



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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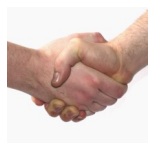


### Good Morning Optimist

The light shows from the southeast and under a thin canopy of clouds, we can see it is going to be a beautiful day. **Steve Kady**, wearing an eye patch, and his mate **Mike Chavez**, are our greeters this morning. Also at the door is **Frank Middleton** who is passing out playing cards and telling us were to sit. Everyone seems to make their way to a new table and gets to say hello to new faces. Your editor is pleased to



Patch Steve Kady  
Photo Don StJohn



share a table with **Bob Avery, Jim Easton, and Rod Winget**. President **John Oss** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m., and invites us to greet out neighbors with a smile and an Optimist friendly handshake!

### Invocation & Pledge

**Cy Regan**, without a microphone, delivers a strong invocation this morning. The prayer asks for the continued help to the children and youth of today. Our mission is to help them to become the leaders of tomorrow and help them achieve all that they can. Each generation hopes they can do that for the one that follows. Cy then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.



Cy Regan  
Photo Don StJohn

### Guests

**Gary Miller** tells the club that **Noel Hasselgren** is here with an application and a check. Noel is a retired accountant with the State and will make a fine addition to the club. Editor, We wonder if Noel knows that **Bill Anderson** is also a MSOC member and a retired accountant from the State of Colorado. Uhm! Please invite any potential members to join us for breakfast and become familiar with what we do, it works.

### From the Prez

For starters the Prez **John Oss** states, “Once a marine, always a marine, and I say, once an Optimist, always an Optimist. Both statements are said out of respect, giving honor, and giving service. Both deserve the honor we give them. We talk to them, we stay in contact, we give assistance; we are simply friends. The world needs Optimists. It needs those like Gary and Noel. We discussed this topic at length at the last board meeting. We will endeavor to give aid to our membership to honor one another.”

He then takes a moment to say hello to some faces we have missed recently. Founding member Dr. **Ed Fankhauser** holds court from his corner seat looking the picture of health. **Fred Pasternack** is here this morning as is **Neil Alderson** taking a break from the big renovation at the YMCA, **Casey Funk** and **Tom Glazier** are back as well. Good to see these gentlemen. Has anyone seen **Frank Rowe** lately?

### Visit to Tamarac Club

Prez **John** asks **Joe Marci** to come to the stage to talk about their recent visit to Tamarac Optimist Club. Joe and John presented Tamarac with a check for all the help they provided at the Tree Lot this year. The ladies' help with record keeping and pricing which was big help since we can read their handwriting. John then calls out Birthday names and the club serenades them with the sweet sounds. They are:

- December 2014: **Harry Arkin, Aaron Beery, Curt Boell, Ron Cisco, Bob DeSpain, Rob Gardner, Jeff Johnston, Mike Mauro, Shawn Mehaffey, Bob Meyer, Frank Rowe, and Kurt Siebold.**
- January 2015: **Sterling Crowe, Leo Hagele, Floyd Hussey, Kevin Koalenz, Joe Marci, Bill McGroarty, Allen Pierce, Mike Short, John Stoffel, Jim VanderKamp, Jon Wachter, and John Walsh.**



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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

**FRACSO Club:** Paul Simon announces that the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club will be hosting a chili cook off at the VFW hall. Get out your best batch of chili and bring it or attend the event to support the club and taste some great food.

**CO/WY 2nd Quarter Game:** Paul added, the CO/WY District Quarterly convention will be taking place February 28 in Colorado Springs at the Franciscan Event Center, 7740 Deer Hill Grove. **Greg Young** also adds that the club will reimburse members to attend on the 28<sup>th</sup> for lunch up to \$25; you must register and submit the form or check to Greg for reimbursement.

**Holiday Party Pictures:** Jim Easton tells us he took many photos at the recent Holiday Party for the club. If you would like to see them, please send a message to Jim and he will provide them to you. Jim also reported that his furnace went out recently and President John's son fixed the unit quickly for a very reasonable fee. Jim also helped with the Super Citizen assembly this past Wednesday with **Rob Gardner** presenting at Highline Academy.

**North Region Brain Bowl:** Karl Geil recaps the Brain Bowl session that took place this past Saturday at Standley Lake High School. The North

Region Tournament was a huge success, thanks in large part to the volunteer efforts by Monaco South members and their family and friends. There were 515 kids from 21 schools taking part and 157 volunteers helped put on the event. Thanks to **Joe Marci, Kent Gloor, Lee Claymore, John Oss, Frank Ross, Michael Chavez, Barry Barker, Paul Bernard, Paul Simon** and his wife Debbie Reinberg, **Harry Fegley, Paul Stratton, Curt Merrill, Tom Kramis, John Greene, Perry Allen, Bob Meyer, Craig Eley, Randy Marcove, George Buzick, David Telpner, Tom Glazier, Allen Malask, Pat Bush, Allen Pierce,** and **Karl Geil**. The results can be found at <http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org/northresults.html>. Next session will be January 31 at Heritage High School.

**Dime-A-Day:** Fred Pasternack shows members a check he received for the Dime-A-Day program from **John Greene**. His goal is to receive 100% participation from the club for this cause. Fred then issues and emotional and heartfelt apology for the recent struggles of our own Broncos. Fred was convinced these past four years, that these valiant athletes - would garner at least ONE Super Bowl victory. Hope springs eternal Freddie; your efforts will not go in vain!



**Optimist on LinkedIn:** Randy Marcove tells the club he had a wonderful time helping at the Brain Bowl. He also shares that the [LinkedIn Optimist International](#) page welcomed its 1000<sup>th</sup> member. A young man from China via Santa Barbara joined and pledges to spread the word of Optimism to his home country.

**Wives & Sweethearts to Breakfast:** **Craig Eley** announces the upcoming Sweethearts to Breakfast event coming up next month. It will take place Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, most likely at the Citron Bistro, 3535 South Yosemite, just off East Hampden and he is sending around the sign-up sheet to get a head count on who all can participate. Craig is trying to line up a magician for entertainment, sounds like a great event.

**Super Citizen Presenters:** **Rob Gardner** rings the bell for Presenters for upcoming Super Citizen assemblies. We are half way through the school year and look to finish strong. Presenters for these assemblies are asked to give a short speech on the value of citizenship and help hand out certificates and T-shirts. Also, Rob is selling coupon books in support of a DPS literacy program, see Rob for details.

**Special Olympic Polar Plunge:** **Mike McMahon** is once again taking the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics and is asking members to join him in a refreshing jump into Aurora Reservoir, 5800 S. Powhatten Rd., Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. **Rod Winget** jumped with Mike last year and is planning to do it this year. If you are not able to join Mike, you can pledge money to help support this event. Visit <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1118688>, Click "Sponsor a Plunger," and search for Mike McMahon.

**TJHS Artisans Craft Fair:** **Tom Glazier** recaps the Book Sale at last month's TJ's Craft Fair. **John Oss** and **Craig Eley** were early customers during the sale and the event raised \$560 for TJ Partners, the Parent Group that works and supports Thomas Jefferson High School. If you have books that you no longer want, see "Tom the Book Guy."

**Golf Expo:** **Joe Marci** announces that Junior Golf will be taking place again this year and the following events will be on the calendar. February 20-22 the Golf Expo will be taking place at the Merchandise Mart and he is looking for volunteers to staff the booth. On May 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a Golf Tournament at Park Hill to benefit Jr. Golf and he is looking for members to sign up, cost is \$110. June 10<sup>th</sup> is the first Jr. Golf Tournament at Fitzsimmons for boys age 10-13 and girls age 10-14, 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. June 18<sup>th</sup> the Flatirons Golf Course will host the second tournament, 7:30 a.m. shotgun start. Contact Joe Marci, Ron Cisco, or Bob Meyer if you can help at the Expo of at the Jr. Golf tournaments. Plan to have a lot of fun at these events.



**Junior Achievement:** **Frank Middleton** tells members that Robin Wise from Junior Achievement spoke to us, the information for this group has been put on the tables, and members are encouraged to read and volunteer. He also mentions that in the September 2014 issue of *Men's Journal Magazine* an article appears focusing on our own Governor. In the article, the Governor points to the Optimist Creed, which hangs, framed on his wall. Thanks governor, for helping to get the word out. To read the article go to <http://www.mensjournal.com/magazine/governor-john-hickenlooper-the-man-in-the-middle-20140819>.



## Announcements Continued

Frank also thanks members for their help in sitting in a new place with different members on this Camaraderie Day and that he thinks this is a fun idea.

**Christmas Tree Lot Invoices:** Greg Young thanks all members for their help at the Tree Lot this year and reminds members to pay promptly the invoices they have received for any trees or wreaths they purchased. Editor: I think he mentioned an added average penalty interest rate of 28.45 percent, in accordance according to [CreditCards.com](http://CreditCards.com) recent survey after 30-days.

**MS Optimist Ski Day:** Bob Avery reminds members of the upcoming Optimist Ski Day at Copper Mountain, Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Bob also tells us of a story regarding the farmer faced with the challenge of having his donkey fall into an abandoned well. The story highlights the idea that when life piles dirt upon you, it is best to shake it off and step up. That is a great motto, one that lasted the entire day. Last he shared that perhaps he is the only one who does not think mixing everyone up for camaraderie is fun since he is in charge of taking roll and the new placement makes his task much more difficult. Editor: Of course he learns to associate a name to face quickly.

**Tri Star Basketball:** Mike Chavez announces Tri Star Basketball will be coming up soon. This event is open to boys and girls and is a skills competition that will follow from regional events to a finals competition at Pepsi Center with winners being treated to a Nuggets basketball event. Volunteers are needed and details to follow. Watch the web link at <http://www.tristarbasketball.org/> for details.

**Eagle Scout Awards Program:** Jack Kleinheksel recently hosted a gathering at Frank Middleton's house to review applications for Eagle Scout Awards. Donlie Smith, Frank Middleton, Greg Young, and Doug Morton were

there to read about the many wonderful projects scouts have taken on to earn this distinguished honor. The 2015 Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet is scheduled for Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. See Jack, Donlie, or Frank for details.

**In Need of a Piano:** Does anyone have an old piano you would like to donate? Per Leo Hagele his living community, Kentucky Circle, which is a nonprofit senior-housing community, established by three church entities, is in need of one. If anyone has one to donate, they can contact Craig Eley at [craigceley@gmail.com](mailto:craigceley@gmail.com), who volunteers their regularly.



After all the Announcements on this Camaraderie Day Prez John Oss states, "From the long line of members speaking about the various upcoming events that help the youth of our community look at all the good that is taking place. If you know of another person who would be interested in joining us to make a positive impact in the life of our young people, please bring him to a meeting. Doing good produces good and that has a lasting effect!"

## Drawing

President John Oss asks, *Do we have a drawing?* Yes and there is a small pot this morning waiting for an enthusiastic audience. Lucky ticket holders this morning started with Cap Hermann, and then Jack Kleinheksel was called on twice, and who on the second go round picks the lucky card. Nicely done Jack! After the drawing, Craig Eley pulls from the Name Badge Jug Wyatt McCallie's name who indeed is wearing his badge, and for that he gets a "knowing nod."

However, let it be known that since Prez John's term started, we have had three "big pot" winners: Allen Pierce, \$140; Phil Perington, \$30; and now Jack Kleinheksel, \$20.

**This has to STOP! Next week we start again.**



Weekly Greeters	
1/23/15	Bob Avery & Keith Galloway
1/30/15	Nick Newey & Steve Kady
2/6/15	Gary Strowbridge & Jon Wachter
2/13/15	Jack Kleinheksel & George Buzick
Need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or <a href="mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com">jon_wachter@msn.com</a>	

Super Citizen Presenters Jan.		
Jan 21 @ 2:30	MPB	Jim VanderKamp
Jan 30 @ 1:40	Univ. Park	Joe Marci
Jan 30 @ 3:00	Bradley	Jon Wachter
Jan 29 @ 1:30	McMeen	Bob Avery
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 <a href="mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com">gardnerrb@gmail.com</a>		

Jan 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Mark Hardcastle, Doing More with Your Life  
 Jan 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - David Walcher, Arapahoe County Sheriff  
 Jan 31 Sat 7:00 am Brain Bowl Central Regional Tournament, Heritage High School, Littleton, CO  
 Feb 6 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Stephanie Villafuerte, Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center

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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
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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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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.