



# 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 Spring is in the Air



The morning began with Greeter **John** “Mr. Optimist” **Young** suffering from a spring cold. Worried he would pass the virus a decision was made to have John stand outside at the door and be the first to greet our early morning members.

Everybody commented on how nice it was to be greeted before they even got into the Hall. Optimism at its finest! Our other greeter was **Phil Perington**, who was joined by “Mr. Volunteer” **Russ Paul** inside.

A jolly good time was had by all. Breakfast was served and included warm biscuits and country gravy, potato and corned beef hash, fruit compote and juice. Good ol’ hearty breakfast grub. Yum!

Thanks to **Joe** “Big Tree” **Marci**, **Russ Paul**, and **Frank Ross**, our early morning set up crew, the gavel came down at 7 o’clock sharp.

### Selective Reflection of the Editor



Phil Perington  
Photo Don StJohn

Most recently married **Alan Pierce** commented he and Mrs. Pierce are still working on a Honeymoon extravaganza. We want details! Maybe. The always-dapper **Karl** “The Brain Bowl is Coming!” **Geil** showed up as casual Karl and reported he was finished lawyering for the week. “Super King Soopers/Safeway grocery card salesman,” **Cy Regan** with the assistance of the kitchen crew was able to secure his promo poster in its rightful place on the East wall. **Gary Strowbridge** was seen holding his pipe. (More on that later). “Bronco” **Fred-die Pasternack** was a little upset because he had no Bronco news. “Mr. Baseball” **Tom Mauro**, was happily passing out season tickets to eager recipients, including a delighted **Randy** “Biker” **Marcove** and “Uncle” **Bob Avery**. Additionally, there were two Arapahoe County Deputies strolling about and enjoying the hospitality.

### Invocation & Pledge

President **John Oss** called the meeting to order and introduced “Zip Code” **Ron Cisco** for our Invocation: “Health, happiness, and prosperity...” followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a very enthusiastic cheer of “Play ball and Hit the ball!” The morning rolled on.

### From the Prez

Prez John Oss thanked Paul Simon and Karl Geil for their commitment to the Brain Bowl. He also thanked all the Monaco South volunteers for their participation as readers, scorekeepers, and timers. District PGI Chair, **Phil Perington** was congratulated for reaching Level Ten of the PGI (Personal Growth Involvement) Program.



### Announcements

**Grocery Cards:** **Greg Young** reminded us about Safeway and King Soopers grocery cards, which are great presents and convenient cards to have in your wallet. They can be reloaded up to \$500.00 and generate money for the annual budget. Please see **Cy Regan** for your shopping needs. He also reiterated that a free breakfast is reserved for guests, potential new members, and visitors from other Clubs including District Chairs and Officers. However, for members you need to pay as you go. See cashier **Don StJohn**!



**Teachers of Excellence Award:** **Tom Mauro** proclaimed that time is running out for nominations to be submitted for the Teachers of Excellence Award. He also reported that the coveted **Oscar Sorensen** “Million Dollar” ad space in the Membership Roster was actually awarded to **Phil Perington** who made a generous donation of \$150 to the OI Foundation. This should correct the misinformation and congratulatory photo published in the March 20<sup>th</sup> GUMS.

**Know Brainer:** **Michael Chavez** announced he is looking for “Readers and Volunteers” who are needed for the upcoming Know Brainer Competition at Hamilton Elementary. This event is for 5<sup>th</sup> graders, as a

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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

training camp/pre-cursor to the Big League CO/WY National Brain Bowl Championship Tournament. Monaco South and Tamarac are the co-host/sponsors.

**JDRF Gala:** Ron Gustas stated JDRF, and T1-DOC are participating in the upcoming annual JDRF Fundraising Dinner and need help on April 11<sup>th</sup>, to load and manage the auction items. Please see Ron or **Dick Cohen** for more information.

**Dime-A-Day:** Fred Pasternack shared he is seeking more applications for the Dime-A-Day OI Foundation program and is distributing pins to those who have signed up. Last year CO/WY was the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest contributor out of all Regions and Monaco South was the #1 Club with accrued individual members. Way to go Freddie! You're the Dime-A-Day man!

**Smarter Than the Brain Bowl Chair:** Craig Eley claims the date has been set for the Second Annual "Are You Smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair?" competition. It will be May 8, and already tickets for this event are being scalped for 25, 30, or even 50 cents each! MSOC members will be admitted free of charge. However, he still needs 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.

**9 Health Fair:** Howdy Fry announced the Channel 9 and YMCA Health Fair is on for April 26<sup>th</sup> at Schlessman YMCA. Monaco South volunteers provide the manpower for check-in and application collection every year. Talk with Howdy to sign up!

**Monaco South Election:** Oscar Sorensen said ballot is shaping up with **Don Iley**, Prez; **Randy Marcove**, VP; **Michael Chavez**, VP; while **Jim Easton**, **Allen Malask**, and **Allen Pierce** have all announced their intention to run for Board. Any others who are interested are welcome, so contact Oscar. If you would like to make any type of contribution to any ones campaign please feel free to partake.

**MSOC Membership Roster:** Craig "here come da' judge" Eley shouted out the last call for new headshots—a hockey thing—for photos in the next Directory. Additionally, please submit any data changes to **Tom Mauro** within the next few days.



## Etiquette Reminder

A reminder from the Club's Etiquette Committee: It is disconcerting to hear members chatting during the Optimist Creed. Worse, it throws some of us with poor memories off track, and if our eyes are not good enough to see the Creed on the banner then we can get hopelessly lost. The Creed is not just a collection

of words, which we recite each week – it is a re-dedication to Optimist principles, and should be treated with the dignity accorded a solemn oath. Camaraderie is fine, but not during the Creed, please.

## Closing Bell

For the drawing this morning, it was the Nine of Diamonds. Cup winners included **Don Thomson**, Prez **John Oss**,



editor **Phil Perington**, **Alan Yockey**, and **Gary Strowbridge**. **Jack Rife** and **Phil** took a cut at the cards to no avail, but were rewarded



with a large bag of official Rockies peanuts from card master, **Ron Cisco**.

## Recitation of the Optimist Creed

**Frank Middleton** closed our meeting by leading us in reciting the Creed, "Think only of the best...."

## CO/WY Tri-Star Basketball Finals

The Tri Star finals were held on Saturday, April 4 at Metro State University's Gymnasium. Here are some pictures from **Craig Eley** and **John Oss**.



This years TriStar winners with CO-WY Gov. Abigail Nicholas in the center.

COM/WY Governor Abigail Nicholas was great. She handed out trophies for 36 Tri-Star Basketball winners. The Banners were up, the results of each event were carefully recorded, a record was kept of the entire event, the families observed, and the kids waited for the finals.



According to Craig Eley, he was really guarding the trophies to be handed out to the winners.



"I wondered where the ball went ... and then it hit me!"



"Once again, how many free throws was that?"

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## Arapahoe County Sheriff's K9 Unit

### Arapahoe County Deputies Gordon Carroll and Kelly Draper

Frank Middleton introduced our guest speaker Gordon Carroll and Kelly Draper, Arapahoe County Deputies and Director/Handlers of the K-9 Dog Enforcement Division.

Also making a guest appearance was their newest member of the team, Depute Draper's Belgian Malinois dog named Hilo. Depute Carroll's dog is Thor and his credentials include 77 apprehensions and 13 engagements, "bites." Depute Carroll, a 30-year member of the department, heads the K-9 Team. His partner Kelly has been on the force for 15 years and this is his first term as a K-9 Handler. Previously he served as a "decoy" and training "dummy." Good experience for seeing both sides of the deal.

Each dog lives with their handler 24/7 and bond with their families as well. The cost of each dog is \$10,000. Arapahoe County is blessed with a "lady angel" who pays for every new dog the Department acquires. There are now four dogs in the K-9 Corps and two more are soon to be added.

The K-9 Academy is the center for all activity related to training and bonding between all the officer handler's and dogs. It takes a minimum of six-weeks to complete the full training process. "Fun things" are used in much of the training, which includes toys, balls, wrestling, and romping. A yellow training ball can be seen in the photo. An electronic collar is used to manage behavior, but is used judiciously. It is also used as a safety measure when a dangerous or injurious situation is manifesting at a crime



From left, Depute Kelly Draper with Thor, Depute Gordon Carroll, and Prez John Oss.  
Photos Don StJohn

scene. All K-9 dogs are trained to bite and takedown a suspect on any part of the body. They are also keenly trained to recognize specific identify scents in ambient air i.e. drugs, alcohol, body fluids and other suspicious odors.

Universal commands are used to control or manage the dogs. The preferred breeds are typically male German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois. A dog sensing suspicious ambient air, leading to a probable search is one of the main functions of the K-9 Corps.

In the line of fire on a regular basis, only one dog has been shot; a small miracle in the Arapahoe County K-9

Corps. It happened in Cherry Hills by a woman out of control with a loaded weapon. The dog was shot in the front forearm and after recovering, was subsequently retired with honors.

Hilo was in frisky form chasing his rubber ball, jumping around with his handler Depute Draper. At one point Hilo made a beeline to **Gary Strowbridge** and his pipe and started barking excitedly. Gary would not comment when later asked what was in his pipe. Very Interesting!

Dogs are becoming an integral part of law enforcement in Arapahoe County and their future is bright. Officers Carroll, Draper, and their pals will always be welcome at the Monaco South Optimist Club.



Weekly Greeters	
4/10/15	Carl Brown & Frank Ross
4/17/15	Barry Barker & Harry Arkin
4/24/15	Mark Metevia & Robert Wardlaw
5/1/15	?
Need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or <a href="mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com">jon_wachter@msn.com</a>	

Super Citizen Presenters April		
April 15 @ 2:30	MPB	?
April 21 @ 1:00	Samuels	Bob Avery
April 24 @ 8:30	Slavens	Michael Chavez
April 24 @ 9:00	Holm	?
April 24 @ 3:00	Bradley	Jon Wachter
April 30 @ 1:30	McMeen	?
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 <a href="mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com">gardnerrb@gmail.com</a>		

Apr 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Junior Golf, Joe Marci
Apr 11	Sat	5:30 pm	Western Barbeque & Hoedown, Outpost
Apt 15	Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Apr 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Apr 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Respect for Law, guests Police Officer's from DPD District 3
Apr 26	Sun	9-Noon	9 HealthFair, Schlessman YMCA
May 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

**Past Presidents of the  
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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
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Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
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Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
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Mark Metevia	1994-95	Jon Wachter	2013-14

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**T H E O P T I M I S T C R E E D — 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.