



# 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 35 Years

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### Good Morning Optimist

The (mostly) Hawaiian shirt clad members who attended today's meeting were greeted by **Don Thomson** and **Jon Wachter** and were treated to a John **Marinos** breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes and sausage, along with OJ and coffee.

President **Randy Marcove** gaveled the meeting to order and with a resounding "Aloha!" and recognized some of those whom we haven't seen for a while, including **Bob Avery**, **Marc Goodbody**, and **Howard Fry**. He then asked **Greg Young** to deliver this morning's invocation. Greg responded with a thought about remembering fathers and what they have done for us. After the pledge, **Ron Gutru** played a wonderful rendition of "It's a Grand Old Flag."

### From the Prez

**Prez Randy** reported that he had attended a "Super Zone Meeting," at which members of Optimist Clubs within the Colorado/Wyoming District got together to share success stories of the various projects and events in which the clubs were involved. Randy also solicited pledges for the upcoming Colorado MS Bike Ride and reported that after having trained extensively for a secret mission, his son is being deployed to execute whatever it is he was trained to do. From the editor, "I for one, am glad he is on our side!"

### Announcements

**Honeymoon Weekend:** Howard Fry said there is only one available slot available for the Honeymoon Weekend, which will be July 20<sup>th</sup> held at the Colorado Arlberg Club located at the base

of Mary Jane ski area. For just \$170 per person, which includes two nights lodging and six meals, accommodations and tips.

Activities will include hiking, biking, and touring the Winter Park Artfestival. Again, one available space remains so sign up with Howdy Fry by sending an



email to [HHFry@aol.com](mailto:HHFry@aol.com). For those that have signed up, additional details to come by email shortly.

**MS 150 Rest & Photo Shoot Stop:** **Michael Chavez** thanked those who had already signed up to staff the rest stop in Longmont for the Colorado MS Bike Ride, in which our own MSOC members, **Randy Marcove**, **Howard Fry**, and **Ryan Thompson** will be riding. (**Bob Avery**, who rarely misses this ride, will be backpacking that weekend, but solicited donations for those who will be riding.) Ladies from Tamarac Optimist Club will also be in attendance, as usual. **Craig Eley** will be there taking pictures, which will be posted on the website.

**HOBY Leadership:** **Paul Bernard** said that, in spite of a lack of funding, the HOBY Leadership conference was a great success and thanked those members of the club who had shown up on Saturday evening to share their experiences as volunteers with the conference participants.

**Junior Golf Tournament:** **Joe Marci** reported that there were some outstanding scoring by the Junior Golfers who played the Flatirons course in Boulder on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The winner of the Boys 16-18 contest was Connor Klein, with a dazzling 67, followed by Kevin Klatan and Benjamin Moore, both shooting 69. The 14-15 year old boy were led by Donny Kinnaman, who shot 70; followed by Behrod Keshtavar and Li (Eric) Chen, who shot 71 and 72, respectively. The senior division for girls finished with a three way tie for first place at 72 strokes. Hannah Wood won a card playoff against Megan McCambridge and

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### Would You Like Your Announcements to Appear Accurately in GUMS?

Help out the GUMS editor's, give your notes directly to the current editor after you announce it. This makes it much easier for our editors to get the information correct.  
Thank you!

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

Jennifer Kupcho, both of whom also qualified to go to Florida. In all, 16 golfers will represent the Colorado/Wyoming District at the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship (OIJGC) at the PGA National Golf Club. Eleven officials from Colorado Golf Association joined Optimist volunteers. Four acted as rulings officials and helped keep the players on pace with timely rulings on the course. Congratulations to tri-chairman **Joe Marci**, **Ron Cisco**, and **Bob Meyer** for yet another successful Junior Golf tournament!



Tri-chairman Joe Marci, Bob Meyer, Ron Cisco, and CO/WY Governor, Donna Priester.

Photos Joe Priester



Left are Boy junior golfers and below are Girl junior golfers. Colorado-Wyoming District Governor Donna Priester presented trophies to the winners and runners-up at the award ceremonies.



Thanks also goes to **Don Thomson** and **Joe Priester** for their photography services at Flatirons. To view the list of golfers who earned their way to THE 2012 OPTIMIST tournament held at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens FL in late July, see the link on the GUMS cover email.

**King Soopers/Safeway Reloadable Cards:** The King Soopers/Safeway convenience card program has converted now to all RELOADABLE cards. These cards now come in initial \$10 denominations, and can be reloaded up to \$500 at the Service desk or checkout counter. Anyone wanting a set of cards for gifts with a larger initial denomination can preorder them a week in advance of need from **Greg Young** or **Cy Regan**.

Upon reload, it usually takes about five minutes before funds are available. Reloads can be charged to



your rewards credit card, thus giving you extra benefit. The card can then be used just like a credit card but is faster as no signature is required. Cards can be used at all stores and gas stations affiliated with the respective chain: Kroger or Safeway; even includes some Shell gas stations.

The club receives 5% back from King Soopers and 3% from Safeway (due to a lower volume), while the member gets full value, plus faster processing and rewards when refilling using a credit card. So far this year, the club has earned about \$2500, or more than \$300 per month.

These gift cards make great gifts for friends and family for birthdays, holidays, and thank-you's. Encourage those to whom you gift a card to reload them and support MONACO SOUTH and the kids!!

## Closing Bell

The pot continues to grow, as none of the attempts to draw the Ace of Diamonds was successful. Interestingly, the first three numbers drawn were consecutive. Even more interesting, the consecutive numbers were held by three different members. The final drawing was for the member who was wearing both his nametag and a Hawaiian shirt (the right way). Even though **Oscar Sorenson** passed these tests, he was unable to draw the elusive Ace and thus went home with nothing but memories of a morning shared with the men of Monaco South.



## eOptimist

As a member of Optimists and OCMS you can now become a member of eOptimist an online network of positive thinkers. It is free and gives you access to discover, share, and live optimism. To join go to: <http://www.eoptimist.org/> and register. This is a group of people who have united in the name of Optimism. All wanting to learn more, better themselves and find the best in the people.



## Linked-In Optimist

Another way to connect to other Optimist's to join Linked-In's Optimist Group. A year or so ago our own Prez Randy started the Optimist International Club on LinkedIn. To become a member of this professional discussion group join LinkedIn by going to <https://www.linkedin.com/reg/join> and then search for the Optimist group. If you already a member of LinkedIn, just lick "Groups" from your LinkedIn home page.

You will know you are there when you see Randy's mug shot. Many interesting discussion are addressed there, such as the upcoming 94th Optimist International Convention, our Jimmie Brown Perfect Attendance Award, and the CO/WY District Junior Golf Tournament. Join now!



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## Speaker, Dick Franklin, father of Missy Franklin

As a change of schedule and to the upcoming Father's Day, Camaraderie Day was rescheduled. **Steve Kady** recruited and introduced our speaker for the day, **Dick Franklin**. Mr. Franklin presented a slide



Photo Don StJohn

show about his daughter Melissa (Missy the Missile) Franklin, who is a World Record Holder and an aspiring Olympic swimmer, who currently attends Regis Jesuit High School. Dick said that Missy's mother, who is originally from Nova Scotia did not swim and decided that Missy should learn at the

age of 6 months. By age 3, Missy was snorkeling in Hawaii and was voted the most valuable player on her swim team every year from age 5 on up.

Missy swims about 60,000 yards a week and trains every morning from 5:00 – 7:00 a.m. and every evening from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (She burns approximately 8000 calories a day.) Missy has the ideal build for a swimmer. She is 6'1½" tall, but has a wing span of 76". For the "normal person," wing span is usually equal to height. This, along with large feet, allows Missy to propel herself through the water with a more powerful stroke.



200m Backstroke World record holder, Missy Franklin.

In addition to her training regimen, Missy attends school at Regis Jesuit High School, where she is a junior with a 4.2 grade average and living the life of a "normal" 17 year old. Her dad describes her as very self-effacing. Because she wants to swim in college, she has turned down numerous endorsements and declined cash prizes. Most of her expenses (the trip to Shanghai cost around \$18,000) have been paid by her parents. Missy's mother, a physician, gave up her practice for a year in order to be with Missy as she pursued her Olympic dreams.



Steve Kady sporting his Hawaiian shirt introduces our speaker.

The turning point in Missy's career was in Shanghai at the 2011 World Championships, where she won 3 gold medals, a silver, and a bronze. Later that same year, Missy set a new world record for the 200 meter backstroke of 2:00.03, beating the existing record of 2:00.18 by .15 of a second. Missy's journey to Olympic gold will began at the US Olympic trials in Omaha June 25<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Thanks to Steve Kady for sharing his friend with us and good luck to Missy in the coming Olympics!*

⇒ To meet **Missy via a KS107.5 video interview** click this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YgGEPbJ9mKg>

⇒ To see **Missy's World Record 200m Backstroke 2:00.03 - Berlin 2011** click this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxIIPRN0sNg>

### From Optimist International Membership Committee

To help Club's bring in new energy, talent and leadership, we are offering an Optimistic incentive for young adult Members! For one year, young adults can enjoy the benefits of an Optimist Club with less of a financial impact!



Optimist International is offering a 1-year, introductory membership to civic-minded individuals under the age of 30 for \$30. Any new Member under the age of 30 that joins a Club between May 1 and September 30, 2012 will receive this special dues offer.\*

\*A onetime fee of \$30 is due along with the completed application. Write '30/30' on the traditional hardcopy application or Club officers may click the designated checkbox [onoptimistleaders.org](http://onoptimistleaders.org) for online '30/30' roster additions.

### Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
6/22/12	Bryce Slaby & Jon Wachter
6/29/12	Karl Geil & Mike McMahon
7/6/12	Bob Avery & Eldon Strong
7/13/12	Paul Stratton & Art Erickson
7/20/12	Ed Collins & Aaron Berry
7/27/12	Jim Tapp & Russ Paul

### Monaco South Calendar

June 18 Mon 7:00 am Junior Golf at Fitzsimons Golf Course - see Joe Marci  
 June 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102  
 June 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - American Cancer Society  
 June 27 Wed 7:30 am Junior Golf Fundraiser at Flatirons - see Joe Marci  
 June 29 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Marie Connolly, Guiding Light, Patient Advocacy  
 July 1 Sun 7:00 am MS 150 Rest & Photo Shoot Stop in Longmont - See Michael Chavez  
 July 6 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA  
 July 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

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Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
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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.