



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist

The 5:56 a.m. sunrise is amazing this beautiful Friday morning. **Scott Walker** and **Dick Zolman** are our greeters this morning. Editor: *As we move into August the sunrise will be a minute later each day.*



Scott Walker & Dick Zolman  
Photos Noel Hasselgren

### First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

President elect, **Jim Easton** is handling meeting duties this morning. He rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. **Cap Hermann** reads the invocation this morning, which asks for help from the divine creator to help foster the value of good government, inspire our youth to become involved in good leadership. Overall, to respect the value of all and to engage in civil discussion of opposing views in a respectful manner.

Cap then leads us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

### Guests

**Prez Jim** calls out for any visitors. Finding none he spots a long time member who has not been to a meeting for awhile, Dr. **Dean Sotiriou**. Dean is a retired professor emeritus from the University of Denver. At Jim's request, Dean shared a few comments about what he has been doing. Dean and his wife Syrma, will be traveling to Greece in a few weeks to see friends and family.



### President Craig's Report

Traveling **Prez Craig Eley** and head MSOC Christmas Santa Wrangler, reported this past week, that he hit pay dirt in Copenhagen when he encountered the 60<sup>th</sup> World Santa Convention. This years World Santa Convention attracted over 140 Santa's from 12 different countries, who came together in the Danish capital

for a three day fun filled event. The annual event has been taking places at the same location in Denmark since 1957. Craig, says he tried to entice some Santa's to work our tree lot by promising free donuts and a chili cook-off! He shared that since his trip now had a business purpose, he is going to write it off on his 2017 taxes!



Prez Craig Eley  
Copenhagen, July 24, 2017

### Announcements

**South by Southeast Event:** **Greg Young** reminded us that Councilwoman **Kendra Black**, was looking for volunteers for her "South by Southeast" event, which will be held at Bible Park on Saturday, August 19th, beginning at 10 a.m. Billed as "a celebration of local food, music, and community," this should be one of the highlights of the summer in Southeast Denver. Volunteers will be working three-hour shifts, providing directions to the event participants and parking cars, and helping with making this a successful event. See Greg to get on the signup sheet. Note: *A good time to wear that new Monaco South shirt or hat!*

**OCMS Hat:** **Greg Young** also shared that he still can obtain for you a OCMS hat or shirt. Hats are available for \$10 and a shirt with no name is \$25, or with an embroidered name it is \$30. The hat only comes in blue. See Greg to get yours.



**March of Dimes, Mudd Volleyball:** **Pat Bush** tells us that the Mudd Volleyball parking lot project is Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Pat is looking for several more volunteers to help. This is a fun event that really gets exciting as they have lots of participants and Monaco South Optimists help get this event off to a start by

**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\*\*\***

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## Announcements



parking all the cars in an orderly fashion. One annual participant, **Scott Walker**, describes it as a morning starting with an early calm day and then interrupted by a throng of approximately 2,000 cars looking for a place to park. The day can be warm and dusty, or cool and muddy. So, dress accordingly. Volunteers need to show up 6:30 a.m. at the Majestic Commerce Center, 20100 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> Parkway in Aurora, and will be done by 10 a.m. The event helps raises \$200-\$250K for the March of Dimes. Contact Pat to signup at 720-254-3741 or email at [pbush@bushreese.com](mailto:pbush@bushreese.com).

### **JDRF OneWalk to Cure Type 1 Diabetes: Ron**

**Gustas** announced that the 2017 JDRF OneWalk will take place on the morning of September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Jeffco County Fairgrounds with check-in starting at 8 a.m. and the "Walk" at 10. Teams participating in the "Walk" include:

- ♦ Ron's Granddaughter's "Ellie's Diabetes Busters" Team
- ♦ The Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club-T1DOC Walk Team. Team search Keyword is "Optimists"
- ♦ The McMahon's team called "Fighting Until T1 Gets Beat"

OCMS members are encouraged to support any or all of the teams by either providing a donation or better yet signing up to be a "Walker" for one of the Teams. The "Walk" website is at [http://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=7018&pg=entry](http://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR?fr_id=7018&pg=entry).

Donations can be made by cash, checks payable to JDRF, or online. Instructional emails will be sent shortly to those wanting to donate on line and receive a tax receipt. A signup sheet will be available at meetings the next few weeks or you can email Ron at [rgustas@earthlink.net](mailto:rgustas@earthlink.net) or Mike at [mcmah-onmike@rocketmail.com](mailto:mcmah-onmike@rocketmail.com) for more info. Proceeds from the JDRF "OneWalk" finance research to Treat, Cure, and Prevent T1D. Help turn Type One into Type None.

**JDRF OneWalk** volunteer are also requested for September 8<sup>th</sup> to load a truck with "Walk" materials and on September 9<sup>th</sup> to help set up the "Walk" site. A signup sheet will be available at meetings. Thanks to OCMS members for providing financial and/or volunteer help to make the JDRF OneWalk a success. Support for the "Walk" helps improve the lives of those with Type 1 Diabetes.

### **Rockies Game to Support Jr. Golf: Joe Marci**

says for those of you that are Rockies fan, he has 100 tickets for Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. These are good tickets offered for \$15. The Rockies tickets are also a way that the club makes contributions to Jr. Golf.

### **OI Junior Golf Championships: Joe Marci**

also reports that at the CO-WY Junior Golfers in Florida this week and next there are 52 junior golfers from the District playing at the PGA National Resort and Spa (Home of the Honda Classic). The grand total of golfers in this year's

tournament is 682 representing 22 countries. The five age groups that have completed their fun in the sun are: Boys 10-11, 12-13, & 14-15, and Girls 10-12 & 13-14. There have been 3 boys and 2 girls who finished in the top 20 of their brackets. The low boy scorer is **Walker Franklin** who shot 76, 68, & 74 and finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the 14-15 bracket. The low girl scorer is **Sofia Choi** who shot 75, 80, & 75 and finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the 13-14 age bracket. **Bob Meyer** and **Barry Barker** are helping keep the tournament on schedule with their volunteer duties and enjoying the great golf the boys and girls are playing. Thanks to them for being our district volunteers and thanks to everyone who helped in this year's junior golf program. We could not have done it without all the support we have received. OI Tee Times and Results can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/optimistchampionships/>.



Past OI top finishers of the girls 15-18 division.

**Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast:** Editor: The Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast was Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Although no report was received on this project, below are some pictures provided by **Greg Young**.



**Palisade Peaches:** Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** said, "The peaches are coming; the peaches are coming, and possibly will be here this coming week."



This week the peach grower shared this photo of momma bear and her two cubs having a good time taste testing peaches and grapes in the orchard. They were finally relocated to the hill south of Silt.





## Harry Fegley

### Exploring the Kingdom of Bhutan

Our Speaker this morning is our own **Harry Fegley** who talk about his recent trip to Bhutan with his wife. Bhutan, is a Buddhist kingdom and is halfway around the world, 22 hours of flight time and nestled in the eastern Himalayan region. Bhutan is the second least populous nation, with no more than 800,000 residents living in the small landlocked country. The capital of Bhutan is Thimphu and it is also the country's largest and city.

The country is famous for pioneering the concept of Gross National Happiness (GNH), instead of the more commonly-touted Gross National Product (GNP).

In South Asia, Bhutan ranks first in economic freedom, ease of doing business, and peace; second in second in per capita income and is the least corrupt country as of 2016.

Harry shared slides of his trip and the scenery is breathtaking. One specific slide showed the Tiger's Nest Monastery. A



temple complex that was originally started in 1692, around the Taktsang Senge Samdup cave where Guru Padmasambhava is said to have meditated for three years, three months, three weeks, three days, and three hours in the

8<sup>th</sup> century. Padmasambhava is credited with introducing Buddhism to Bhutan and is the tutelary deity of the country. Today, Paro Taktsang is the best known of the thirteen taktsang or "tiger lair" caves in which he meditated.



Harry Fegley  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Harry also showed slides of very large statue. It is estimated that between two-thirds and three-quarters of the Bhutanese population follow Vajrayana Buddhism, which is also the state religion. Bhutan has a rich and unique cultural heritage that has largely remained intact because of its isolation from the rest of the world until the mid-20th century. One of the main attractions for



tourists is the country's culture and traditions.

Bhutanese tradition is deeply steeped in its Buddhist heritage.

Overall, Harry presented an interesting presentation of his travels and the highlights of such a fascinating country.

*Thank you Harry!*

For more insights into this country visit <http://www.kingdomofbhutan.com/>.



### Drawing

Do we have a drawing? Yes, we do and there is \$20 in the pot and the lucky card is the 8 of spades. **Allen Malask** and **Jon Wachter** go for drawing the card, but both come up short. **Bryce Slaby**, **Carl Brown**, **Jack Kleinheksel**, **Kent Gloor**, **Scott Walker**, and **Terry Shroyer** go for the sure thing.



For the "Are you wearing your Name Tag" drawing, **Bryce Slaby** name was drawn out of the jug, and he was wearing his badge.



Bryce Slaby

### An Optimistic Classic Owner

Classic car member **Allen Malask** was spotted driving his Miata south bound on Colorado Boulevard during a rain storm Tuesday afternoon. At first sighting, one might think that Marry Poppins may have had to make an emergency landing, but no, Allen has not had the time to get the top replaced. He has been extremely optimistic up until now.



Weekly Greeters	
8/4/17	Tom Mario & Jon Wachter
8/11/17	Ken Duffy & Cy Regan
8/18/17	Brian Wilson & George Buzick

**Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40<sup>th</sup> Year — Chartered in 1976**

See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

Aug 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Lynn Wells, Co-Director, The Academy for Lifelong Learning
Aug 5	Sat	6:30 am	March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball parking project, Majestic Commerce Center
Aug 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Relentless Jason Romero, Only blind person to run across America
Aug 17-20			CO-WY 4 <sup>th</sup> District Convention, Doubletree Hotel, Breckenridge, CO
Aug 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Super Citizen School Principals to Breakfast

# **Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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

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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.