

# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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### Good Morning Optimist Welcome!

It's **Friday the 13th**! The fear of Friday the 13th has been called friggatriskaidekaphobia (Frigga being the name of the Norse goddess for whom "Friday" is named in English and triskaidkaphobia meaning fear of the number thirteen). According to the Stress Management Center and Phobia Institute in Asheville, North Carolina, an estimated 17 to 21 million people in the United States are affected by a fear of this day making it the most feared day and date in history. Some people are so paralyzed by fear that they avoid their normal routines in doing business, taking flights or even getting out of bed. "It's been estimated that \$800 or \$900 million is lost in business on this day." Why do Diamond Jim Brady, Mickey Spillane, Benny Goodman, Humbert Humphrey, and Julia Child consider Friday the 13th unlucky? They all passed away on Friday the 13th.



### Greeters

**Don Thomson** and **Cap Hermann** met us with warm handshakes and smiling faces.

### Invocation & Pledge

**John Oss** began our meeting with a message on the importance about talking health, happiness, and prosperity.

### Holiday Party Update

Christmas Party was this past Friday night. **Frank Middleton** reports on a successful event and a real karaoke live experience. Much singing was heard, with a wide range in ability. Great work Frank! Also thanks to the Party Committee members: **JR Gieck, Rod Winget, Nick Newey, and Jack Rife**.



Prez Jon on left and JR belt one out including a bit of Michael Jackson from JR.

Photos Frank Middleton

### Holiday Karaoke Live



### Announcements

**Tree Lot Annual Chili Cook-off:** This year the Chili Cook-off will be Sunday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> per **Ron Cisco**. So bring your best chili and see if you can top the 10-time contest winner.

**Tree Lot Update:** **Joe Marci** reports that after 13 selling days, we are 210 trees ahead of last year's pace! Let's get to 100 members covering a shift at the lot - so far 73 have worked. Call a friend who has not been to the lot yet and encourage them. Students from Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and Overland will be there this weekend making sure the pegs stay full, and making sure, we provide great service to our customers. This weekend figures are expected to be very busy and we are likely to sell 300+ trees. That is the same number of trees that came in Tuesday and were priced thanks to **Roxie Strong** from the Tamarac Optimist Club. The last load of trees arrives this afternoon. Members have received \$854 in tips thus far.

Need help for the lot, especially on Thursday of this coming week. On Thursday 3 to 9 **Michael Chavez** is the only tree lot volunteer so far - one member for 6 hours is not going to work, so help Michael out. Use the website and sign up! Please look for spots where the staffing looks light and jump in!

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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

Joe Marci reports those with lots of on the lot work hours are: **Bryce Slaby** (55 hours), **Russ Paul** (52 hours), **Tamarac Club members** (41 hours), **Greg Young** and **Carl Brown** (36 hours each) are the top volunteers thus far. Joe also has recorded 67 hours recorded, plus many more not recorded. Great work and dedication gentlemen!

**Tuff Sheds Help Once Again:** **Bryce Slaby** reminded us that Tuff Shed once again donated the shed at the tree lot, happily, and are tremendous club supporters. Consider giving them your business if you or friends need their products and services.

**Tree Lot Santa Haus:** **Craig Eley** report that the Santa Haus is up and going - if you cannot lift a tree, sign-up and transform yourself into the jolly old elf. Help is needed 4:00 - 6:00 next Saturday and Sunday, December 21 and 22. **Phil Perington, Eldon Strong, Don Thomson, Tom Glazier, Tom Overton, Bob Coulson** and his wife Diane (Mrs. Claus), and **John Oss** have served as Santa thus far. Thanks to **Paul Bernard**, who has posted photos of the kids and Santa on line. Pictures can be found [HERE](#).



**OCMS Play Ground @ Schlessman YMCA:** We received a YMCA campaign update from **Jack Rife**, chairman. Our club set a goal of raising \$50,000 for the playground and we want to have the campaign complete by the end of the year. Fifty (50) members have pledged so far for a total of \$60,000, which includes 30 members for \$1,000 or more over a five year period. Amazing support, and over our goal! Consider this great project for your end of the year charitable giving.



Signage Example: Optimist Club of Monaco South Playground

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**Brain Bowl is Coming:** **Karl Geil** and **Paul Simon** acknowledged that figures seem to be a record number of teams and kids to be coming to this years event. Details and signups at can be found a [www.optimistbrainbowl.com](http://www.optimistbrainbowl.com).

**OI Dime-A-Day Program:** **Fred Pasternack** reported receiving three more dime-a-day checks this morning. Of course he did not have any Broncos discussion due to their recent loss - despite his ever-present Optimism, Fred was not up to talking football. Editor, speaking of **Fred Pasternack** and the Broncos can you guess who this is in this next picture?

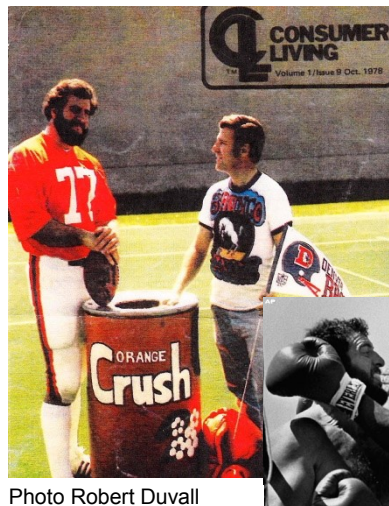
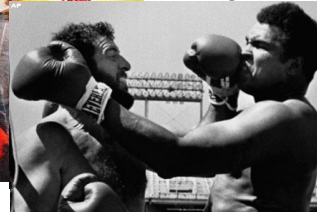


Photo Robert Duvall

Who is this with former **Bronco Lyle Alzado** (1949 - 1992), who played 8 seasons with the Broncos from 1971-78? Are you also aware that on July 14, 1979 Lyle Alzado boxed an exhibition against Muhammad



Ali at a time when Ali had just retired from competitive boxing?

**Christmas Food Baskets Delivery:** **Michael Chavez** needs help on December 21<sup>st</sup> in delivering Christmas baskets to 45 families. We will start at 8:30, from the American Legion Hall, so sign up to help.

**CO-WY Quarterly Meeting:** **Tom Overton** shared that **Peter Yarrow** of Peter, Paul, and Mary, will entertain at the quarterly district conference, February 14 - 16, in Estes Park over Valentine's Day weekend. Another good reason to attend!

**Kady Report:** **Steve Kady** indicated he invited **Todd Helton** to the tree lot, no response yet. Steve wants to thank Rene with Triple R Traffic Signs for the two signs at the tree lot that are helping redirect our customers.



Photo Steve Kady

Thanks to that company. Additionally, the Boys and Girls club is doing an "emergency" toy drive at King Soopers on Leesdale this Tuesday. If you can provide a new unwrapped toy, contact Steve. Tuesday's event is likely to get some TV coverage, so it could be good PR for the club. Contact Steve @ 303-931-1470.

**White Elephant Gift Exchange:** **Oscar Sorenson**



reminded us that next week's meeting will be the White Elephant party. Everyone please attend, even if you forget a gift, since Santa will stop by also. No criteria for the gift, though laughter is the best medicine, so humor would be helpful.

**Honey For Sale:** **Craig Eley**, who plays the role of beekeeper in his spare time, has honey to sell, with the proceeds going to school kids in Rwanda. \$10 for a jar, which is a great price and a great cause, so talk to Craig.

**Congressional Youth Awards:** **Pat Bush** needs contacts at middle and high schools in order to distribute flyers. If you have a contact, please pass the info along to Pat.

**No Brainer Program:** **Don Thomson's** No-brainer committee meeting was at his house, which includes Tamarac Club members. Samuels and Southmoor are new schools that have joined. The event will take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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## Announcements Continued

**Colorado Rockies Tickets:** Tom Mauro states get in now to be sure you have a chance at the playoff tickets for the Rockies. Tickets are going fast and Tom guarantees going all the way. Great seat location, covered from rain and shady on hot days. \$38/ticket, as many tickets per game as you need. Please contact Tom, he has 40 tickets available.

**Program Change:** After all the push to get the speaker schedule changed **Paul Simon** announced that Chris Bray, a private investigator, who was scheduled had not shown up, so camaraderie commenced.

### Drawing

We had a drawing! \$120 if you can find the nine of diamonds. Unfortunately no one could. Other winners included; **Tom Mauro, Karl Geil, Barry Barker, Russ Paul, Wyatt McCallie, Oscar Sorensen, Ron Cisco, Alan Malask. Phil Perington** was wearing his nametag, but also drew the wrong card.



### Closing Creed

**Lynn Jones** started the rest of our day by leading us in the creed. "Promise yourself ...."

## Cub Scouts, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Pack Meeting

By John Oss

The boys of Cub Pack 205 help others by collecting socks and underwear. The boxes the boys prepared will be used at Highline Academy for collections. Cub Master **David Kelso** lead the pack meeting and passed out pinewood derby cars. The efforts of **Frank Middleton** are bearing fruit. This is one of the packs our club originated and supports.



## Holiday Greetings

- ♦ **Merry Christmas from the Broncos!** @ <http://holidays.denverbroncos.com/>. Thanks to Greg Young and his son, Nick Young, Manager-ThunderVision Creative Services.
- ♦ **Air Force Band Flash Mob** at Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ByfpiTILISk>. Thanks to both Greg Young & Joe Marci.
- ♦ **Andre Rieu - I Will Follow Him** @ [https://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=FcLF5wopyjo](https://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=FcLF5wopyjo). Thanks to Jim Tapp.




### Super Citizen Presenters for December

Dec 17 @ 1:30	Samuels	Phil Perington
Dec 19 @ 12:45 <small>Note date change</small>	McMeen	Rob Gardner
Dec 19 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Mike Mauro
Dec 20 @ 9:00	Univ. Park	?
Dec 20 @ 3:00	Bradley	Aaron Beery

### Weekly Greeters

12/20/13	Ron Carlson & Steve Kady
12/27/13	Bryce Slaby & Dave Peck
HAPPY NEW YEAR	
1/3/2014	Ralph Pederson & Dave Owens
1/10/14	Allen Malask & Tom Glazier

## Monaco South Calendar

Dec 18 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102  
 Dec 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Santa Gift Exchange  
 Dec 25 Wed Merry Christmas  
 Dec 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day  
 Jan 1 Wed Happy New Year!   
 Jan 3 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Karl Geil, Brain Bowl

**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
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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.