if you were not present, chances are this performance will not win a Grammy for this rendition.

### Announcements

**Treasurer's Report:** **Greg Young**, serving as treasurer once again, and freshly returned from his trip to New York to visit his son and grandkids announced that those dues bills would be out it the not too distant future. Current dues are \$125/year and can be paid either quarterly, or preferably, in one lump sum.

Greg also reminded us that the **King Soopers & Safeway** gift cards are an easy way to raise funds for the club and can be purchased from **Cy Regan** for only \$10. Good for both groceries and gas at your local market, reload them with your rewards card and benefit both yourself and the club.

Also in the line of fiscal responsibility, Greg reminded us payment for breakfast is based on plate count, so take only one plate and only a reasonable amount — "It is not an all you can eat buffet."

**No Brainer Event:** **Michael Chavez** gave us advance warning of the "*No Brainer*," which is scheduled for April 30 of next year. The "*No Brainer*" is a mini Brain Bowl, designed for 5<sup>th</sup> graders as a preliminary for participation in the real thing.

**Super Citizen Presentations:** **Robert Wardlaw**, overseer for our Super Citizen program, mentioned that there is still a need for presenters at the various Super Citizen programs and that this is a great opportunity to participate in an activity that is one of the prime programs of the club. To get on the schedule, see Dr. **Rob Gardner**. Contact info is on page 3.

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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\*\*\***

## Announcements Continued

**Entertainment Books:** Joe Marci announced that he was still selling Entertainment Books for \$35. Proceeds go to fund the Robert Sullivan scholarship program for Thomas Jefferson High School students.



**Off to San Diego:** Perry Allen is off to San Diego for his job, but promises to return for occasional visits. In the meantime, he urged us to continue our support of the Dime-a-Day Program by contributing \$36.50 to

the Optimist International Foundation. The Foundation supplies the money for essay and oratorical scholarships and all the training materials that Optimist International provides for members. In the absence of Perry, please give your checks to **Greg Young**.

Speaking of the OI Foundation, the COWY District was 9<sup>th</sup> in average giving of all clubs in Optimist International and our own **Phil Perington** was recognized as a "Benefactor" (\$1,000 contribution) by the foundation in the October issue of OI's magazine.

**OI Oratorical Contest Goes International:** Karl Geil reminded us to check the current "Optimist" magazine for details on the expansion of the Oratorical contest to an international competition. [CLICK HERE](#). Beginning this year, the contest will have another level of competition, which will involve a top prize of a \$15,000 scholarship. Previously, the contest ended at the district level. This year, the district level winner be eligible to compete at the international level. Check your October 1<sup>st</sup> edition for details.

**First Quarter Board Meeting:** Paul Simon, governor elect, reminded us of the impending 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Board Meeting in Castle Rock at the Douglas County fairgrounds to be held Saturday, October 24. For details and registration form, see the GUMS distribution email, or check the website at [www.optimistcowy.org](http://www.optimistcowy.org). Paul also mentioned that the Wheat Ridge Optimist club would be holding their 58<sup>th</sup> annual Pancake Supper on Thursday, October 15 at Wheat Ridge High School, starting at 5 p.m. [For details click here](#).

**Halloween Pumpkins:** Bob Avery asked us to support the Boy Scouts troop 457 by buying Halloween pumpkins. From September 27<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, members of the troop and their parents will work a combined 315 shifts. The Pumpkin Patch is open weekends from 10 a.m. to dusk and most weekdays from 5 p.m. to dusk.



Photo YourHub, The Denver Post

They are located on the southeast corner of Bellevue and Holly. Bob also mentioned that the scouts had set a Guinness World Record in bubble wrap popping, with 2,682 scouts participating.

**Whole Foods Decision:** As a follow up to **Dick Nickoloff's** discussion of Whole Foods decision to discontinue buying products from Colorado Correctional Industries, Bob urged us to be active in helping to reverse this decision by the management of Whole

Foods.

## Bruton's Books partners with OCMS, by Steve Kady

Bruton's Books, a charitable foundation of Denver Bronco safety David Bruton Jr. (#30), will partner with OCMS to furnish a book to each child that attends the Boys and Girls Club Thanksgiving dinner. President **Don Iley** and **Steve Kady** met with Bruton's Foundation Executive Director Judianne Atencio, owner of ProLink Sports, to firm up exactly how the club will be able to help in providing the books.



Don Iley & Judianne Atencio  
Photo Steve Kady

**David Bruton**, a former substitute teacher, is taking his mission seriously. He wants to ensure that children are able to read at their grade level.

President Iley will make an announcement shortly on how the club will go about collecting the much needed books. In the mean time, check you basement, storage locker, you neighbor, anyone, anywhere and start collecting books. They need to be in decent condition and for the K - 6<sup>th</sup> reading range. You can also purchase new ones on Amazon at a reasonable price.



## Speaker

Due to a conflict in scheduling, the speaker for today, from the Alzheimer's Foundation, has been re-scheduled.

## Drawing

The pot continues to grow! None of the lucky ticket holders were able to draw the right card from the deck of 51. Potential winners included **Steve Kady, Frank Ross, Dick Nickoloff, Robert Wardlaw, Jon Wachter, Lynn Jones, Paul Gibson, and Ed Collins**.

## Something for seniors to do to keep those "aging" gray cells active!

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May, what was the third child's name?
2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall, and he wears size 13 sneakers, what does he weigh?
3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
4. How much dirt is there in a hole, that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
5. What word in the English language, is always spelled incorrectly?
6. Billy was born on December 28<sup>th</sup>, yet his birthday is always in the summer, how is this possible?
7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
8. What was the President's name in 1975?

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## OCMS Installation Dinner September 19, 2015

Photos by Craig Eley, more can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#)



9. If you were running a race and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
10. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?
11. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?

### Here are the Answers:

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name? Answer: Johnny, of course.
2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall, and he wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh? Answer: Meat.
3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world? Answer: Mt. Everest; it just wasn't discovered.
4. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet? Answer: There is no dirt in a hole.

5. What word in the English language is always spelled incorrectly? Answer: Incorrectly
6. Billy was born on December 28<sup>th</sup>, yet his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible? Answer: Billy lives in the Southern Hemisphere.
7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not? Answer: You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.
8. What was the President's name in 1975? Answer: Same as is it now - Barack Obama [Oh, come on....]
9. If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, what place would you be in now? Answer: You would be in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Well, you passed the person in second place, not first.
10. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"? Answer: Neither, the yolk of the egg is yellow.
11. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field? Answer: One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they all become one big one.

### Weekly Greeters

<b>10/16/15</b>	Jim Easton & George Buzick
<b>10/23/15</b>	Casey Funk & Nick Newey
<b>10/30/15</b>	John Bamford & Paul Stratton
<b>11/6/15</b>	?
<b>Help, Help, Help — we need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or <a href="mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com">jon_wachter@msn.com</a></b>	

### October Super Citizen Presenters

<b>Oct 14 @ 8:00</b>	Highline	Jim Easton
<b>Oct 14 @ 1:00</b>	Samuels	Jon Wachter
<b>Oct 16 @ 8:30</b>	Slavens	Bob Avery
<b>Oct 21 @ 2:30</b>	MPB	George Buzick
<b>Oct 22 @ 5:30</b>	Hamilton	Dave Peck
<b>Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 <a href="mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com">gardnerrb@gmail.com</a></b>		

**Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976**

Oct 15 Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's Home, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Oct 16 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Anne Rowe, Candidate for Denver Public School Board
Oct 23 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Cynthia Coffman, Colorado Attorney General
Oct 24 Sat	8:00 am	CO-WY District 1st Quarter Conference, Douglas County Fairgrounds
Oct 30 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA



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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
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Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
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Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
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Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
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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.