



# 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 39 Years  
Recognized as Outstanding Service Organization in Colorado in 2012

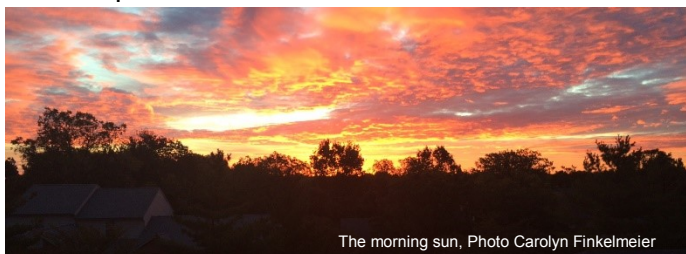
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### Good Morning Optimist

*And so it begins!* The dawning of yet another year for the Optimist Club of Monaco South. Established in



The morning sun, Photo Carolyn Finkelmeier

1976, the club is the largest in the Colorado/Wyoming District, with 134 members and is one of the largest in all of Optimist International. With this in mind, we “press on to the greater achievements of the future,” under the able leadership of our new president, **Don Iley**.



At left, Prez Don Iley takes the lead of MSOC.  
Photo Don StJohn

### Greeters

We were greeted today by **Ron Cisco**, Past Outstanding and Distinguished Governor, and **Don Roth**, one of our newer members, a recently retired realtor.

### Call to order

The meeting was called to order by **Don Iley** in his capacity as President for the 2015-2016 Optimist year, who called upon **Craig Eley** to read the invocation and lead us in the pledge to the flag. As people were seated, it appears that a new “table of wisdom” has been established by **Cy Regan**, **Donlie Smith**, and **Don St. John**, as they watched over their minions from the far left hand side of the room.

Dynamic **Don Iley** left no doubt that he is in charge and this will be another great year for the club. After thanking Past Prez **John Oss** for his service in this

past year as President of the club, Don assured us that his purpose was service to the club and to the kids and that he would do his best to ensure that this will be a successful year. Don announced his goals as being:

- Total of 160 members by end of year
- At least 4 New Optimist Welcome (NOW) membership programs
- Establish at least one new club before the end of the Optimist year
- Establish at least 4 new Junior Optimist Octagon International (JOOI) clubs
- Develop and expand with 3 to 4 new projects

### Announcements

**MSOC FOO Member Tom Graumann:** Past Prez **John Oss** shared that **Tom Graumann** presses on to the greater achievements of the future. He is embarking on a 62 day trip to the Czech Republic. He left this past Wednesday. His October 15<sup>th</sup> presentation at the ornate Brno Mahen Theatre will be a high point among the dozens of presentations. He and his mother were there the “*Night of Broken Glass*,” on November 9, 1938. They were protected by an armed guard as those recognized as Jews were swept off to concentration camps. Tom will be speaking at that theater October 15<sup>th</sup>. Tom has “forgotten the mistakes of the past” and recommends that all “press on.”

Tom has traveled for 3 months twice each year to the Czech Republic ever since the iron curtain came down. He presented his experiences to MSOC this past July ([Click here to see the recap in the July 10 issue of GUMS](#)). Tom is one of the 669 Winton Train children. This will be his last trip. His wife Caroline’s health is waning. Tom is the greatest example of an optimist I ever expect to know.



Tom Graumann on right with Nicholas Winton who died July 1, 2015 at the age of 106.

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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

**OCMS Directory Update:** Tom Mauro announced that he had just returned from his 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion in Pueblo and that this is the last call for changes to the directory, to which **Craig Eley** added that this is also the last opportunity to get your directory photo taken if you're new or need a new face, perhaps a recent PhotoShop version.

**A Phil Perington FYI:** Phil Perington, ever the early riser, noted that our new President, **Don Iley** was one of the first in the building this morning, followed closely by our new CO-WY District Governor, **Curt Merrill**, who is also a member of our club. Phil also mentioned that **Bill Wells**, a former member of our club, needs a little coaxing to come back into the fold. It wouldn't hurt to give him a call.

**Upcoming Presenter:** Frank Middleton said the **Cindy Coffman**, current Attorney General of the State of Colorado will be speaker on October 23.

### **Whole Foods to Stop Selling Food Made by Prison Labor:** Dick Nickoloff

brought to our attention and urged the membership to contact their local Whole Foods manager to protest the company's decision to discontinue buying products from the [Colorado Correctional Industries](#). Those of us who have taken the annual tour to Canon City, lead by **Bob Avery**, understand the importance of this program in helping to rehabilitate some of the offenders housed at the facility. **Steve Kady** shared this article from Newsweek in regard to this announcement, [CLICK HERE](#).

### **Alzheimer's Walk, Sullivan Scholarship, & Tree Lot:** Joe Marci

announced that 10 members had shown up at City Park for the Alzheimer's Walk last Saturday, to hand out water to the participants. There were over 10,000 walkers and more than one million dollars was raised. The walk is the second largest in the country. Thanks to Joe and his crew for their support.

Joe also said that he still has 2016 *Entertainment* books at \$35 to help support the Sullivan Foundation Scholarships for Thomas Jefferson High School students.

Joe's last announcement was that we will be moving this years Christmas Tree Lot across the street, in front of Walmart Neighborhood Market, 2253 S. Monaco Parkway for more visibility.

**CO-WY District Update:** Paul Simon, Governor-Elect, attended the installation of the Pueblo Optimist Club, in honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the clubs founding in 1940 and also announced that the Mile High Optimist Club will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. (Mile High was one of the first 6 Optimist Clubs to be formed.) Paul also said that the Academy Club in Colorado Springs is looking for people to help with their "Santa



Train" at the Pikes Peak Cog Railway. See [Santa Train](#). If you have some time on your hands between Thanksgiving and Christmas, think about assisting in this worthwhile project.

**Heather Gardens Optimist Pancake Breakfast:** Donlie Smith reminded us of the Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Heather Gardens Optimist Club on Saturday, October 5, from 8 to 11 a.m. Tickets are available from Donlie, or at the door for the price of \$7.00. Address: 2888 S Heather Gardens Way.

**Dime-A-Day:** Perry Allen, our OI Foundation representative reminded us that the new Optimist administrative year starts October 1, which means that if you want to continue as a member of the Dime-A-Day Club you will have to pony up another \$36.50 for this year. *Editors note: It is actually cheaper to give Perry a check for \$36.50, as sending a dime a day to St. Louis will actually cost you \$178.85 in postage.*

**Thanksgiving Dinner Pies:** Steve Kady announced that it took him only 52 days of eating (and drinking) at Four G's Restaurant, 900 Jersey Street, to convince them to supply all the pies for the annual Boys and Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner. *Editors: We appreciate your sacrifice Steve and I'm sure the kids will too!*

**CO-WY District Conference:** Jon Wachter, the brand new Lt. Governor for Zone 8 reminded us of the First Quarter Conference meeting will be at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a good way to get to gather information of other clubs and the District, as well as exchange ideas with members of other clubs. The cost is \$35 registration fee, until October 15, after that it is \$40, which covers continental breakfast and lunch. Open to all members, includes several valuable workshops and some dynamite speakers. Come out and support Governor **Curt Merrill** and his new district officers.

**FOO Member Leo Hagele:** Don Roth helped **Leo Hagele** move to the Eastern Star Retirement Campus, where he now has a lot more activities and the benefits of assisted living. His new address is: Leo Hagele, 2445 South Quebec St., R134, Denver, CO 80231-6030. His phone is 303-753-2134.



Leo Hagele

## The Announcement Queue



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## Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Foundation

Paul Bernard

**Paul Bernard**, who is the consummate provider of speakers provided the consummate speaker, himself.

Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Foundation which was founded in 1958 to "inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation." Paul is one of the prime organizers of HOBY in Colorado and has served on the board of directors for the past several years.

HOBY's flagship program, the State Leadership Seminar, allows high school sophomores to recognize their leadership talents and apply them in becoming effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community. Students attend three- or four-day seminars and participate in hands-on leadership activities, meet leaders in their state, and explore their own personal leadership skills while learning how to make a positive impact in their community. The seminar curriculum is based on the Social Change Model of Leadership and develops leadership from three perspectives: Personal Leadership, Group Leadership, and Leadership for Society.

All schools (including home schooling associations) registered within Colorado receive invitations to attend, although some choose not to because of financial constraints or other exigencies. Mostly through Paul's efforts, 22 partici-



Paul Bernard

Photo Don StJohn

pants, who might not otherwise have been able to attend the 2015 Colorado Leadership Seminar, were sponsored by various Optimist Clubs within Colorado. There is no cost to the students who attend, but schools must pay a registration fee of \$195, which means some of the poorer school districts need some help with donations.

This year's conference will, once again, be held on the University of Denver campus. As a part of the Leadership for Society segment of the conference, groups of students meet with volunteers

from the community to examine the aspects and the importance of community service. According to Paul, this is where members from our club can provide invaluable information to these young leaders by participating in one on one conversations and group discussions at the Saturday evening meal, which is usually a barbeque cookout, held on the DU campus.

Paul will be happy to discuss any aspects of HOBY, but hopes that you will consider participating in this valuable experience for the young leaders of tomorrow. Exact dates have not yet been established, but Paul will keep us up to date on when and where as the date (usually in the first or second week in June) approaches. For more information on HOBY, visit their website at: [www.hoby.org](http://www.hoby.org).

### Drawing

A fresh new year begins with a full deck of cards and 52 opportunities to win big money! Today, those holding tickets had a 1 in 52 chance of winning the pot of \$20! **President Don** drew the first ticket and...it was his own number! He took a cup rather than draw a card, as did all



those who followed him.

**Perry Allen** and **Phil Perington** both ended up drawing a card, but neither was successful. Nor was **Frank Middleton**, whose name was drawn and who, though not really "wearing" his name tag, was allowed to draw a card, as **Jon Wachter** admitted to lifting Frank's name tag while chatting with Frank.

#### Weekly Greeters

<b>10/9/15</b>	Eldon Strong & Tom Overton
<b>10/16/15</b>	Jim Easton & George Buzick
<b>10/23/15</b>	Casey Funk & Nick Newey
<b>10/30/15</b>	John Bamford & Paul Stratton
<b>Help, Help, Help — we need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or <a href="mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com">jon_wachter@msn.com</a></b>	

#### October Super Citizen Presenters

<b>Oct 9 @ 8:30 to 1:00</b>	Holm	?
<b>Oct 14 @ 8:00</b>	Highline	?
<b>Oct 14 @ 1:00</b>	Samuels	?
<b>Oct 16 @ 8:30</b>	Slavens	Bob Avery
<b>Oct 21 @ 2:30</b>	MPB	George Buzick
<b>Oct 22 @ 5:30</b>	Hamilton	Dave Peck

**Be a Super Citizen Presenter**  
See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203  
[gardnerrb@gmail.com](mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com)

### Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Oct 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Oct 15	Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's Home, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Oct 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Oct 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Cynthia Coffman, Colorado Attorney General



**Past Presidents of the  
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
Gary Stowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96		

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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.