

Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Robert Wardlaw



Good Morning Optimist

Optimist Club Meeting March 14, 2014 greeters this morning are **Mark Metevia** and **Tom Glazier**.

First Bell

President Jon rings the bell and **Bob Coulson** gives the invocation this morning relating to how important it is to give each person we meet a smile. That is not always easy and though it is one of the lines we remind ourselves each week to do, making it happen is something we need to remind ourselves all the time. Bob then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Saint Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland

With this being the St Patrick's Day weekend, observed on 17 March, the date of his death, Monaco South Optimist members showed their Irish spirit adorned in green.



Saint Patrick is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. St Patrick is credited with bringing

Christianity to Ireland. Most of what is known about him comes from his two works; the Confessio, a spiritual autobiography, and his Epistola, a denunciation of British mistreatment of Irish Christians. Saint Patrick described himself as a "most humble-minded man, pouring forth a continuous paean of thanks to his Maker for having chosen him as the instrument whereby multitudes who had worshipped idols and unclean things had become the people of God."

Many folk ask the question, "Why is the Shamrock the National Flower of Ireland?" The reason is that St. Patrick used it to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagans. Saint Patrick is believed to have been born in the late fourth century, and is often confused with Pal-



adius, a bishop who was sent by Pope Celestine in 431 to be the first bishop to the Irish believers in Christ. More can be learned by visiting Celebrating St. Patrick's Day @ <http://www.st-patricks-day.com/>.

The Irish Comes Out



Cy Regan leads the MSOC chorus singing some traditional Irish songs.

Photo Don StJohn

Cy Regan takes the stage and invites other members of the MSOC chorale group to join him. Cy gives a few words about the upcoming parade. With the backing of the chorus, Cy serenades members with sweet versions of *Wild Irish Rose*, *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*, and *Danny Boy*. A great job by the chorus and Cy this morning.

From the Prez

President Jon mentions the advertisement he heard on the radio for [The Hearing Clinic](http://www.hearingclinic.com) and commends Dr. **Rob Gardner** for it. Nice job Rob! Jon also reminds members about the upcoming Board meeting, Wednesday March 19, all members are invited to attend and learn more about the club.

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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

50 Year Optimist Member: Paul Simon attended the breakfast meeting, last Friday, of the Littleton Optimist Club, who were honoring a 50 year member. Our own **Fred Pasternack** has helped spread the word of Optimism for many years and we are fortunate to count him among our roster. Well done Fred.

DTC Optimist Wine Tasting: George Buzick reports that this wine tasting will be one of the highlights of the Optimist year! Join Optimists from all over Colorado at the annual Denver Tech Center Optimist Wine Tasting on Saturday, March 22 at Citron Bistro (Yosemite and Hampden). The theme is "*Wines of the Pacific Rim*." Accompanied by Citron Bistro's award winning hors d'oeuvre, enjoy 8 different wines representing various countries of the Pacific Rim. This event includes a silent auction and drawing for fabulous prizes. All this for only \$30 paid in advance or \$35 at the door. Help us help the kids! See **George Buzick**, **Tom Overton**, or **John Oss** for tickets, or call George at 303-985-0655 to reserve tickets for the \$30 price.



Do You Need the Directory Updated: Tom Mauro gives another call for anyone needing to change his personal information listed in the directory. Get with Tom to update changes. Also available is space for members to place a business card sponsorship in the directory. Sponsors help to offset printing costs.



First Junior Golf Tournament: Joe Marci announces the first golf outing to support Jr. Golf will be held Monday, June 2. Those wishing to golf and support the cause, see Joe to sign up. In addition, on Wednesday, March 26, members can have lunch with the governor and support the Alzheimer's Association. There will also be proclamations from the floor of the House and Senate. Wear purple to show your support and raise awareness for this disease that is projected to affect 10 million boomers in the coming years.

Oratorical Contest: Frank Rowe tells us about the Oratorical Contest coming up at George Washington High School on Thursday, March 20. Your editor is looking forward to learning more about this event next week when he attends. So come and join me!



St. Patrick's Day Parade: Gary Strowbridge tells us about the St. Patrick's Day Parade pooper-scooper patrol, coming up on Saturday. MSOC has been attending to the cleanup duties for many years and will again be supporting an important event that the whole city enjoys. See related story above.

Polar Plunge: Mike McMahon gives a follow up to the Polar Plunge that took place last Saturday. It was a warm day but the water was cold for the fundraiser for Special Olympics. Mike was able to raise over \$600 from MSOC and he appreciates the support. Way to go Mike!

TJ High School Musical:

John Oss points out the flyers on the table this morning that detail the oratorical contest as well as an upcoming play put on by Thomas Jefferson High School called *In the Heights*. John's granddaughter, Anga Oss will play the lead in this play. See the TJ Journal @ www.tjjournal.com/2014/03/14/soaring-to-the-highest-heights/ and the shows promo @ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ghMG2cz1bc>. The show will premiere on the TJ stage March 19 through 22.



Winter Park Ski Day: Bob Avery confirms the date of March 31 for an Optimist Ski Day at Winter Park. Bob has volunteered to make breakfast for those attending. Makes your editor want to take the day off and join the others attending, it has been a great snow season in the hills.

MSOC Election: Oscar Sorensen reminds members about next week's election meeting at the club. Led by **John Oss'** nomination as President, other officers elected for Vice President, Secretary, and Board will be confirmed.



Classic Car Optimist Club: Phil Perington announces an upcoming Classic Car Club meeting for Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall. Pizza will be provided and the meeting's purpose will be to assemble toy cars, like the one at left, for children around the world who have never received a toy. Bringing joy to a child who has never experienced that pleasure seems to be a very worthwhile cause. Good job Phil.



Photo Craig Eley

Know Brainer Event: Don Thomson tells us that May 3 will be the date for the Know Brainer event to be held at Hamilton Middle School. Volunteer opportunities are available, so mark your calendars.

Perry Allen's Dilemma: Tom Glazier gives us an update on **Perry Allen** and his job situation. It seems Perry's family employer has decided that San Diego will offer more than Evergreen, Colorado and will be moving there. Since the family has made this decision, they have invited Perry to join them there as well. We hope he decides to stay here in Colorado, but know he enjoys his role with them as butler.



Perry, the "Gentleman's Gentleman," but his family prefers to call him a "Butler."

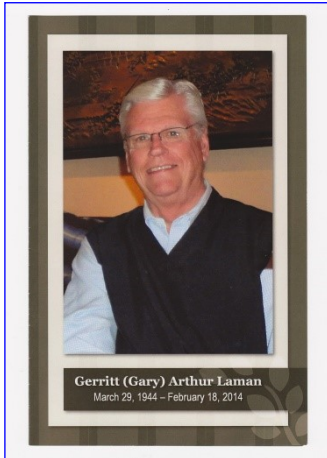
St. Patrick's Day Parade "Pooper Scoopers"

Thanks to **Tom Hoch**, the annual 2014 Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade was given a clean sweep by the Monaco South Optimist Club's Sanitation Crews. See the complete story at <http://vimeo.com/10241449>.



Celebration of Life For Gerritt "Gary" Arthur Laman, March 29, 1944-February 18, 2014

Gary Laman's service on Saturday, March 15 was well populated with Monaco South and Tamarac Optimist members. **Bryce Slaby** and **Jack Kitchell** contributed their recollections of Gary to those paying tribute



Shared by
Craig Eley

to a dedicated Optimist and a great guy. Gary passed away February 18. He is survived by his wife, **Joyce**; sister, Jan Craig; daughter Jennifer Miles and husband Jim; son Grant and wife Kelly, and 3 grandchildren. Memorials may be made to The Denver Hospice, 501 S. Cherry St., Ste. 700, Denver 80246.

Do we have a drawing?

Yes and there is \$100 in the pot today with slightly less than a full deck to draw from. Lucky ticket holders this morning with a chance to draw included **Craig Eley**, **Ed Collins**, and **Jack Kleinhessel** (once again), **Oscar Sorensen**, but no winning card was drawn. **Cy Regan** has his name called from the nametag jug but he also comes up empty.



Certificate of Appreciation from Liberty Day

President Jon received a certificate of appreciation and an extension of appreciation to our club from Liberty Day and its programs. Learn more at <http://www.libertyday.org/>.



Brain Bowl Championship Tournament

Karl Geil reports the Optimist Brain Bowl season is finally over! The Championship Tournament was held on February 22, 2014 at Hamilton Middle School. The big winners this year were Aspen Creek 6A, D'Evelyn 7A, and Platt 8A, and the host school's 8A team received a medal for 4th place. MSOC was again well represented among the volunteers by **Phil Perington**, **Frank Ross**, **Don Iley**, **Al Gapuzan**, **Pat Bush**, **Greg Young**, **Allen Pierce**, **John Oss**, **Randy Marcove**, **George Buzick**, **Joe Marci**, **Kent Gloor**, **Pat Larson**, **O.C. Larson**, **Michael Chavez**, **Russ Paul**, **Harry Fegley**, **Cap Herman**, and President **Jon Wachter**. That's 19 out of 97 total volunteers, or just under 20%. Way to go, MSOC!

Colorado Spelling Bee

Karl Geil's wife **Lesley** is the Spelling Bee coach at Hamilton Middle School, and this is the 2nd year in a row one of her kids won the State Spelling Bee. Karl says he is trying to find out if **Alex Jurich**, this year's winner, was ever one of our Super



Citizens. Last Year's Spelling Bee winner, Himanvi Kopuri, was one of our Super Citizens. See the *Denver Post's* article with pictures at http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_25303659/colorado-state-spelling-bee-results?source=email. The Scripps National Spelling Bee, begins May 25 in Washington, D.C.

Super Citizen Presenters for March

Mar 20 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Pat Bush
Mar 28 @ 9:30	Holm	Fred Pasternack
Mar 28 @ 12:45	McMeen	Mark Metevia
Mar 28 @ 3:00	Bradley	?

Be a Super Citizen Presenter
See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203
gardnerrb@gmail.com

Weekly Greeters

3/21/14	John Schick & Rob Gardner
3/28/14	Al Gapuzan & Jim Vander Kamp
4/4/14	Nick Newey & Tom Hoch
4/11/14	Barry Barker & Michael Chavez

Need Friday morning greeters,
see O.C Larson, 303-797-7432 or
larson1942@comcast.net

Monaco South Calendar

Mar 19 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Mar 21 Wed 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TV Star

**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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Gary Stowbridge	1993-94	Paul Simon	2012-13
Mark Metevia	1994-95		

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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.