



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 37 Years
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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush



Good Morning & Welcome

After being chided for backing into my parking space this morning, this editor was warmly greeted by **Steve Kady** and **George Buzick**.

(That's right everyone, the fence on the South side of the American Legion Hall has been replaced and the signs were added. Please oblige! Thank you!)

Invocation

Frank Middleton, who has not been here for awhile, delivered an invocation asking members to help pass on our good values and Gods will to the young people we work with throughout the year.

Guests

Curt Merrill, Zone 8 Lt. Governor joined us this morning. **Ron Gustas** also brought **Andy Laclare** as a guest. Andy's wife works at the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) office and Andy is an attorney. *Welcome Andy, we hope to see you again soon!*

New Member Induction

President **Jon Wachter** inducted **Vince Gonzales** into the membership this morning. Lt. Governor **Curt Merrill** then awarded him his lapel pin. Congratulations Vince. We hope you get active by making as many of the Friday membership meeting as possible and by working on some of the many projects conducted by this club during the year.



Prez Jon Wachter present a congratulatory hand to new member Vince Gonzales, as Lt. Governor Curt Merrill looks on.

Photo Don StJohn

Attention Project Leaders Have You Completed This?

The budgeting process for next fiscal year (Oct. 1- Sept. 30, 2015) is beginning. Please submit to Greg Young, Treasurer, the list of items and amounts you are requesting for next year. We expect a short selling season for Christmas Trees this year, so funds may be limited as to what can be funded. Please submit your requirements in writing directly to Greg, or by email:

gndyoung@comcast.net no later than Friday, September 19th. If you have any fund raising ideas or projects that you want to head up this coming year, please discuss with John Oss, our President-elect.

In order to maximize our Tree Lot fund raising, all members should begin setting their schedules to work the lot for at least 15 hours between Nov. 28th and Dec. 24th.

Thank You Note

Prez Jon read a thank you note received from the staff of JDRF and signed by Robert Garelick, Executive Director, JDRF/One Walk. Monaco South had recently donated \$300.00 to JDRF as part of their fund raising walk event at Coor's Field last weekend.

JDRF Walk

Speaking of the JDRF/One Walk, **Ron Gustas** thanked MSOC members **Bob Avery, George Buzick, Michael Chavez, Dick Cohen, Joe Marci, Mark Metevia, Gary Miller, John Oss, Russ Paul, Dave Peck, Phil Perington, Mike Prete, and Scott Walker** for their work on this event. These men helped transporting equipment, set up the staging area, monitored the walk route, and preformed cleanup operations. Ron reports that the accounting is still being tabulated but it looks like JDRF will reach their goal of raising \$750,000 dollars.

Announcements

Membership Directory: The new membership directory is about to be issued. **Craig Eley** was talking pictures of new member's faces or old member's with

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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



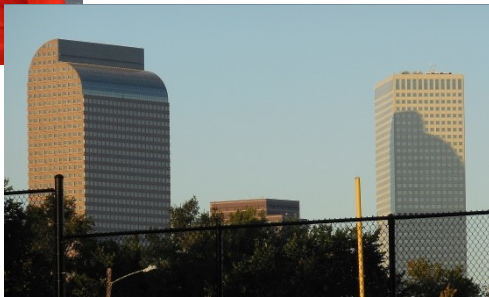
talking pictures of new member's faces or old member's with new faces after the membership meeting. You can also get your business card ad into the directory but you must get your card and check to **Tom Mauro** as soon as possible.

Celebrate Optimist Gala: **Greg Young** announced that over 90 members and guests have signed up to attend the Celebrate Optimism Gala to be held Saturday, September 27th. He also announced that about half have yet to pay. He is accepting checks in the amount of \$33.00 per person up to the time of the event but insists that you must be paid to get admission. **Paul Simon** promises that many new activities including dancing will be available at the Gala. He also indicated that we might be installing new club officers for 2014-2015 at this Gala.

Walk to End Alzheimer's: The Walk to end Alzheimer's disease will be held at Denver's City Park tomorrow, Saturday, September 20th. Chairman **Cap Hermann** indicated that about eight members have signed up to work the event. He said that they would be meeting at Manuel High School for a shuttle to the park since parking is scarce at the walk site. (Editor, since this event was held yesterday **John Oss** shared these interesting photo's and mentioned, "*Cap had the crew up bright and early this morning to view the rising sun.*")



Notice how the shadow was moving right and down the other building. **Scott Walker** alerted me just in time."



Super Citizen Off to a Start: Super Citizen will be at McMeen Elementary School on Thursday, September 25th starting at 1:30 p.m. McMeen is phasing their program this year so several presentations will be made. (At 1:30, 2:10, & 2:15 p.m.) **Don Thomson** is this school's representative but will be assisted by **Pat Bush** this year because of Don's on going recovery.

Schlessman YMCA Ground Breaking: A groundbreaking will be held at the Schlessman YMCA on Tuesday, September 30th. The groundbreaking kicks off the construction of the remodel work at the YMCA. Many Monaco South members have donated or pledged to donate well over \$70,000 to building the children's playground



as part of the remodel project. It would be inspiring to have a good turnout of the membership at the ceremony since so many have helped make this happen. The ceremony starts at 3:00 p.m. at 3901 East Yale Avenue, just west of Colorado Blvd. A reception with light refreshments will follow. More details can be learned at <http://www.denverymca.org/renovation>.

Eagle Presentation: **Don Thomson** presented copies of a photograph of an American Bald Eagle that he had taken during his travels to **Donlie Smith**, **Bob Avery**, **Keith Galloway**, and **Jack Kleinheksel** and his guest **Kevin Koalenz** who was with us last week. All of these individuals are or have been heavily involved with the Boy Scout Eagle Scout program. Three of our service schools have eagles as their mascot. The eagle photograph had been presented in those schools last year and are now prominently displayed in the school offices. (Editor: *I must admit that it is an impressive picture. Don also said he would make copies for any other member that wanted one. Just let Don know of your desire.*)

Fleece Jacket Found: A fleece jacket was found by the caterer after a recent membership meeting. If you are missing such a jacket, talk with the Legion caterer.

MSOC Board Announcement: At its meeting on September 17, the Club's Board of Directors received and considered some members' complaints about the occasional off-color joke being told during meetings. They believe that such jokes are out of place at a club, which prides itself on serving youth. Additionally, they argued that off-color jokes make some members uncomfortable, and likely alienate some guests and potential new members.

The Board agreed that, at a minimum, members should feel comfortable at Club meetings. And while some guests may enjoy an off-color joke, they are not essential to a lively, successful meeting, and there is no doubt that some visitors find them offensive and are not interested in joining a club that indulges in raunchy humor.

The Board suggests that when you get up to tell a joke, picture your 10 year old child or grandchild sitting in the audience, and exercise restraint. Be considerate of the beliefs and convictions of Club members. In addition, if you think the joke is just too good to keep to yourself, tell it to a friend in the parking lot after the meeting.

Drawing Winners

The drawings winners this morning included **Cap Hermann**, **Ron Gustas**, **Ed Collins** and **Frank Middleton**'s numbers were picked twice.



(Editor: *This is not a complete list as the editor missed some name's because he was otherwise occupied. If there was a ticket not claimed, it's mine. Otherwise, my apologies to those winners not listed here.*)

Carrie Nolan, President CO-WY Chapter National MS Society

Our guest speaker this morning was Carrie Nolan the president of the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter of the National MS Society. She addressed the membership about how the money raised by the MS150 cycling event is spent in research for a cure of Multiple Sclerosis.

The Optimist Club of Monaco South has worked the hydration station at the Sunday lunch stop for the event for many years and several members have ridden in the event over the years. This year's event raised more than four million dollars. Victims of this disease are typically diagnosed between the ages of 20 to 40 and 73% are women. Colorado is one of the highest states for Multiple Sclerosis. That is because we have a high population of younger adults (larger target population) and Colorado's environment is favorable for helping mitigate the disease so many people already inflicted come here for treatment.

Research has produced 11 drugs that are used to slow



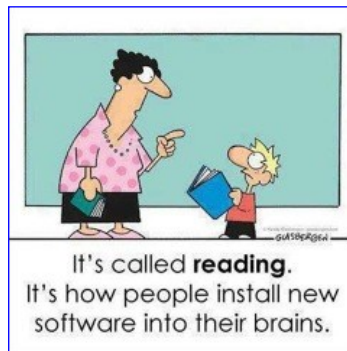
Carrie Nolan
Photo Don StJohn

the progress of the disease but none of them is a cure. The MS Society has approved 22 applications for funding of research projects from all around the globe. A research project in Wisconsin determined that there is a higher rate for MS in North America than in South America. That study is looking at a possible link between MS and the presence of Whipworms in the gut of potential victims. Perhaps our environment may be too clean and the low presence of Whipworms in North Americans may be leading to the higher occurrence of Multiple Sclerosis.

The MS Society not only provides money for research projects but also provides support to MS patients and advocates on behalf of those affected with MS. She asks us to be ambassadors to inform the general public about MS. More information can be found by going to <http://www.nationalmssociety.org> or calling 800- FIGHTMS.



A Bit of Humor



Super Citizen Presenters Sept./Oct.

Sept 25 @ 1:30	McMeen	Pat Bush
Oct 14 @ 1:30	Samuels	?
Oct 15 @ 8:00	Highline	?
Oct 15 @ 2:30	MPB	?

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

Weekly Greeters

9/26/14	Tom Kramis & Michael Chavez
10/3/14	Mark Metevia & Ralph Petersen
10/10/14	Al Gapuzan & Pat Bush
10/17/14	Jeff Johnson & John Oss

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

Sep 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim Paradise, Space Adventures with Lockheed Martin
Sep 27	Sat	5:30 pm	MSOC Celebrate Your Optimism Gala, Delmonico Hall, 3220 Federal Blvd.
Oct 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Lee Shaughnessy, Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation
Oct 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Ashley Cocciolone, Anadarko Petroleum-Oil/Gas Development
Oct 15	Wed	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

**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
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Randy Marcove	2011-12
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.