



# Fred Pasternack Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South



## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush for Robert Wardlaw



### Good Morning Optimist Greetings

Our greeters, **Karl Geil** and **Bob Coulson** supplied the happy faces that greeted us at today's membership meeting. **Bob Coulson** did double duty when he gave us the invocation remembering **Harry Johnson**. Bob also let us know that a memorial service for Harry will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Littleton, 1609 W. Littleton Blvd. (near Windermere) on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

### New Member

Recently approved new member **Rob Fries** joined us again for breakfast. It is great to see you Rob! We look forward to working with you on one of the many activities that the club conducts each month. No other guests were present at the meeting.

### From the Prez

Although our Prez, Jon Wachter did not have much to say today, so the editors wanted to show off some of the many talents he has, see below.



OCMS Prez Jon Wachter sets the beat for the "Glass Half Empty Band" at the COWY Optimist Convention Breckenridge, CO, Aug 23-26 2013.

### Announcements

**Super Citizen Program:** Don Thomson, sitting in for **Robert Wardlaw**, who is in Las Vegas for his sons soccer tournament, announced that the Super Citizen program is well under way for the year. Robert is the new chair for the project and has everything well under control as several presentations have already been made. **Rob Gardner** is handling the arranging of presenters. He has a presenter sign-up for every presentation through this calendar year. He would like to have a second presenter for each one as well. See Rob next week to get on his list.

**Liberty Day Fundraiser:** Andy McKean announced that a fundraiser for the Liberty Day project has been scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup> at the White Fence Farm in Lakewood. It is the Veterans Day Leader Night, an "Evening in Honor of our Veterans" whom have sacrificed so much for our Constitution. Liberty Day's mission is to provide resources to help educate students about our Constitution from where our liberty and freedoms comes. Ben Franklin once replied when asked what the founding fathers have given to us, "A Republic if you can keep it." If you would like to help support this effort, you can do so by

### Holiday Party

Frank Middleton says,  
Save The Date, Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
at  
**Aurora Golf Course Club House**  
50 S Peoria St.  
Details forth coming

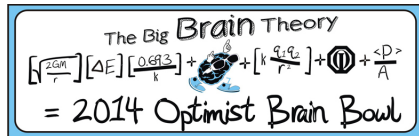
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**Meeting Place**  
**American Legion Hall Post 1**  
**5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado**  
**Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am**  
**\*\*\*\*INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN\*\*\*\***

## Announcements Continued

ordering tickets to the Veterans Day Leader Night at The White Fence Farm, 6263 W. Jewell Avenue, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> by contacting Jimmy Sengenberger at [Jim-my@LibertyDay.org](mailto:Jim-my@LibertyDay.org) or calling 720-316-1072.

**Brain Bowl is Coming:** When Karl Geil is excited, you know the Brain Bowl is near. He wants us to reserve some time next January and February to work on the upcoming Brain Bowl. For those new members, the Brain Bowl is



an academic completion for middle school students. It is pattern after the old G.E. College Bowl where teams from various schools compete against each other by answering questions in a variety of subjects. There are three regional competitions capped by a Colorado/Wyoming District championship. Approximately 1,250 students will participate in this event, and we need about 135 volunteers at each tournament to make them run properly. There are volunteer opportunities for Readers (training in advance required), Time Keepers, Score Keepers, Runners, Score Checkers, Proctors for the written test, and many more. Reader training has not yet been scheduled. The tournaments are:

- ⇒ Central Region - February 1, 2014 at Heritage High School in Littleton.
- ⇒ South Region - February 8, 2014 at Carson Middle School on the Ft. Carson U.S. Army Post near Colorado Springs.
- ⇒ Championship Tournament - February 22, 2014 at Hamilton Middle School in Denver.
- ⇒ North Region - Not yet scheduled. The schools up north are still recovering from the Fall floods

More details can be found at [www.optimistbrainbowl.org/](http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org/). Stay tuned for more details.

### YMCA Capital Campaign & OCMS Playground:

The Monaco South has raised about \$40,000 in donations and pledges for the Schlessman YMCA remodel and expansion. As you know, Monaco South committed to raise \$50,000 for this effort and the right to place our name on the children's playground. Keep in mind, members who pledge over \$1,000 (\$200 per year for 5-years) will have their name on the plaque that will be adjacent to the entrance to the playground on the inside of the YMCA. This is the chance to have a lasting effect on the community's young people by building this playground. If you have not already helped with a contribution, please consider doing so. A pledge form is attached to the GUMS distribution email or you can get one by contacting **Greg Young** at 303-759-3921 or [gndyoung@comcast.net](mailto:gndyoung@comcast.net).

**Dime-A-Day Program:** Freddie Pasternack has agreed to chair the club's participation in the Dime-A-Day program again this year. He congratulated the club for the \$40,000 raised toward the children's YMCA playground but that he only wants a dime a day or \$36.50 for the year. That is a dime a day for the next year that goes to the O.I. foundation. Fred-



Photo Don StJohndy led our club to the highest par-

ticipation level in the entire Optimist International organization last year and he is hoping to repeat that feat again.

**Monaco South Shirts:** Monaco South golf shirts are continuing to be sold. **Tom Glazier** is still taking orders for the shirts. If you would like one or need a replacement, be sure to let Tom know.

**Christmas Tree Lot Update:** **Joe Marci** gave us an update on the Christmas Tree Lot. He reminded all members that if they show up at the K-Mart location, you not only will not have any help but you will also have no trees to sell. That is because we have to move the lot this year since the K-Mart store is closed. Joe has obtained two approvals to use space at six locations that he is investigating. The good news is we will have a site to use. The bad news is we do not know where that will be just yet. Joe is continuing to work on this and will let us know as soon as something is finalized.

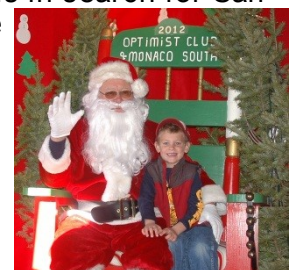
**Christmas Tree Pre-sales:** Ed Collins floated the idea of a Christmas Tree Pre-Sale. The idea would be to have members canvass their neighborhoods taking orders for Christmas Trees. Editor, if this pre-sale is successful, we may not need a physical lot location. Just kidding! Keep looking Joe. If you would like to get your three shifts done early by selling a sufficient number of trees in the pre-sale, let Ed, know that you would like to partake.

**Sullivan Scholarship Entertainment Books:** A new shipment of the entertainment books have arrived so there is no shortage of available books for sale. If you would like to purchase one for every member of your family, be sure to see **Joe Marci**. They are only \$30.00 each. What a nice gift!

**The Rod Winget Walkers:** **Rob Winget** wants us to move and reminded all members that the "MSOC walkers" would meet out in the parking lot for their weekly walk. Today is a perfect day to take a walk through the neighborhood. You should get your walks in now before the weather turns ugly.

**Super Zone Meeting:** Past Prez **Paul Simon**, back from a drive to California to see his son, reminded all members that the Super Zone meeting is set for Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is for training club officers and getting to know Optimists throughout the various zones. The meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the American Legion Hall.

**Santa's Needed:** **Craig Eley** is in search for Santa's. They are needed to staff the Santa Haus part of the Tree Lot in December. Craig says he will supply the suit and training in case you do not already know how to "Ho, Ho, Ho." You can sign-up for shifts last just 2 hours.





## Announcements Continued



**Wine Tasting & Silent Auction:** A wine tasting and silent auction is a fundraiser for Bradley Elementary School. It will be held at the Wellshire Event Center, 3333 S. Colorado Blvd., on November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

There will be over 50 different wines to taste, entertainment by the band Knight Groove, appetizers, cash bar and many great items to bid on including weekend getaways, Broncos tickets, spa packages, student art, home and babysitting services, etc. You can purchase tickets for \$25.00 at <http://bradleypto.com/>.

**Correctional Industries Tour:** Bob Avery is organizing another tour of the Correctional Industries facility. Correctional Industries is a program allowing inmates at the state prison to work producing a wide variety of products and services. Money raised is used to help offset costs of incarceration and give inmate a chance to earn some extra money and get skills training. The tour is planned for Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. You must get prior clearance before going down. Bob says he can guarantee that he can get you in but cannot guarantee that he can get you out. If interested, talk to Bob.

**Thanksgiving Baskets:** The Thanksgiving Baskets will be delivered on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Allen Pierce and Jim Easton are putting this project together. Do not miss out on one of the more rewarding projects that the club has to offer. Be sure to sign-up or let Allen and Jim know that you would like to help.



**McMeen Thank You:** Don Thomson read a thank you note from the McMeen Elementary staff for the school supply donation. The club donated \$150.00 to the school to buy much needed supplies for the students. Don also mentioned that they are in need of shirts for the school Color Guard.

**Speaker No Show:** Barbara O'Brian was to be our speaker this morning. She is a candidate for the Denver Public School Board. Barbara was a no show. We hope that there were not any unfortunate circumstances that prevented her from speaking. We instead visited with fellow members.

### Drawing Winners

Drawing winner today included Ron Gustas, Tom Hock, Barry Barker, Perry Allen, Jack Kleinheksel, Phil Perington, and not Jim Easton but his son did win.

## Bill Walters Boys & Girls Clubs and Girls Inc. Thanksgiving Dinner

By Ralph Pedersen



**Bill Walters**, now deceased, was an active member and past president of OCMS for many years. During the latter part of his professional career, Bill worked in the printing business, but prior to that was a caterer with a partner. It was during this time that Bill decided it would be

good to expand his involvement with the Boys & Girls Clubs by providing a Thanksgiving dinner at the clubhouse for the boys and girls. Initially, he and his partner provided and cooked the food and enlisted club members to serve the meals. Russ Paul was his co-chairman. As the membership of the Clubs grew, Bill could no longer provide and cook the food. Through a connection with the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center, he persuaded them to take over that duty. The hotel chefs and cooks have now done that for many years. In recent years, we have added Girls Inc. to our project. The Boys and Girls Clubs administration and the kids have been very grateful for our willingness to provide a Thanksgiving meal each year. The boys and girls at both organizations typically make a large sign with a "THANK YOU" and their signatures on it. Our members who serve the meals enjoy the repartee with the smiling boys and girls coming through the line.

### Super Citizen Presenters for November

Nov 13 @ 1:00	Lowry	Paul Stratton
Nov 13 @ 2:30	MPB	?
Nov 22 @ 9:30	Holm	Ron Cisco
Nov 22 @ 12:45	McMeen	Mark Metevia
Nov 22 @ 3:00	Bradley	?

### Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
11/1/13	Tom Hock & Rob Gardner
11/8/13	Bob Avery & Greg Young
11/15/13	Keith Gallaway & ?
11/22/13	Fred Pasternack & Dave Peck

### Monaco South Calendar

Nov 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Randy Gambian, SarahCare Adult Care Centers
Nov 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - George Brauchler, Arapahoe County District Attorney
Nov 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Nov 16	Sat	6:30 am	TJ Craft Fair, S. Holly & Happy Canyon Road - See Craig Eley
Nov 20	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Nov 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Joe Marci, Tree Lot Education

**Past Presidents of the  
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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bob Safe	1995-96
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Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Stan Cohen	2000-01
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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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Mark Metevia	1994-95		

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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.