



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist

Greeting us this morning with a smile is **Ron Cisco**



and **Bob Avery**, doing double duty, this very mild February 10<sup>th</sup> morning. Editor: *"It's so good to see Ron after reports of his fall on the ice last week, he looks healthy and strong."*

Pictured, Ron Cisco, left, and Bob Avery serving as the official morning greeters.  
Photo Noel Hasselgren.

### Invocation & Pledge

**Karl Geil** leads us in our invocation today, "...to be so strong to that nothing can disturb your piece of mind. Take comfort in knowing that there are others just like us, who are sharing this intention. It is with God's help that we can do this." He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

### Guests

Guests this morning included **Rob Brewer** a Colorado native, introduced by **Mike McMahon** who brought along **Jesse Carter**. Rob joined us a few weeks ago, and is back this morning. Rob and his cousin are looking to give back to the community. Somebody get out application forms please!

**Tom Mauro** introduces **Jim Coyne**, his nephew, who hails from Pueblo currently living in Conway, AK. Jim describes Conway as a lot like Pueblo used to be, small working class and friendly.

Tom also helps **John Oss** in introducing **Dale Orthrup** who attends the same church as Tom and John, and they have both known Dale for many years. Dale takes the mic and gives a wonderful message to all gathered here.

### From the Prez

President **Craig Eley** reminds us that there will not be a meeting here, the American Legion Hall, next Friday. Next Friday the club hold its Sweethearts to Breakfast at Yak and Yeti Restaurant at 9755 E. Hampden. Sunday is the last day to make a reservation.

Several of us worked at Habitat for Humanity last Saturday. Those in attendance learned about installing siding and did such a good job they were invited back—not to fix what they had done, but to do more. The next date will be Thursday, March 9, starting at 8:45 a.m. and will last through 4:30 p.m.

Second Honeymoon In Glenwood Springs: **Prez Craig** reminded us that if we are interested in this weekend event we needed to signup quickly. The trip to Glenwood Springs takes place on September 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>. If you intend to go, you need to let Craig Eley know, since rooms at the Hotel Colorado fill up.



### Announcements

Special Olympics Colorado Polar Plunge: **Mike McMahon** reported that tomorrow is the day. The Polar Plunge will take place and thanks the club for the support. If you have not paid yet, please see Mike.

Brain Bowl Reminder: **Karl Geil** shared that the South Regional Tournament was held on February 4, 2017 at Horizon Middle School in Colorado Springs. It was the largest South regional tournament ever, with 52 teams, approximately 260 students, and with the fewest number of volunteers ever, only 66. The Academy Optimist Club of Colorado Springs had the most volunteers, with 22. Monaco South had 5 volunteers: **Craig Eley, Everett Gardner, Kent Gloor, Michael Chavez and Karl Geil**. The Optimist Brain Bowl Organizing Committee will need to give serious consideration as to whether we can continue to sponsor a tournament in the South region if we do not have the volunteers we need. In terms of results, it was pretty much all Challenger Middle School, which had the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We have one more Optimist Brain Bowl Tournament to go - the Championship

**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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tournament at Hamilton Middle School on February 25. We have the Readers we need, but we could use some other volunteers as well.

**History Day:** While **Karl Geil** had the microphone he talked about the upcoming History Day at Hamilton Middle School and he needs your help. Hamilton Middle School needs help on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from experienced History Day judges. Currently 109 students have registered to take part in Denver Public Schools' regional History Day Contest, but the person in charge of that regional contest will only allow the school to register 30 entries. Therefore, Hamilton needs help deciding which of the 109 students who want to compete will actually compete in the regional contest. Help is needed on February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30 a.m. until about 3:30 p.m. to select the projects which will compete. If you are an experienced History Day judge and can help, please contact Karl Geil, at [karl\\_geil@prodigy.net](mailto:karl_geil@prodigy.net) to let him know and to tell him which category of projects you would like to examine: Exhibits, Documentaries, Performances, and/or Websites.

**Member Update: OC Larson— Don Thomson,** announces that OC Larson seems to be back to a difficult spot. He has had some complications and is tired and weak. We hope for the best for OC, keep him in your thoughts and prayers. By the way, OC's birthday was Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club: Ron Gustas** announced that the "Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club-T1DOC" would again be conducting an online auction starting on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> to provide "Camp Sponsorships" to help send kids with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) to a special American Diabetes Association (ADA) camp this July. Last year about 30 kids were financially helped. The goal this year is for the auction to raise \$10,000. OCMS members were welcomed to donate any auction items from employers or others that could help support the auction. Gift cards/certificates, travel packages, wine baskets, event tickets, sports memorabilia items, lodging deals, greens fees, etc., etc. etc., make great auction items. Funds raised in the auction also help support JDRF funded T1D research. Stay on the lookout for the date of the first bidding.

**Eagle Scout Award 2017 Banquet: Jack Kleinheksel** was happy that the mic was working this morning, since the last time he came up to make an announcement it wasn't. Jack wanted to recognize the efforts of **Donlie Smith**, since this year's event to recognize the Eagle Scout Class of 2016 is coming up on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Under the leadership of Donlie, MSOC has reviewed projects and selected one recipient from each district in the Denver Area Council to receive an award for the past 18 years. Recipients receive a very nice trophy and for the first time, the overall winner will be awarded the **Doug Morton and Marilyn Brown Scholarship** of \$1,000. A wonderful legacy to the memory of Doug and a very kind Marilyn for the donation.

**Sweethearts to breakfast:** **Keith Gallaway** talks about the Sweethearts to Breakfast coming up, next Friday, February 17 at 7:00 a.m. So far 40 people are signed up. Wear your finest Hawaiian attire and prepare to be whisked away to the Hawaiian Islands by Keoni Coelho. Keon opened for Don Ho in his previous days in Hawaii. Your sweetheart will love the romantic Hawaiian love songs and his warm and friendly style. The location is the Yak and Yeti restaurant at 9755 E. Hampden and the cost is \$17.00 per person, but reservations need to be in by Sunday. Payment should be made to OCMS and given to Greg by check or credit card. You can also register and pay by credit card online at: Monaco South Market, [CLICK HERE](#).

**Super Bowl Winners & Golf Expo:** **Joe Marci** had some big winners from the Super Bowl pool. Plus he promoted the Golf Expo, which is coming up this weekend. The **Golf Expo** helps in the attraction of Junior Golfers to play in the [Colorado-Wyoming District Optimist Junior Golf qualifiers](#). Thank you to all who have volunteered to work the booth.

**MSOC Ski Day:** **Bob Avery** updates us on the Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> Ski Day at Copper Mountain. He will host a breakfast and some ski fun. So, see Bob and have a blast!

### Drawing

Do we have a drawing? Yes and \$80 is in the pot this week. The Six of Hearts is the card to find for an opportunity at this \$80.

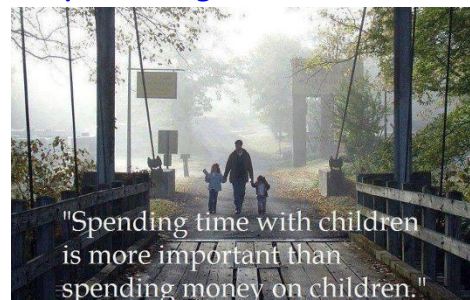
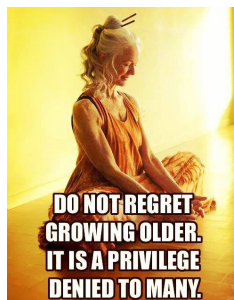


Cups went to: **Everett Gardner, Jack Kleinheksel, Ed Collins, Al Gapuzan, Terry Shroyer, and John Oss.** Jack Kleinheksel and John Oss also get a chance to go for the pot, but no success. For the Nametag Draw, Bill Morgan had his on, but alas, \$80 was not in the cards for him either.

### Closing Bell & Creed

The club then recites the Optimist Creed as they venture out on the warm morning. *Promise yourself ...*

### An Every Morning Read





## Ann Marie

Editor, "Letters to Ann: The Korean War, 1950-51."

Paul Bernard introduces our speaker this morning. Author Ann Marie began her career in journalism in Albuquerque, NM. She then attended law school and practiced as a trial litigation attorney. But as she moved to working part-time, she turned to writing.

Ann is here to discuss her book, "Letters to Ann." "Letters to Ann," is a series of heartwarming and humorous letters written to a four-year-old little girl from her dad while he served as a medical officer in the Korean War.

Ann Marie said she is not the author of the book and not the recipient of the letters, but an editor who took the letters of Captain John Hughes, that he sent to his daughter Ann Isabel and arranged them into a story. Captain Hughes served in Korea in 1950 to 1951. In his letters, he explains to his daughter where he is and what he was doing. His approach was to put his letters in a printed form and include lots of drawings for his young daughter.

Ann told us that doing the research for this book revealed many unknown facts. For example, Korea of the 1950's was an agrarian society; the primary mode of transportation was an ox cart. The Korean war started on June 25 1950, when North Korea invaded South Korea and took Seoul in 3 days. The war lasted approximately 3 years. It is sometimes referred to as the "Cold War," "The Forgotten War," or "The Unknown War," because of the lack of public attention it received both during and after the war, and in relation to the global scale of World War II.

The first letter Ann receives from her father was from Japan, a stopping point for his trip to Korea. Captain Hughes' letters talk about the culture of Japan and Korea



Ann Marie, on right, with Craig Eley.  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

and the activities of his Army Medical Corps activities. The letters are presented chronological, which provides context for his words and illustrations. As Ann says, very similar to what we have learned from the TV series MASH.

When Seoul was taken is taken back from the North Koreans, Captain Hughes Company, 24,000 soldiers strong, was sent south. Next come the big surprise. Frozen war, brutal conditions. Gen McArthur orders a full retreat of American forces. The largest in the history of the armed forces. While in transit, their convoy was ambushed in a battle that lasted 11 hours. During which his actions were awarded a Bronze star. Captain Hughes' letters home were always positive and warm. In his letters, Captain Hughes jokes that he carries everything on his back and even includes an illustration of all the components.

IN April 1951, President Truman fired MacArthur for not following orders and was replaced by General Guy Ridgway, who implemented full integration of fighting forces.

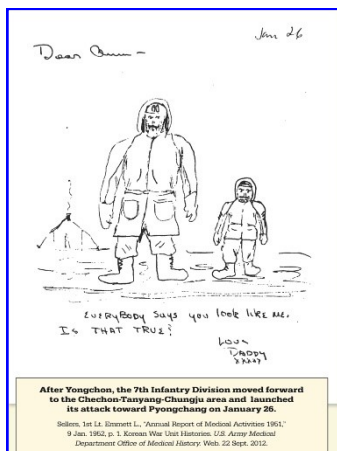
Captain Hughes had met fighting forces members from China by this time. Like we have seen in MASH, he became familiar with the Chinese uniforms and wrote home to daughter about them. He also describes how the wounded were transported and first the use of helicopters was used, along with planes to drop supplies – including jeeps – to troops in the field. Western etiquette of not firing on the other side's medical and wounded were not honored by the other side.

Captain Hughes sent back many pictures as well. Including the July 27, 1953 Armistice being signed and the 38th parallel established as the line of demarcation.

### Ann Marie Continued:

Ann Marie shared that over 200,000 South Korean and over 1 million civilians were killed, plus 23 countries took part as UN forces to this conflict. The US supplied 88% of the troops. You will have to read the book to find out if Captain Hughes makes it home.

Learn more about Ann Marie and this fascinating book at <http://www.letterstoann.info/author/admin/>.



After Yongchon, the 7th Infantry Division moved forward to the Chechon-Tanyang-Chungju area and launched its attack toward Pyongyang on January 26.  
Sellers, Sir La. Kenneth L., "Personal Report of Medical Activities 1951," 9 Jan. 1952, p. 1. Korean War Unit Histories, U.S. Army Medical Department Office of Medical History. Web 22 Sept. 2012.

### Weekly Greeters

2/17/17	John Young & Michael Chavez
2/24/17	Paul Stratton & Oscar Sorensen

### February Super Citizen Presenters

Feb 15 @ 2:30	MPB	?
Feb 16 @ 2:15	Univ. Park	?
Feb 17 @ 1:00	Samuels	?
Feb 23 @ 12:30	Lowry	?
Feb 24 @ 9:00	Holm	?
Feb 24 @ 3:00	Bradley	Jon Wachter

### Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40<sup>th</sup> Year — Chartered in 1976

Feb 17	Fri	7:00 am	Sweetheart Breakfast, Yak & Yeti Restaurant	♡♡
Feb 21	Tue	3:30 pm	Tri-Star Basketball, Cope Boys and Girls Club, 808 Inca St., Denver	
Feb 22	Wed	6:30 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way	
Feb 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Frank Middleton's Surprise Speaker	
Feb 25	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl Championship Tournament, Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E Dartmouth Ave.	
Mar 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Kendra Black, Denver District 4 Councilwoman	
Mar 3	Fri	5:00 pm	2017 Eagle Scout Banquet, Renaissance Denver Hotel, 3891 Quebec St.	
Mar 9	Thu	8:45 am	Habitat for Humanity Build, 2680 S. Decatur St.	
Mar 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Bill Blunden, The Mosul Dam in Iraq, in Danger of Collapse	

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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.