



**OPTIMIST CLUB
of MONACO
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OF MONACO SOUTH
(GUMS)**



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Colorado
Serving Youth and the
Community for 46 Years
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OPTIMST INTERNATIONAL

- **Mission Statement.** By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves.
- **Vision Statement.** Optimist International will be recognized worldwide as the premier volunteer organization that values all children and helps them develop to their full potential.



STORMING OF THE BASTILLE JULY 14, 1879

A Warm and Pleasant Summer Morning
We were Greeted this morning by the effervescent **Al Gapuzan** and assortment of happy faces. The day began with the arrival of early birds **Ed Collins, Prez Larry** and **Gary Strowbridge** busy helping set up the room with banners.



EARLY MORNING ACTIVITIES

There was an eclectic collection of designer shorts and shirts in the room today showcased by Bob Avery, "T-Bird" Dave Peck, Tom Toms-Glazier&Kramis, Joe Marci and Allen Malask, gently caressing his bottle of French Vanilla coffee creamer.

Mark Metevia, Tom Overton, Steve "Thumper" Kady and Harry "travelin' man" Fegely were immersed in conversations all important and good. Not to be out done, Pat "show me the money" Bush, Carl Brown and Craig Eley were also busily involved in matters of great concern, some surrounded in laughter.

Frank Middleton was circulating the room looking for stories about wives tales relating to moments of enlightenment and personal reflection. Uncle Bob Avery shared a tale of trying to get his wife Dorcas to wash his shirt, that didn't turn out very well. Everett Gardner, Tom Kramis and Andy Towt were laughing and sharing recent road trip stories.



President Larry Pulaski gaveled the gathering to attention at 7:06 sharp. Dave Peck presented the invocation, "Make your optimism come true" We make our optimism come true by all we do and dees we share with one another. Let us always embrace others with good natured fellowship and compliments in our daily lives. The Pledge of Allegiance followed by hopeful and energetic cheers of "Play Ball!":



There were no guests this morning.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Board Meeting report 7/11- Kent Gloor is leading the way on our contribution to the TJ Youth Services programs. We will donate \$25 at the State Convention Family Center fundraiser August 17th . The Christmas Festivities will be held December 2nd at The Resource Center next to McDonalds on East Evans. Party Chair Frank Middleton will follow up with details relating to planning and hospitality. Membership fees were discussed and tabled until next meeting. Our Policy of when dues are due was presented and detailed.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

George and Larry attended the Annual O.I. at Convention in Arlington Va and reported major money was spent to attend. Larry participated in the Insurance breakout session.



There was a lot of discussion on the 4th of July dates for Conventions. There will be no international dues increase for this year. Membership is Down by 1000 and each Club is urged to have 1 net new member by the end of September.



Kent Gloor (3/4 of a century) and other birthday boys were serenaded with a touching and heartfelt rendition of "Happy Birthday" We will have volunteers for the SxSE event this year. However we will help with a Hamilton Fall event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RAFFLE: We are 45% sold out. Anything over 51% is money in the bank for our Youth Services Fund. Please help with the sale and distribution of tickets. \$20 a ticket for \$2,500 1st Place- \$1,000 2nd and 15 \$100 3-17th place. Drawing is August 25th at 7:30 am.



Pat Bush: I am really Glad to be back. His wife B.L. was in the hospital for 3 weeks, and is now safe at home. Of Note: He has not received any requests for Club programs and events in 2024. We need the information to craft what the budget will be.



Robert Wardlaw: Reminded us the Aug 4th Principals to Breakfast is fast approaching. Principals from all schools participating in Super Citizen program are invited.

Bud Olsen: Reported our Club Founder Dr. Ed Frankhauser's wife Jeanne will be released from the hospital on the 24th and will be moving into an assisted living facility, Please keep her in our thoughts and prayers.



TREE LOT COMMITTEE

Tom Glazier: Gave a run down on the Tree Lot volunteer fundraiser proposal. A copy of the offering will be posted in GUMS at the end of the month.



Tom Kramis: Added... "You guys are not off the hook for helping volunteer at the tree lot so please sign up early this year." The Annual officer Installation Luncheon will convene at at Heather Gardens @11:30, September 30th. There might be a Belly Dancer or similar entertainment.



Frank Middleton: Shared that John and Claire Young are at the NY Deli News every Thursday at 9:15 am. Please stop by and visit. Please contact Clair at johnandclaire@comcast.net for details. He also noted we set a record for record for King Soopers contributions.

Don Thomson: Explained why he has a baseball bat in his hand this morning. It has something to do with an article in The NY Times explaining why we support out baseball teams, and how ethos, agony and meltdowns are stubbornly overpowered by optimism.



Bob Avery: The family has a new member, Lincoln Robert Avery born in London on July 4th. What a wonderful moment for everyone.

Camaraderie Day. No guest speaker. **Denny Dressler** announced he will attend the TLC meeting on 7/19 @ 4pm and suggested anyone else interested in getting involved with the Tree Lot Committee attend as well. It should be noted **Craig Eley** was filling in for Tom Hoch as resident sit-down comedian.

MYSTERY ROCKIES SOCKS

First person to identify the member who wore these socks to the July 14 meeting wins a free breakfast. Send entries to gtbuzick@comcast.net.



COLORADO'S FINEST PEACHES 2023



From **Dr. Bob Finkelmeier**:

Colorado's finest peaches are coming! The Palisade grower will be delivering the peaches mid to late August. The delivery date will be announced. The price per box this year is **\$45 per box**, with a donation coming back to **Monaco**

South or Tamarac Optimist Club, depending on sales. The only thing difference from last year is the grower went to a larger box which is 20% bigger, to protect the peaches better and provide additional space. More details to follow. **By the way, I will be looking for someone to take over this role for next year.**

DO WE HAVE A DRAWING?

Jack of Diamonds \$20... there are only 11 cards left.

Cups: Birthday Boy **Kent-Tom G -Bud Olsen-Steve Kady-Bob Avery and Jake "I'm not in the bathroom" Baker**

Luck of the Draw: **Mark Metevia** and **Bill Litchfield**- Sorry Charlie

Name Tag- **Frank Middleton**. Not today.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Cliff Eley

July 4

Dan Rodriguez

July 6

Pat Bush

July 6

Jack Kleinheksel

July 9

Member Birthdays

Paul Simon

July 9

Wyatt McCallie

July 11

Jim Leuschner

July 12

David Wasserburger

July 14

Kent Gloor

July 14

Thumper Kady

July 16

Andy Towt

July 18

Steve Avery

July 22

Tom Hoch

July 22

Mark Metevia

July 26

Randy Marcove

July 27

Speakers

Jul 21, 2023 7:00 AM

[:Craig Eley](#)

Travel Highlights from Egypt

Jul 28, 2023 7:30 AM

[:Tamara Kirch](#)

3 Projects for you: JOI Club in Kenya, Pen Pals, Library Development

Aug 04, 2023 7:30 AM

[Principals to Breakfast](#)

Honoring the Principals of our Super Citizen schools

Aug 11, 2023

[Speaker: Dan Rodriguez](#)

Confessions of a Corporate Clown -My McDonalds Story

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Upcoming Events

TREE LOT COMMITTEE MEETING

Jul 19, 2023 4:00 PM

[Weekly Meeting](#)

American Legion Hall

Jul 21, 2023

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

[Weekly Meeting](#)

American Legion Hall

Jul 28, 2023

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

[Junior Golf Committee Meeting](#)

American Legion Hall

Jul 28, 2023 8:00 AM

[BOARD MEETING](#)

American Legion Hall #1

Aug 01, 2023 6:30 PM

[Weekly Meeting](#)

American Legion Hall

Aug 04, 2023

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

[Brent's Place Block Party-Pancake Breakfast](#)

Anschutz Medical Campus Parade Grounds

Aug 05, 2023

7:00 AM - 1:30 PM

[Weekly Meeting](#)

American Legion Hall

Aug 11, 2023

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

[TREE LOT COMMITTEE MEETING](#)

Aug 16, 2023 4:00 PM

[Colorado District Convention](#)

Canyon City, Fremont County Events Center

Aug 18, 2023 8:00 AM -

Aug 19, 2023 4:00 PM

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[See the Online Events Calendar](#)

[@http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar](http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/8678115309?pwd=bHFtUkJ6WURsdJl1Qlo2Zkxla1ZuQT09>

Meeting ID: 867 811 5309

Passcode: 2021

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2022-2023 47th Year — Chartered in 1976

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Tom Hoch	303-332-9338		

Past Presidents

Bob Rhue 1976-77	Kent Gloor 1992-93	Greg Young 2007-08
Jerry Whitlow 1977-78	Gary Strowbridge 1993-94	Phil Perington 2008-09
Bill Kosena 1978-79	Mark Metevia 1994-95	Ron Cisco 2009-10
Duane Wehrer 1979-80	Bob Safe 1995-96	Ed Collins 2010-11
Curt Jefferies 1980-81	Tom Overton 1996-97	Randy Marcove 2011-12
Frank Middleton 1981-82	Peter Dimond 1997-98	Paul Simon 2012-13
John Young 1982-83	Ralph Symalla 1998-99	Jon Wachter 2013-14
Pat Bush 1983-84	Cy Regan 1999-00	John Oss 2014-15
Bob Hugo 1984-85	Stan Cohen 2000-01	Michael Chavez 2015-16
Tom Mauro 1985-86	Don St. John 2001-02	Craig Eley 2016-17
Curt Lorenzen 1986-87	Jack Rife 2002-03	Jim Easton 2017-18
Oscar Sorensen 1987-88	Karl Geil 2003-04	Everett Gardner 2018-19
Lupe Salinas 1988-89	Bryce Slaby 2004-05	Bob Meyer 2019-20
Bob Avery 1989-90	Donlie Smith 2005-06	Dan Rodriguez 2020-2021
Bill Litchfield 1990-91	Paul Bernard 2006-07	Tom Kramis 2021-2022
Bill Walters 1991-92		

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.