



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado  
Serving Youth and the Community for 37 Years  
Recognized as Outstanding Service Organization in Colorado in 2012

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### Good Morning Optimist



Our greeters this morning, Prez **Jon Wachter** and **Russ Paul**, greeted everyone this morning in the parking lot of the Americal Legion Hall.

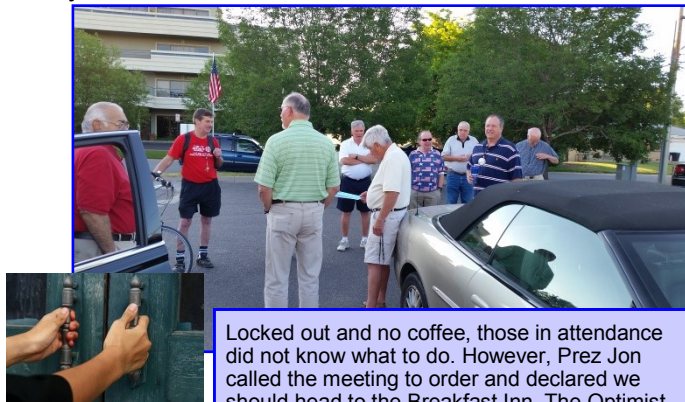


Jon Wachter



Russ Paul  
Photos Craig Eley

It soon became apperent that everyone was locked out of the Legion Hall. Evidentiallly, the Hall's management decided it was okay to lock the doors and not tell anyone. Even our breakfast cook, Curtis Terry, was not there, so no coffee was to be had.



Locked out and no coffee, those in attendance did not know what to do. However, Prez Jon called the meeting to order and declared we should head to the Breakfast Inn. The Optimist Creed was said and everyone took to the road.

Photos Steve Kady

### In Attendance at the Breakfast Inn



Photos Steve Kady

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### ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS MONACO SOUTH NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

We need 15 new members to achieve honor club. So bring your friends, neighbors, sons or grandsons... get them to join and receive a discount on your next year's dues. Don't forget, for only \$100, you can make them a *Friend of Optimist*, and it counts too! See Greg Young for details.

**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\*\*\*\***



## In Attendance Continued



Oscar Sorensen who convinced the cashier that he needed a piece of 4th of July cake.



Our accommodating waitress, Ursula Balzano  
Photos Steve Kady

## Volunteers at the MS 150



Photo John Oss



Above, Jon Wachter, Ruthy Oss, and Michael Chavez. In the picture on the right, MSOC rider Howdy Fry, with Eldon Strong (L), and Jon Wachter (R).  
Photos John Oss



Photo Allen Yockey

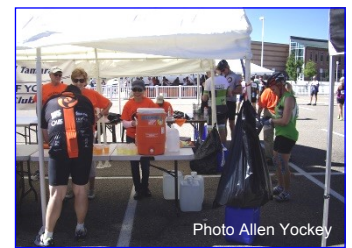


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## From the Prez

Here are the birthday boys we sang "Happy Birthday" to in the parking lot this morning — **Bill Anderson, Pat Bush, Kent Gloor, John Greene, Tom Hoch, Don Iley, Lynn Jones, Steve Kady, Jack Kleinheksel, Jim Leuschner, Randy Marcove, Wyatt McCallie, Mark Metevia, Paul Simon, Donlie Smith, Pat Sullivan, Rich Wagner.**

Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** was ready to have a drawing, **Craig Eley** had the Declaration of Independence in his pocket and **Bryce Slaby** had some jokes to share. It was a beautiful 4<sup>th</sup> of July Morning, the only problem was the hall was not open. After some camaraderie in the parking lot for a few minutes, we sang "Happy Birthday," said the Optimist Creed and most guys went to the Breakfast Inn for breakfast.

## Announcements

**CO-WY MS Chapter 150 Bike Ride:** Over twenty helpers from Tamarac and Monaco South assisted with the hydration station and lunch stop last Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> for the second day of the two day event. The 150 is a ride

from Westminster to Fort Collins and back. The rigorous ride is a labor of love, but cannot compare to the continuous advocacy and fundraising from the team's of dedicated volunteers.



More pictures of this event can be found by [CLICK-ING HERE](#). This year Prez Elect **John Oss** had the picture honors.

## Happy Independence Day

By George Buzick

Have you ever wondered why almost everyone refers to this holiday as, "*The Fourth of July*," and not Independence Day. Why we do not call Christmas, "December 25"? Just an editorial thought.

About 20 members were greeted by our illustrious President, Jon Wachter in the parking lot. In the absence of the key to the meeting hall, it was a unanimous decision that we not meet there today. The question then became, "Should we meet at all?" Since we were already up and dressed (more or less), it was

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SAVE THE DATE  
COMING UP

## Installation of Officers 2014-2015

**Prez Jon** announced MARK YOUR CALENDAR the MSOC installation of the 2014-2015 club officers will be Saturday, September 20, 2014 at **Highlands Park**

**Pavilion**, formally Delmonico Hall, at 3220 Federal Boulevard, across from Highland Park. The new Highlands Park Pavilion was recently refurbished and is operated by Fifty-Two-Eighty Events.

## Independence Day Continued

a unanimous decision that we not meet there today. The question then became, "Should we meet at all?" Since we were already up and dressed (more or less), it was decided that to justify getting up this early we would hold our meeting at the Breakfast Inn, 6135 East Evans Avenue. Since this was camaraderie day, this worked out very well and a good time was had by all.

In the absence of any meeting news, here are some milestones of Optimist International during the past 100 or so years:

- ◇ 1911 - A new type of civic and service organization, calling itself the "Optimist Club" forms in Buffalo New York.
- ◇ 1919 - The first International convention takes place in Louisville, Kentucky, with 11 clubs, representing 1298 members, in attendance.
- ◇ 1922 - Members adopt the Optimist Creed and the purposes that they guide the organization—service to youth, community and Optimism.
- ◇ 1923 - The future course of the organization is set by selecting the motto: "Friend of the Delinquent Boy."
- ◇ 1924 - Optimists revise their motto and become known as: "Friend of the Boy." The first Canadian club charters in Toronto. Junior Optimist Clubs become an official part of the program.
- ◇ 1928 - First International Oratorical contest is conducted.
- ◇ 1929 - Organization grows to 117 clubs and 8,000 members.
- ◇ 1936 - The Life Membership Plan is introduced at the Fort Worth Convention.
- ◇ 1940 - The organization continues to grow with 234 clubs and 12,000 members.
- ◇ 1953 - First International Bike Safety Week is held.
- ◇ 1954 - Campaign against narcotics peddlers results in Congress passing the 1956 Narcotics Law.
- ◇ 1957 - First Youth Appreciation week observed.
- ◇ 1960 - A full fledged campaign against pornography

reaching school age children through the family mailbox begins.

- ◇ 1963 - "Octagon Clubs" for high-school student become an official part of the youth programs.
- ◇ 1964 - To help reduce the number of high school drop-outs, the "Stay in School" program launches.
- ◇ 1965 - In cooperation with the FBI and the RCMP, Optimists initiate the "Respect for Law" program.
- ◇ 1969 - 50th Anniversary celebration. Board of Directors creates Optimist International Foundation.
- ◇ 1970 - The "Information Program on Drug Abuse" is presented.
- ◇ 1971 - Organization continues to grow, reaching 300 clubs and 106,000 members. Tri-Star health program initiated to promote physical fitness.
- ◇ 1972 - L.I.F.E - "Living Is For Everything" program kicks off at the convention in Montreal, focusing on environmental issues.
- ◇ 1973s - Optimists adopt "Friend of Youth" as their new motto.
- ◇ 1978 - First Optimist Junior Golf Tournament held.
- ◇ 1983 - First International Essay Contest.
- ◇ 1984 - "Just Say No" program used to educate youth on the dangers of substance abuse.
- ◇ 1985 Optimist International Foundation funds reach \$2 million.
- ◇ 1987 - Women accepted as Optimist members.
- ◇ 1988 - Junior Optimist Octagon International (JOOI) forms as the official youth organization of Optimist International.
- ◇ 1990 - More than 20 Optimist Clubs charter in Hungary.

*Editor's note: More to follow in future editions of GUMS. Note the reoccurring themes of drug abuse, pornography, physical fitness and community activism within the Optimist Organization.*

### Weekly Greeters

|  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>7/11/14</b>   | Paul Stratton & Carl Brown    |
| <b>7/18/14</b>   | Bob Avery & Rod Winget        |
| <b>7/25/14</b>   | Jack Kleinheksel & Casey Funk |
| <b>8/1/14</b>  | Frank Middleton & ?           |
| <b>8/8/14</b>  | Tom Glazier & Allen Malask    |
| <b>Need Friday morning greeters, see O.C. Larson, 303-797-7432 or <a href="mailto:larson1942@comcast.net">larson1942@comcast.net</a></b> |                               |

### Update on Don Thomson

Don has been relocated and is recuperating at the Orchard Park Healthcare Center, 6005 South Holly Street, Centennial, CO. Approximately South Holly and Orchard Road.



It probably would be best to call should you plan to visit him, since there are times when he is in physical therapy. Call Phone: 303-773-1000.

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|---------|-----|---------|---|
| July 11 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Robin Wise, President & CEO, Junior Achievement  |
| July 16 | Wed | 6:30 pm | Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102  |
| July 18 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Pending  |
| July 26 | Sat | 7:00 am | Brent's Place Kid's Cure for Cancer pancake breakfast - See Paul Bernard<br><i>New Location: General's Park, 1561 Quentin Street, Aurora (NE Corner of Colfax and Peoria)</i> |
| Aug 1   | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Pending  |



**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 |
| Duane Wehrer     | 1979-80 | Ralph Symalla  | 1998-99 |
| 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 |
| Kent Gloor       | 1992-93 | Randy Marcove  | 2011-12 |
| Gary Strowbridge | 1993-94 | Paul Simon     | 2012-13 |
| Mark Metevia     | 1994-95 |                |         |

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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.