



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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## Optimist Club of Monaco South

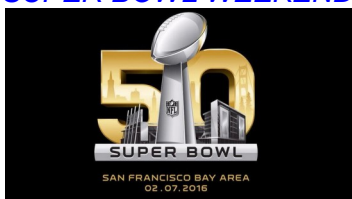


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### Good Morning Optimists SUPER BOWL WEEKEND



The NFL ditched Roman numerals for Super Bowl 50 after 49 years of complicated Super Bowl names.

#### Unleash the Thunder... Here come the horses!

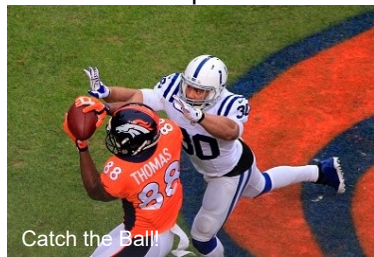
On this Friday morning there was a feast of blue and orange with many Optimists clad in their Bronco best among them were **Jon Wachter, OC Larson, Perz Michael Chavez**, "The Big Orange" himself **Steve "Thumper" Kady**, the always dapper **Tom Mauro, Ralph Pedersen, Scottie Walker** (representing Freddie P.), **Ed Collins, John Stoffel, Craig Eley**, Bronco pals **Perry Allen and Tom Glazier, Ron Cisco, John Bamford, Mark Metevia, Chris Dunphy, Dr. Bob Finkelmeier, Frank "Happy Cap" Middleton, Pat Bush, Matt Spampinato, Jumpin' Mike McMahon, Donlie Smith, Robert Duvall, Mr. Optimist John Young and Tom Kramis.**

#### First Bell

**Prez Michael** gaveled the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. having gathered himself together from all the surrounding excitement.

#### Invocation & Pledge

**Phil Perington** recited the Invocation that reminded us all of how important the many things we do as Optimists, is to people we have contact with, especially kids and those who may be in need of a positive moment. Followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America*, followed and ended with cheers of "Catch the Ball!"



#### Guests

Returning guest **John Scarborough** introduced and humorously admitted he liked the eggs so much that he sent in

#### Wives & Friends to Breakfast this Friday February 12

It is almost too late to sign up for the annual Wives & Friends to Breakfast, Friday, January 12. We have to give Citron Bistro (3535 S. Yosemite) a head count on Monday, so the only way a place can be reserved for you is if you pay online by Monday (\$16 each). To do so, click this link: [https://squareup.com/market/Optimist Club of Monaco South](https://squareup.com/market/Optimist%20Club%20of%20Monaco%20South). Go to "Event Payments" and click on "Valentine's Breakfast." Ignore language about "pickup." Payment cannot be accepted at the event, so advance payment is a must.

**Doors open at 6:30 a.m.**

**Buffet line opens at 6:45 a.m.**

**It's fine to arrive at 7:00 a.m. or a little after.**

**We hope to be done by 8:15 a.m.**

If you have questions or special dietary needs, email them to Craig Eley at [craigceley@gmail.com](mailto:craigceley@gmail.com).

**No meeting at the American Legion Hall.**

You'll be laughing so much that you won't be able to eat, so come early and get breakfast first thing!

his application and join the Club! *Welcome aboard John it's great to have you!*

#### Announcements

**Secretary of State for Colorado: Frank Middleton**

said to mark your calendar since Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams will be our guest speaker on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Frank also shared information concerning the new member program that rewards \$50 to anyone bringing in three new members. There have been six winners so far that will be honored at the Second Quarter Conference, (See Governor's Report below).

**Wives & Friends to Breakfast: Craig "The Magician?" Eley** entertained the crowd with his spectacular rendition of the *Great Karnack*. high trickery at its finest. He also reminded everyone the Wives to Breakfast is next week at Citron Bistro and to please not show up at the Legion Hall like a couple of unnamed members did last year.

**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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## Announcements Continued

**Brain Bowl:** Karl Geil reported the Brain Bowl Central Tournament held at Arapahoe H.S. was attended by 86 teams and 434 students. Our own Hamilton Middle School has 3 teams entered in the Championship Tournament. There were 161 volunteers from 20 different Optimist Clubs who supported this event. Monaco South led the way with 33. The other two big contributors in terms of volunteers were Tamarac with 23 and Littleton with 21. The MSOC volunteers: **Barry Barker, Joe Marci, Don Roth, Frank Middleton, Cap Hermann, Greg Young, Harry Fegley, Don Iley, John Oss, OC Larson** and his wife, Pat, **Everett Gardner, Terry Shroyer, Randy Marcove, Don Thomson, Paul Stratton, Noel Hasselgren, Pat Bush, Bill Morgan, Jim VanderKamp, John Greene, Michael Chavez, George Buzick, Tom Overton, Gary Strowbridge, Bob Mayer, Phil Perington, Curt Merrill, Scott Walker, Peter Dimond, Mike McMahon, John Bamford** and **Karl Geil**. And, one of our members brought a friend, **Mark Defur**. Thank you all for your ongoing support of this event. Next up: The South Region Optimist Brain Bowl tournament at Horizon Middle School in Colorado Springs on February 6.

**Tri-Star Basketball:** John Bamford announced that Tri-Star Basketball is coming up on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at will be held at the Cope Boys and Girls Club at 808 Inca from 4:00-5:30 p.m. New member John Bamford is running the show, and he needs scorekeepers and timers. Please sign-up or give John a call at 303-549-9600 if interested.

**Girl Scout Cookies:** Tom Mauro said Girl Scout Cookies are arriving for his granddaughter and can be purchased for \$4 a box. There may be competition from the **Jim Eaton** family. He also shared that the East High School Debate team is seeking contributions for their upcoming trip to Washington D.C. for the National Finals. And lastly he is seeking the nominations for the **OCMS Excellence in Education award** this year, so please nominate your possible "teacher of the year candidate" to him as soon as possible.

**Special Olympics Polar Plunge:** Mike McMahon shared that in 15 days he will be jumping into Aurora Reservoir disguised as Star War "Chewy" Chewbacca going in at weighing 175 lbs. and coming out at dripping 250 lbs. The campaign "Freezing for a Reason" is accepting donations and volunteer jumpers to support Special Olympics Colorado! To make a pledge for Mike [CLICK HERE](#).

**Super Bowl Gear:** Steve Kady explained that because Denver Broncos Apparel is so far through the roof there is a vendor booth at Yosemite & Hampden that has reasonable prices as of today. However, prices may change subject to the final score.

**Monaco South Ski Day:** Although **Bob Avery** was promoting the MSOC ski day at his condo in Copper Mountain on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> he also pointed out that **Tom Mauro** was selling cookies for his daughter not that long ago. Possibly Bob will be serving those with hot chocolate after that fantastic day of skiing.

**Granddaughters Surgery:** Dick Nickoloff shared that his granddaughter is recovering nicely from a very serious and invasive scalp involving retraction and 67 stitches and is now home safely and feeling much better.

**Dime-A-Day:** Perry Allen, in Denver for the Super Bowl Weekend, reminded us about the Dime-A-Day program, which is a donation to Optimist International Foundation of \$36.60 in 2016! No, not due to



## ATTENTION PLEASE

Due to a large influx of new members the name badge box is being updated. Check the Chart on the Lid of the Box for the New Location of Your Badge. If your badge is not there, then either you have kept it in your possession, or it is lost. If it is lost, please contact **Jon Wachter**, at [jon\\_wachter@msn.com](mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com) and he will make you a new badge. As new members are added, their badges will be placed at the end of Box 2 until the boxes are once again updated.

inflation, but it is a leap year! Perry remind us to give treasurer **Greg Young** a checks or credit card number.

## The FRACSOC Club

The Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Chili Bowl Cook-off was held last Sunday. The chili cook-off included many MSOC members including, **John and Ruthie Oss, Jon and Jill Wachter, CO-WY Governor Elect Paul Simon, LT. Gov. Nancy DiNero, Past Governor Donna Priester**, and yours truly, **Phil Perington**. There were 14 green, red, and "other" entrants. A total of \$1,100 was raised. (Pictures by Steve Kady).



## Recognition of Returning Members

Prez Michael recognized **Peter Dimond, Robert Duvall, Perry Allen, Keith Gallaway, Tom Glazier, Paul Simon, John Stoffel** and **Bob Trout**.

## Weekly Drawing

With \$70 in the pot and the Two of clubs the winning card. Unfortunately for draw there were no winner. Those that took a cups were: **Jack Kleinheksel, Allen Malask, John Greene, Paul Simon (for Karl Geil), Pat Bush, and Allan Yockey**. A second chance for **Allen Malask** for wearing his name tag, but no winner.



## Closing Creed

**Ron Cisco** led us in reciting the creed.



## Celeste Archer

Founding Executive Director, Colorado Student Leaders Institute

Celeste Archer representing the Colorado Leadership Institute was our guest speaker this morning. She was a little late due to complications resulting from her 13 and 14-year-old boys but her bright orange stockings more than compensated for the late arrival. Celeste also works with National History Day (NHD) of Colorado, which MSOC volunteers and judges have been a part of over the years. She thanked our Club and said we have helped a lot more than we know.



Celeste Archer

Recently her focus has been in the Alamosa Valley Region. The program is centered at UCD and engages students from the 4-12th grade. They are reaching out across the State and the Alamosa Region was the recipient of their targeted resources for 2015.

NHD has developed an Annual theme concept for all students participating in their educational awareness program. Recently The Daniels Foundation provided NHD a grant to be used to help raise awareness among a mixed group of Special/Exceptional students. As a result, the 2015 Alamosa Valley program grew from 74 students last year to 143 this year. Added to the program was a Ute Mountain group of students from the Ignacio school district. The Statewide Program has evolved from 8 to 14 active Regions. The Great Plains area is in need of help and volunteers and is the next Region for expansion. A graduate level has been added into the program with 16 teachers signed up. Her son has decided he loves being an Optimist. Rocky Mountain PBS has become an important supporter and is airing 2 PSA's a day. The value of this important public promotion is estimated at \$40,000. Last year Colorado NHD garnered 4 National Contest winners.

On another note, in 1963 a Governors Schools Pro-

gram (GSP) was established with the principle mission of learning how to keep the best and brightest students in the fold. High school kids are immersed in experiencing a college curriculum. Almost all kids have this same need and it should be developed. Colorado is the 27<sup>th</sup> State to join this organization. As a result, there are now 100 students on campus working to earn 3-hours of college credits in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities. She shared recently a flower was added to STEM (Art) ... can't

have a stem without a flower. It was noted, that it now takes 6 years to complete a 4-year degree in most colleges. A study has shown 90 percent of GSP students completing the program graduate in 4 years. And, 50 percent of the candidates for GSP must be a first generation college attendee. Celeste told a very compelling GSP story about a young man named Isaac who after filling out a 22-page application to be accepted into a college used his added training and educational studies provided by GSP teachers to become a great student.

NHD student projects must consist of three distinct elements. There are over 1,100 kids enrolled in the program statewide. A new Colorado 100 seed pilot program, also underwritten by the Daniels Fund, divides 100 students into 10 study groups that analyze and recommend solutions to issues effecting the entire state, i.e. fracking, growth, housing, etc. A final report completed by the entire group will be presented to the State Legislature in 2017.

A big thank you to Celeste and her organizational skills. Her involvement with helping kids make it to the finish line is truly a good thing!

### February Super Citizen Presenters

Feb 12 @ 8:15	Holm	Don Thomson
Feb 17 @ 8:00	Highline	<i>Cancelled</i>
Feb 17 @ 2:30	MPB	George Buzick
Feb 18 @ 2:15	Univ. Park	Bob Trout
Feb 24 @ 1:00	Samuels	Everett Gardner

**Be a Super Citizen Presenter**  
See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203  
[gardnerrb@gmail.com](mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com)

### Weekly Greeters

♥ 2/12/16	Robert Wardlaw & Ricardo Ortiz ♥
2/19/16	Bob Avery & ?
2/26/16	John Stamford & Jim Vanderkamp

**Help, Help, Help — we need**  
**Friday morning greeters,**  
see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or  
[jon\\_wachter@msn.com](mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com)

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

Feb 12 Fri	7:00 am	Valentine's Day Wives' to Breakfast: Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite St. ♥
Feb 17 Wed	4:00 pm	Monaco South TriStar Basketball: Cope Boys and Girls Club, 808 Inca St.
Feb 18 Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Feb 19 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Dianne Tramutola-Lawson, Colorado-CURE
Feb 20 Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl Championship, Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E. Dartmouth Ave.
Feb 26 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 27 Sat	8:00 am	CO-WY 2nd Qtr District Conference, Denver Bookbinding Event Ctr, 1401 W. 47 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Mar 4 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Wayne Williams, Colorado Secretary of State
Mar 11 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Jeff Shoemaker, Colorado Parks Foundation



**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
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
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Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96		

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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.