



# 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 38 Years  
Recognized as Outstanding Service Organization in Colorado in 2012

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Editor for this Issue—Paul Stratton



### Good Morning Optimist

Brisk air warm handshakes greeted the men of Monaco South this Friday morning. **Ralph Pedersen** and **Mark Metevia** made sure everyone felt welcome.

*Editor: October 3<sup>rd</sup> is an important anniversary that I am sure everyone is aware of - in 1951 "The shot heard round the world" rang out. The first person who can tell the editor the names of three key participants in that event at the next week meeting will win a prize.*

### Invocation and Pledge

**Craig Eley** provided the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. He then introduced our new president — from **Jon Wachter** to **John Oss** — who in turn encouraged a few minutes of



Jon Wachter



John Oss

camaraderie. First day on the job and he's already doling out favors! Great work John!

### Guests

**Paul Simon** introduced **Curt Merrill**, Governor Elect, and MSOC FOO member, visiting us again. Thanks for being here Curt!

**Steve Kady** attempted to introduce his virtual guest, **Hugo Gonzalez**, via speakerphone, but Hugo was screening Steve's call, so all we heard was Hugo's voice mail greeting. Not sure how to interpret what Hugo thinks of Steve.

### From the New Prez

**Dr. Ed Fankhauser** is in the hospital with pneumonia. His wife Jeannie trusts that his good response to the antibiotics means he will soon be

released. He shared, "It is likely release or escape as I understand Dr. Ed's determination." Dr. Ed has recovered from a fall, but now has pneumonia and has been in Saint Joseph Hospital the last couple of days. Please keep him in your thoughts.

Project leads and board members, please let me know your wish to match up. All club board members have a stable of projects to give special attention. The 2014-2015 board members are: Vice Presidents: **Craig Eley** and **Don Iley**; Secretary: **Curt Boell**; Treasurer: **Greg Young**. Second Year Directors: **Jack Kleinheksel**, **J.R. Gieck**, **Fred Pasternack**, and **Ralph Pedersen**. First Year Directors: **Cap Hermann**, **Pat Bush**, **Tom Glazier**, and **Berry Barker**.

The quarterly COWY District meeting will be Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at Littleton United Methodist Church, Littleton, CO. To participate register before Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The registration form is attached the GUMS distribution email.

New projects can be formed at the beginning of the budget year. Submit ideas to me or our money man **Greg Young**.

*I thank all who assisted me through my first club meeting. I am grateful for membership in a great club, and great support for our efforts. I want to reintroduce the practice of members giving their extended elevator speech so that members get to know one another, so look for that at future meetings.*

And last, we have 52 cards for the drawing this week—the club is finally playing again with a full deck! At least for a few minutes.

### Announcements

**The Brain Bowl is Coming!** **Karl Geil** shouted, "The Brain Bowl is coming! The Brain Bowl is coming!" Our club supports four tournaments per year involving almost 1,000 kids. We need 135 volunteers at each tournament. Those who want to be a reader, an *Alex Trebek* type, must attend a training session in

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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

session in advance. This year's dates are:

- ♦ January 10, North - Standley Lake Middle School
- ♦ January 31, Central - Heritage High School
- ♦ February 7, South - Horizon Middle School in Colorado Springs
- ♦ February 21, Championship - Hamilton Middle School

**Columbus Day Golf Tournament:** Joe Marci shared that although Columbus day is on Monday, the Golf tournament is on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and will likely start at 9:00 a.m. Sign up, we have 9 golfers so far and need 20. It will be held at Fitzsimmons and the cost is \$45, which includes lunch. See Joe.

**OCMS Directory Pictures:** Craig Eley is looking for new members and old members with new faces! Craig will take your photo for the directory. See him after a meeting.

**Reloadable Grocery Cards:** Cy Regan mentioned that we still are selling Safeway and King Soopers reloadable cards, see Cy at his table in the back of the room. Every \$5,000 we spend at the stores means our club gets \$250.



## Drawing

We had a drawing! The following men were winners of a cup: Jack Rife, Terry Shroyer,



Don St. John, and at least two other winners were missed by the editor, since he was enjoying the free homemade dog biscuits.



Eldon Strong and Oscar Sorensen took a shot at the full deck, but came up empty. So did proud nametag wearing Tom Mauro. Better luck next time gents!

## Closing Bell Creed

Our speaker Lee Shaughnessy led the creed, which we recited aloud and proud, and we went on with our days, hearts full of Optimism!

## Pictures from Optimist Gala Saturday evening, September 27<sup>th</sup>



John Young receives the Millennial Optimist Award because between the members he has sponsored and those his mentees have sponsored, over 1,000 years of Optimist service has resulted (and that's just by those who are still in the Club!). From the left: John Oss, John Young, Jon Wachter, & Craig Eley.



Fred Pasternack receives the Marlin Kent Eternal Optimist Award for lifetime contributions to the Club (and, as a diehard Broncos fan, the Club's most optimistic Optimist!) From the left: Greg Young, Fred Pasternack, and Jon Wachter.



Hard-working (he will be the Lt. Gov. of two Zones this year) Michael Chavez receives the Optimist of the Year Award. From the left: Greg Young, Michael Chavez, and Jon Wachter.



Outgoing President Jon Wachter dons the traditional blue President's Jacket.



Fifteen past presidents model their Presidents' Jackets. From the left: John Wachter, Kent Gloor, Randy Marcove, Tom Overton, Ed Collins, Frank Middleton, Paul Simon, Mark Metevia, Gary Strowbridge, Cy Regan, Peter Dimond, John Young, Donlie Smith, and Bryce Slaby.

All photos Craig Eley

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**Lee Shaughnessy**  
**Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation, The Stink Bug Project**

**Paul Bernard** introduced our speaker, Lee Shaughnessy, Program Manager with the Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation, which works to enhance the quality of life for pediatric patients and their families. Lee's program and the topic of her presentation is *The Stink Bug Project*, which provides trained companion dogs (from the Prison Trained K-9 Companion Program) to kids with serious medical conditions.



Lee shared stories and photos of some child patients and the four-legged friend they were paired. The project has found that finding a perfect best friend during stressful times makes a huge difference for the entire family. Here is one letter they received:

*Dear Stink Bug Project,*

*I have cancer and know how hard it is to go through all of the treatments. When I read about the Stink Bug Project, which give companion dogs to kids like me who are suffering from a life threatening disease, and started by a young girl*



Lee Shaughnessy  
 Photo Don StJohn

*with cancer just like me, I knew I also had to do something to help out. So I am sending you \$400 that I raised in one year by selling lemonade and homemade cookies in my neighborhood, at school and around town outside stores. I hope you will be able to give another kid a dog with this money. Love, Hannah, age 10*

It costs \$750 to sponsor a match of a dog with a child. The Tamarac Club is paying for 1/2 of a sponsorship and asked our club to cover the other half. There seemed to be support for that idea. If we are able to, Lee will try to get the child/dog combination to visit our club after they are matched. Lee's contact information:



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 Denver, CO 80205  
 303-839-6782  
<http://www.rmchildren.org/programs/stink-bug-project/>  
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**Weekly Greeters**

<b>10/10/14</b>	Al Gapuzan & Pat Bush
<b>10/17/14</b>	Jeff Johnson & John Oss
<b>10/24/14</b>	Terry Shroyer & Cap Hermann

**Need Friday morning greeters,  
 see O.C. Larson, 303-797-7432 or  
[larson1942@comcast.net](mailto:larson1942@comcast.net)**

**Super Citizen Presenters Oct.**

<b>Oct 14 @ 1:30</b>	Samuels	Don Thomson
<b>Oct 15 @ 8:00</b>	Highline	Joe Marci
<b>Oct 15 @ 2:30</b>	MPB	George Buzick
<b>Oct 16 @ 5:30</b>	Hamilton	Randy Marcove
<b>Oct 22 @ 8:00</b>	Highline	Bob Avery

**Be a Super Citizen Presenter  
 See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203  
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Oct 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Ashley Cocciolone, Anadarko Petroleum-Oil/Gas Development
Oct 15	Wed	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Oct 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Oct 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Nov 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

**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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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.