



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 39 Years  
Recognized as Outstanding Service Organization in Colorado in 2012



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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush

### Good Morning Optimist

A couple of veterans greeted us this morning. **Randy Marcove** and **George Buzick** extended the handshakes before the meeting. Unfortunately, no one mentioned that today was National Tequila Day! Where was my margarita?



National Tequila Day July 24  
[www.NationalDayCalendar.com](http://www.NationalDayCalendar.com)

### Invocation and Pledge

Your editor, **Pat Bush** led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pat reminded us that it can be difficult at times to see the sunny side of things when there is pain and suffering around us. Nevertheless, by looking for the sunny side, we will maintain a positive attitude and that can help bring better things.

To look at the **sunny side of everything** and make your optimism come true.

### Guests

We had several guests attend the meeting today. **John Young** introduced his friend **Harry Postlethwait** and **Jim Easton** introduced his twin brother **John Easton**.

Former member **Bill Wells** attended the meeting as **Freddy Pasternack's** guest. This is one of the few times that Freddy's guest actually made the meeting and Freddy was not here. Bill reported that Freddy is at home and can receive visitors at times. However, you need to call before going over because it is up and down with Freddy. Bill also says Freddy is keeping a positive outlook and lives the Optimist Creed each day. To stay up on Freddy's situation follow Karen's posts on the *CaringBridge Site* at this link: [www.caringbridge.org/visit/fredpasternack](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/fredpasternack)  
Site Name: fredpasternack



Fred Pasternack  
Photo Steve Kady

### From the Prez

The Gateway Optimist camp pitched in to build a barn. **Bill Wells** was right in there along with **JR** and **Paul Simon**, while **Donlie Smith** was busy on another one. Let me explain. As I was growing up, my country community came from all around to build and rebuild barns. Men and women from all around passed the word, and organized what it took. I was influenced by and blessed by the Hayland, Minnesota community.



John Oss  
Photo Don StJohn

Here I am in the midst of the same thing. **Freddie** is a member of the Gateway Optimist, and last evening **Karen Pasternack** wrote on the *CaringBridge Site*, "Thank You ... Gateway Optimist Club for the HUGE tray of sandwiches, 2 gallons of Arizona ice tea, chips, and donuts." Echoes from Hayland ring in my ears.

Speaking of making a difference, remember our Dime-A-Day and Super Citizen programs and give them support.

All members, like **Freddie** and **Pat Sullivan** are uplifted when they know their work continues strong. The barn builders uplift them all. With the whole community pitching in, the barn is built!

### Announcements

#### March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball Tournament:



The Mudd Volleyball Tournament is fast approaching and **Cy Regan** is looking for someone to organize our participation in parking cars at the event. It turned out that **Steve Kady** got called off to another assignment.

The tournament is this Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> and our work will be done by about 10 a.m. Please let **Cy know**, at 303-771-4662, if you can help with this project. The date will be here before you know it.

#### COWY Super Game Convention

August 27-30, 2015

Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs, CO

[For details CLICK HERE](#)

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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

**Schlessman YMCA Renovation Project:** Jack Rife reports that the children's playground at the



Schlessman YMCA will be finished soon. Monaco South Optimist Club members have donated over \$70,000 for the

building of the playground and will have the playground named as the Monaco South Optimist Club Playground. He will keep us informed of an opening date and/or ceremony.

**Breakfast is NOT Free:** As announced by Bryce Slaby. He reports, we are stilling having too many members not paying for the breakfast they eat or the coffee they drink. Or, on the other hand, those that pay for breakfast are eating twice. If you eat breakfast, you should be paying Don St. John \$8 for said breakfast. One dollar of that goes to the Legion Hall for our use. If you eat, twice you need to pay twice. Bryce asks that if we are to make an error, we should error on the side of paying but not eating rather than eating and not paying. We will not be able to sustain breakfast at the current cost unless we get better at this. The paying part; not the eating part.

**Glass Half Full Band:** Jon Wachter announced that the Glass Half Full band would be playing on Saturday. Editor, *I did not catch where they were playing but it does not matter since we already missed it. However, they will be playing at the upcoming District Convention in Glenwood Springs, which you have not missed yet. However, the reservation deadline is tomorrow so you need to get those reservations made now!*

**Officers Induction Dinner:** Staying with Jon Wachter for the moment. He had to increase the cost of the "Share Your Optimism" dinner to \$33 per person to account for the meal costs of the dignitaries that have been invited to join us. He says the size of the dinner is limited to 80 people and the spots are going quickly so you need to let Jon know if you and guest will be attending.

**Gain Knowledge on Staying Healthy:** Mike McMahon has noticed that a number of members that are fighting disease and various ailments. He says that proper nutrition will help with these battles and is willing to share his knowledge in this area with anyone willing to learn about proper nutrition. Talk with Mike if you would like to improve your eating habits and learn to more about staying healthy.

**Looking for a House:** Gary Strowbridge announced that his son will be coming to live in Denver and is looking for a house. If anyone has an inside track on an available house, Gary would like to know so that he can pass that information on to his son.

**Palisade Peaches:** Dr. Bob Finkelmeier announced that fresh Palisade peaches would be here shortly and circulated a signup sheet. You cannot get

much fresher than this, as the peaches are brought over the mountains in a refrigerated truck to Bob's house on the day after they are picked. Unlike peaches bought at the grocery store or sold by other groups to be picked up on a specific date these peaches are picked a little riper and handled by hand the old fashioned, or in an "artisanal" way— \$30/box for peaches you cannot beat. \$7 per box comes back to either Monaco South or Tamarac Optimist Club, depending on sales. Give Bob a call, or find the sign-up sheet next week.



**Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast:** The Brent's Place breakfast is a "Kids Cure for Cancer Event," which was yesterday at General's Park on the Fitzsimon's Medical Complex.

Joyce Thomson shared that this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year Monaco South and Tamarac Optimists Clubs have served a pancake breakfast. Over 1,000 people were served, 2,000 pancakes, 25 gallons of pancake batter all cooked and served by 40+ enthusiastic Optimists.

The Pancake batter was donated by IHOP and the two clubs provided the sausage, blueberries, strawberries, and syrup.

A number of members showed up to help cook pancakes and sausages for the runners that participated in the fundraising effort for Brent's Place. A couple of noteworthy performances were turned in by Eldon Strong on the pancake grill and Jack Rife as a batter handler. Eldon was almost non-stop with the flipping cakes on the hot griddle and Jack's forearms have to be sore, as he was the only one that squeezed the batter dispenser because one of the two available dispensers went out of service early in the process. However, we should not overlook the efforts of the ladies of Tamarac Optimist Club as they serving the breakfast as fast as we could cook it. Paul Bernard and Joyce put together another great event and fun was had by all.



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## Britt Coyne, Air Quality Programs Assistant American Lung Association in Colorado

**Tom Mauro** introduced our speaker, Britt Coyne this morning. Britt works for the Colorado American Lung Association, and focuses on air quality. As the Air Quality Program Assistant, she focused on the benefits of electric automobiles this morning.

There are three different types of electric cars. They are (ranging from least to most environmentally friendly) the hybrid electric vehicle, the plug-in electric vehicle, and the all-electric vehicle.

The hybrid does not have a plug-in charger but uses a gasoline engine to turn a generator that produces electricity for the electric motor that powers the wheels. This vehicle can give a much longer travel range but has greater tailpipe emissions. A plug-in hybrid will store electric power in a battery that will power the car for the first 30 miles or so then use a gasoline engine to produce the electricity to power the motor for extended ranges. The all-electric cars run strictly on battery power and have zero tailpipe emissions but they have a limited range of about 40 miles. This type of vehicle is good for in-town commuting but requires frequent recharging.

This brought up the question of charging these vehicles. Britt said there are essentially three different types of charging stations. Level 1 is the household 120-volt power source. This charging level is an overnight process. Level 2 chargers would be high volt-



Britt Coyne  
Photo Don StJohn

age outlets that could charge a battery in a matter of hours. This type of charger is seen as a commercial use charger installed at places of business like retail centers and would be used more to "top off" the battery than for a full recharge.

Finally, there are the supercharge stations that would be prevalent along the highways. A supercharge station would be able to charge a battery to 80 percent capacity within about 20 minutes. The cost of building these charging stations are being subsidized currently to get more of them out in the public domain. There are currently 508 charging stations available in the Front Range area. The four

most popular electric vehicles are the Nissan Leaf with a purchase price of about \$29,000 but will be reduced to about \$16,000 after figuring the available tax credits; the Chevy Volt starts at \$34,000 and reduces to \$22,000 after tax credits; the BMW I3 costs \$42,000 and subsidies bring it to \$28,000 and on the high end is Tesla Model S at \$71,000 reducing to \$57,000 after the subsidies.

She told us about **Drive Electric Day** which will be held on Saturday, September 19, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The event will be at Aspen Grove Mall in Littleton. You will be able to test drive electric vehicles from Tesla, Nissan, Chevrolet, and more!

*Thank you Britt for an interesting and informative presentation.*



### Do We Have A Drawing?



Members winning the drawing today included **Perry Allen**, who elected to draw cards for the large pot of \$10.00 and he pulled the

correct card. **Scott Walker** took a cup, as did **Allen Yockey, Dick Nickoloff, Don St. John, Michael Chavez, and O.C. Larson.**



Once again we start over in building the big pot.

#### Weekly Greeters

7/31/15	Dave Peck & Frank Ross
8/7/15	Pat Bush & Al Gapuzan
8/14/15	Joe Marci & Perry Allen
8/21/15	Lynn Jones & Robert Wardlaw
<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>	



#### Sponsor a New Member

If you know someone who shares the ideals of Optimist International, consider inviting them to join the organization and help "Bring Out the Best in Kids."

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

July 31 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Preston Dickey, Engagement & Events Coordinator, Urban Peak
Aug 1 Sat	7:00 am	March of Times Mudd Volleyball - Park Cars
Aug 7 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Aug 14 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Dr. Penny Montgomery, Treating Brain Damage
Aug 20 Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's Home, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Aug 21 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Jack Corrigan, KOA - Voice of the Colorado Rockies
Aug 27-30		COWY 4th Qtr. Convention, Glenwood Springs, CO
Sep 19 Sat	6:00 pm	MSOC Installation & Celebration, Piccolo's, 3563 South Monaco Parkway



**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
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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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**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.