



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Phil Perington

### Good Morning Optimist Respect for Law Day

Early morning stand-in, volunteer greeter **Dick Nickloff**, happily greeted Optimists. Apparently, the alarm clocks were not working for our previously scheduled duo. Dick did a wonderful job and not a single fist bump, handshake, pat on the back, chuckle, or smile was missed. Hungry diners were treated to a breakfast of fluffy waffles, real strawberry syrup, Denver omelets, bacon, hash brown potatoes, fresh fruit, and juice. Low calorie coffee and tea was also available. Still the best breakfast deal around. Enjoy, but be sure to pay cashier **Don StJohn** once you go through the line.

### Morning Camaraderie

The morning chatter included **Joe "purple shirt" Marci** offering four Rockies tickets located directly behind home plate—7<sup>th</sup> row! **Ed (Mr. Funhouse) Collins** and **Gary Strowbridge** were lamenting the recent lockout at their building due to forgetful "what-ever's." Past Prez **Randy Marcove** was proudly showing off his new Rockie socks. Prez Elect **Don Iley** was basking in the glow of victory. **Cy Regan**, although late this morning, had finally laid claim nest to a spot for the Sooper Salesman framed picture. Professor **Bob Finkelmeier** was still looking for the missing drawing tickets. Past Prez **John Wachter** donned in his freshly cleaned Past Prez Jacket and was seen beaming and glad handing—he must have had a big closing). **Dave "T-Bird" Peck** was busily fielding questions regarding the health of his T-Bird.

Additionally, **Donlie Smith** was reflecting with glee, how nobody had called him with the names of the current Club Secretary and Treasurer, thereby losing the opportunity to squeeze 10 bucks out of him. **Don St. John** looked like he had recovered from his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party on Sunday at



Donlie Smith

the Legion Hall. It was standing room only with a tremendous outpouring of love and affection everywhere.

### First Bell

Prez **John Oss** gaveled the group to attention and shared a thoughtful message of the Hope and Vision that is expressed through the *Optimist Creed* and how important it was when we apply those words to everyday life.

### Invocation & Pledge

**Lynn Jones**, "Oh Law Giving God" giving credence to *Respect for Law* on all occasions, read invocation and how we as Optimists abide by those words in our daily service to youth and the community. The *Pledge of Allegiance* followed and cheers of "Play Ball" echoed through the room.



### Guests

Denver City Councilwoman **Peggy Lehmann**, for District 4, was introduced by **President John** and thanked for her for her commitment providing meeting space and support to MSOC over the past few years. Her service and dedication to Denver and the Community will be missed. Prez John forgot to mention that Peggy is also a member of our sister club, Tamarac Optimist, and has allowed MSOC to use her office conference room for our board meetings.



Our Respect for Law guests were DPD District 3 Commander **Joseph Montoya**, Officer **John Sampson**, and his immediate family members: Danielle and Bryce Browsers, plus Ashley and Averi Bowers.

**Perry Allen** introduced second time guest visitor, **Ray Brunson** and we all urged him to visit again with application in hand.

Additionally, the ever elusive and lost brother **Bill Wells** was introduced by a horde of members, including **Fred Pasternack** and **Al Gapuzan**. Asked to say a word, Bill complied as requested.

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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

**Breakfast Costs:** Treasurer **Greg Young** clarified an error in last week's *GUMS*, our charges for a full breakfast is \$8.00. This includes a reasonable portion, coffee, and juice. "It is NOT an all you can eat buffet!" The Caterer charges per plate

used, "So Only Use One Plate, per meal paid." Guests who are potential members, visiting Optimists from other clubs, and speakers or invited honorees and their families eat free of charge. Members who bring a one-time visitor or visiting relative should be willing to pay for their guest. Coffee is \$2 regardless of the container used—even your own mug. Rolls are not included in Breakfast, and cost \$2. Rolls and Coffee or Juice is \$4. Please help us control meal expense so that we do not have to increase the charges again.

**Essay Contest Winners:** **Wyatt McCallie** shared that the MSOC Essay Contest winners will be at breakfast next Friday and both Co-Chair **Jack Kleinheksel** and he will be out of town. **Joe Marci** will conduct the program.



**Optimist at the Rockies:** **Joe Marci** reminded us that he still has tickets for the June 10<sup>th</sup> Rockies fundraiser for Junior Golf at the Rockies. Tickets cost \$15 or \$38 for field level Section 141 on the Third Base Side.

**Sullivan Scholarship:** **Randy Marcove** said that the Sullivan Scholarship Committee will convene next Friday immediately following the meeting.

**Know Brainer:** **Michael Chavez** announced the fifth Graders KNOW BRAINER Tournament still needs volunteers for readers, timers, and scorekeepers at Hamilton Elementary May 2, at 7:30 am. If you can assist, please contact Michael.

**Super Citizen Programs:** **Robert Wardlaw** said next week, on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> McMeen Elementary Super Citizen Awards will be presented, as well as Bradley International's. He also thanked **Bob Avery** for standing in at Samuels last week. Bob learned first hand how schools can goof-up the spelling of some student's names or the lost of letters to parents or the actual student certificate. We now move into the last presentations for this academic year and the Charlie Korsoski Awards.

Speaking of Super Citizen, here is one of the recipients at Slavens Elementary School from Friday, April 24 presentation. Tom Hoch, SC coordinator; Michael Chavez, presenter; and Greg Young, photographer.



Proud recipient Sydney Taylor with her parents. Note how well that SC t-shirt fits. There is certainly plenty of room for her continued growth.

Photo Greg Young

**Smarter Than the Brain Bowl Chair:** **Craig Eley** has the date set for the Second Annual "Are You Smarter than

the Brain Bowl Chair?" competition. It will be Friday, May 8. We think he is still looking for two or three volunteers to be on a team of four to quadruple-team Karl Geil, who will have no teammates, no lifelines, and no wits except his own to rely upon. Sure, Karl seems pretty smart when he has the questions and the answers in his hand. But let's see how Karl does when the questions are prepared by his arch-nemesis, Craig Eley. Let Craig know at [craigceley@gmail.com](mailto:craigceley@gmail.com) if you want to be on the team that will try to humiliate this former MSOC President.

**Building a Career in Prison:** **Bob Avery** thanked everyone who contacted him regarding his son's letter describing his experiences at CCI. Bob also asked anyone who would like to send Stephen an email to talk with him about the process. Editor, if you still would like to read Stephen's composition, it is attached the *GUMS* distribution email.

**Las Vegas Night:** **Paul Simon** reported that the CCC Annual District Fundraiser "Las Vegas Night" with Elvis, Marilyn, Frank Sinatra, and Roy Orbison, is Friday, May 8 at the Legion Hall starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets include \$1000 Vegas Bucks, Buffet, Entertainment, Silent Auction, Illegal Wedding Chapel, Valet Parking, and more.

**History Day Finals:** **Karl Geil** announced that the History Day Finals will be held on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers are needed to Judge and should be qualified in History Training provided by the HD Organization. See Karl for details.

**Junior Golf Sponsor:** **Ron Cisco** honored President Elect **Don Iley** for his \$3,000 District Tournament Sponsorship to this year's Jr. Golf Tournament. What a nice surprise and wonderful gift. There have also been two \$100 hole sponsorships committed as well. For more district information visit the Junior Golf website at <https://sites.google.com/site/cowyooptimistgolf/home>.

**Gateway Optimist Club Breakfast Fundraiser:** **Fred Pasternack** shared that there is a Breakfast Fundraiser at the Village Inn located at 1-225 & E. Mississippi for the Gateway Club. **Prez John** also presented Freddie with a \$36.50 for the Dime-a-Day Campaign that OI Foundation uses to fund Scholarships to every District for their CCC, Oratorical, and Essay Contests, for 12,500.00 every year.

## April Birthdays

**Prez John Oss** announced the April Birthday Boys, which includes **Vince Gonzales**, **Dick Nickoloff**, *GUMS* Editor **Phil Perington**, *GUMS* Mailer **Jim Piccinelli**, *GUMS* Photographer **Don StJohn**, and *GUMS* Editor **Paul Stratton**. All were treated to the traditional serenade only MSOC has been able to master over the years.

## Weekly Drawing

The big pot has reached \$100, but you needed to have the right ticket and draw the 4 of Hearts. There must have been a conspiracy afoot at one certain table where four tickets were magically sequestered. **Jack Kleinheksel** had three and **Dave Peck** one, while **Scott Walker** sitting a mere one table away had two tickets. Cup Winners were, **Jack Kleinheksel** with two, **Scott Walker**, **Don Thomson**, and **Allen Yockey** all with one. Going for the \$100 were Jack and Scott who both come up empty. Even the "Wooden Nickels" are you wearing your name badge, **Dave Peck**, came up empty handed.



**CORRECTIONS:** From the Editor, Last week Oscar Sorensen was identified as the Invocation Speaker when in fact it was Ed Collins. Harry Arkin was identified as Harry Larkin (a distant cousin), and the breakfast cost identified as \$7 when it should have been \$8.

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**Respect for Law Recognition  
Officer John Sampson  
Presented by Greg Young**

Officer John Sampson, Badge #00056, was nominated by Denver Police Department, District 3 Commander Joseph Montoya. **Greg Young** read the Commanders nomination, which is attached to GUMS distribution email.

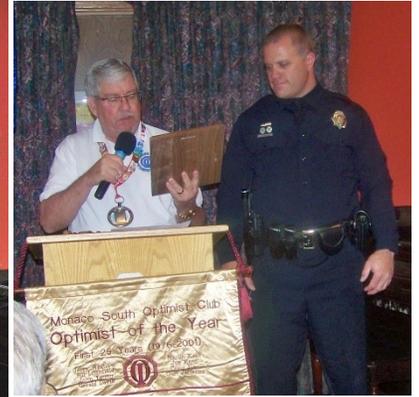
**Prez John Oss** summed up this presentation by writing, *It all came together: The day of our Respect for Law Recognition, Officer Sampson and family, Commander Montoya, Councilwomen Peggy Lehmann, and Greg Young quietly observing his orchestration.*

*It all started with Lynn Jones reading our invocation titled "Inspire Respect for Law" from "Invocations for Optimist Clubs" authored by our own Honorable Judge Craig Eley.*

*Greg Young graciously presented Officer Sampson a plaque, and passed the floor to Commander Montoya. Just a short segment of the days in the life of Officer Sampson made it obvious he highly deserved*



From left, Commander Joseph Montoya, Greg Young, and Officer John Sampson



Greg reads the Respect for Law recognition plaque as it is presented to Officer John Sampson.



From left, Commander Joseph Montoya, Officer Sampson and family, includes Ashley and Averie Sampson, plus Bryce and Danielle Bowers.  
Photos Don StJohn

*recognition. Officer Sampson was formally recognized for his service. His service spreads honor over all with whom he serves.*

*Greg deserves our gratitude and thanks for enabling our club to say thank you.*



<b>Weekly Greeters</b>	
5/1/15	Bob Avery & Dick Zolman
5/8/15	Rob Gardner & Al Gapuzan
5/15/15	Frank Middleton & Paul Stratton
5/22/15	Craig Eley & Joe Marci
5/29/15	Michael Chavez & Fred Pasternack
<b>Need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or <a href="mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com">jon_wachter@msn.com</a></b>	

<b>Super Citizen Presenters May</b>		
May 1 @ 1:30	McMeen	Pat Bush
May 1 @ 3:00	Bradley	Mark Metevia
May 6 @ 8:00	Highline	?
May 15 @ 1:00	Lowry	Paul Stratton
May 20 @ 2:30	MPB	Harry Arkin
May 21 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Bob Avery
<b>Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 <a href="mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com">gardnerrb@gmail.com</a></b>		

Apr 26	Sun	9-Noon	9 HealthFair, Schlessman YMCA
May 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Essay Contest Winners
May 2	Sat		Know Brainer at Hamilton Middle School — See Pat Bush
May 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - 2nd Annual "Are you smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair"
May 9	Sat	8:00 am	CO-WY 3rd Quarter Game/Conference, Bethany Lutheran Church
May 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

**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
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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
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**NEWSLETTER EDITORS:** May **George Buzick**, June **Robert Wardlaw**, July **Pat Bush**

**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.