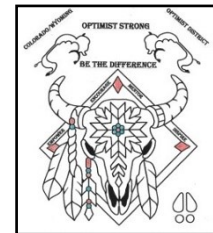




# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Moring Optimist

On this day, we are greeted by **Jon Wachter** and **Gary Strowbridge**. Thank you for getting up bright and early in order to greet members with a hearty handshake and a great big smile. Editor: We are always grateful to our Friday morning greeters. To serve in this capacity see Jon Wachter, pictured above, to get on the schedule. It is a great way to meet those that join us and to associate a fellow Optimist's name with a face.



Jon Wachter & Gary Strowbridge  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

### First Bell, Invocation, & Pledge

President **Jim Easton** called the meeting to order and immediately called on **Bob Meyer** to read the invocation for this morning. Bob reminded us to “*forget the mistakes of the past,*” an appropriate thought given that this is the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the shootings at Columbine High School. On that day, two student, randomly killed 12 students and one teacher, plus wounded 23 others—which is difficult to forget. After the invocation Bob lead us in the Pledge Allegiance to our flag.

### New Member Induction

As luck would have it, **Joe Campana** was in the house, as was his sponsor, **Michael Chavez**. Joe actually became a member in September of 2017, but having both available seemed to be difficult, so **Prez Jim** took advantage of the situation and officially inducted Joe.



Joe Campana, center, is officially inducted to OCMS by Michael Chavez & Jim, Easton.  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

### From the Prez

President **Jim** announced that the Board of Directors also approved **Jed Ziegenhagen's** application at

the last board meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>. *Welcome aboard to Joe and Jed!*

### In Attendance

It was good to see **John Swick**, back from Texas; **Kent Gloor**, apparently fully recovered from a medical incident last week; and **Woody Thibodeau**, for the second week in a row.



John Swick



Kent Gloor



Woody Thibodeau

### 2018-2019 Election of Officers

**Everett Gardner**, primary and only candidate for Club President for the 2018-19 Optimist year beginning on October 1 of this year, joined us by the power of a face-to-face call on a cell phone by **Prez Jim**. Perhaps the first “virtual” attendance at a MSOC meeting. The vote on the future Board of Directors, headed by Everett, was unanimous and included for: Vice Presidents—**Bob Meyer** and **Steve Kady**; Directors—**John Stoffel**, **Noel Hasselgren**, **Jack Kleinheksel**, and **Dan Rodriguez**. Good luck to this group, which has the responsibility of providing decision making for the club in the coming year!

### 2018 100% Day

President **Jim** announced that Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> would be “**100% Day**.” There will be a special steak breakfast in order to entice all members to attend the meeting, thus achieving 100% attendance. Reserve this date to join other members of the club in a fun filled morning. Jim also reminded us of the “Senior Moments” meeting at the Eastern Star on April 26<sup>th</sup>.



100% Day, June 2017 Photo

**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

### 2018 JDRF Dream Gala “Clue to a Cure”: Ron



2018 JDRF DREAM GALA

**Gustas** asked OCMS members to help transport Gala materials from the JDRF office located at 2727 Bryant St in Denver (near North High School) to the event site at the Westin Denver

Downtown at 1672 Lawrence St. Loading will start at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and everything should be done in a couple hours.

Ron also mentioned that the GALA is sold out with over 500 attendees hopefully providing near a million dollars for research seeking a cure and improved treatment options for those with Type 1 Diabetes. **Michael Chavez**, who is also a member of the Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club-T1DOC will coordinate Optimist volunteers. For more information contact Michael at [mikeart9@me.com](mailto:mikeart9@me.com). **Thanks for helping the kids!**

**Know Brainer: Pat Bush** reminded us one more time, “The Know Brainer is next Saturday at Hamilton Middle School beginning at 7:00 a.m. Check with Pat if you have not signed up already.”

**Tax Deductible Contributions to OCMS: Harry Arkin** mentioned that **Marilyn Brown** had donated \$20,000 to the club in the name of **Doug Morton** and said that he would be willing to write a codicil, free of charge, to the will of any member who wanted to include the club in their will. Check with Harry’s office at 303-863-8400 to setup an appointment. See the center page in our new April 2018 Directory for other details.

**Rockies Tickets to Support Jr. Golf: Joe Marci** said he still has tickets for the Rockies vs. Dodgers on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Great seats and proceeds go to OI CO-WY District Junior Golf. Joe also said that Nick’s Nursery can no longer store our Christmas tree racks and they need a new home. Editors Note: **John Swick** graciously offered to store them in Brighton.

**DTC Wine Tasting, Constitutional Scholars, & Fertilizer: Tom Overton** thanked members of the club who attended the DTC Wine Tasting and said it was a great success.

Tom also said that he and **Les Volpe** had attended the East High School Constitutional Scholars dinner.

Tom also said that he has fertilizer for sale, 30 percent cheaper than you can get it at garden stores. You must order by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Call Tom at 720-323-0035.

**Colfax Marathon: Everett Gardner** has promised 120 volunteers to hand out registration packets, T-shirts, etc., for the Colfax Marathon. We will be working from Noon to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Mile High Stadium. You can volunteer online by going to the MSOC website at <http://monacosouth.org/event/colfax-marathon-registration-support/>. Get additional details from Everett.



**Connect to OCMS Website via ClubRunner:** To connect to our webpage and membership directory download the ClubRunner Mobile App. The ClubRun-

ner Mobile App is free to download and use, this app will let you access the key information while on the go. Password protected, the ClubRunner Mobile app allows you to view the OCMS member directory, contact other members, and read the latest articles posted in the website. Additionally, you can learn more about upcoming events and speakers on the Club’s Calendar.



The mobile app is compatible with all versions of the iPhone and iPad that have iOS 8.0 or later and with versions of Androids that are 4.0.3 or better. To download the app, use your device and go to the App Store or from Google Play, simply type in “ClubRunner” in the search bar.

The ClubRunner app currently features the following modules:

- ◆ Member Directory – Get quick access to contact OCMS members
- ◆ Club Calendar – Learn more about upcoming events and speakers
- ◆ Club Details

If you have not logged on to OCMS website member area and updated your profile, now is the time. If you do not remember or have your password, please email Greg Young at [gndyoung@comcast.net](mailto:gndyoung@comcast.net) and he will reset it for you.

**9 Health Fair: Don Thomson** reminded us that his wife, Joyce, will be the Site Manager for the 9 Health Fair at Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda Ave., which starts on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 a.m. until Noon. This is one of the busiest sites of the 9 Health Fair. There will be no site at Schlessman YMCA this year, so take advantage of this opportunity to help support community health. You can register on-line at [www.9HealthFair.org](http://www.9HealthFair.org) or contacting **Joyce Thomson @ 303-918-4944**.

### Weekly Drawing

The pot is getting more lucrative each week and now stands at \$50. By drawing the *Ace of Spades*, the pot could have gone to anyone with a ticket—or the right name. Unfortunately, this was not to be. Although both **Jon Wachter** and **Dick Nickoloff** went for the big money, neither was successful. Others willing to accept a pittance were **Alan Malask**, **Jack Kleinheksel** (twice), **Bob Meyer**, **Paul Gibson**, and **Steve Kady**. Even though “Lucky” **Karl Geil** was wearing his nametag, he was not able to draw the ace. Remember, it only takes one ticket to win! Buy a ticket for 50 cents, or ten for 5 bucks, as Jack does, and you may be the next winner.



### Where is Craig Eley?

While **Laura Eley** was supporting her friend **Sherry Manning**, our speaker today on her Global Seed Savers organization, **Craig Eley** reports via an email, that he is spreading Optimism at the Roman gate in Pula, Croatia. A seafront city on the tip of Croatia’s Istrian Peninsula.



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**Sherry Manning**  
**Founder and Executive Director, Global Seed Savers**

Our speaker today was Sherry Manning, who met Laura Eley, **Craig Eley's** daughter, while both were serving in the Philippines with the Peace Corps. This is where Sherry conceived the idea of "Global Seed Savers." According to Global Seed Savers web-site: [www.globalseedsavers.org](http://www.globalseedsavers.org),



Sherry Manning stands in the back, sharing her story and PowerPoints, while your editor, in the front captures the presentation notes.

*"Global Seed Savers is an international development non-profit organization committed to building hunger free and healthy communities with access to sustainable farmer produced food and seeds. We are committed to supporting food security in the Philippines. Through educating and empowering farmers to return to the historical practice of saving seeds they are no longer dependent on purchasing seeds after each planting and forced to use harmful chemicals to grow these seeds. Through our education and training programs Filipino Organic Farmers gain the hands-on skills and knowledge they need to propagate, store, save, and sell their own regionally adapted organic seeds. This empowers farmers to be self-sufficient and ensures that organic seeds are more readily available throughout the Philippines.*

*Originally founded as Friends of ENCA Farm in 2010 (received our 501c3 status in 2013) to serve as the educational and advocacy entity supporting the work of ENCA Eco-Tourism and Organic Farm located in Tublay, Benguet Province (Northern Philippines). Founded by Sherry Manning, a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and adopted daughter of the town of Tublay, we have been instrumental in supporting her host family in realizing a modern vision for their ancestral land, ENCA Farm. Since its founding, Friends has helped ENCA Farm rise as an organic farming training center, youth environmental education facility, and a sustainable eco-tourism destination in the Philippines.*

*In 2016, we made the decision to grow beyond the historic ENCA Farm and began expanding our programming to additional communities and additional farmers. This decision has allowed us to grow our impact and reach many more farmers throughout the Philippines. In October 2017, we changed our name to Global Seed Savers to better reflect our growing work and impact."*

After speaking this morning, Sherry asked to share the following information with all of our members:

*"Hello, I really enjoyed sharing our work and mission with you all. It would be great if you can share the below information about our film screening on Thursday.*

*We are hosting a film screening of the feature length documentary film [Modified: A Food Lovers Journey Into GMO's](#) this coming Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at our collaborative office space the [Posner Center for International Development](#). The film questions why genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are not labeled on food products in Canada and the United States, despite being labeled in 64 countries around the world. Interweaving the personal and the political, the film is anchored in the filmmaker's relationship to her mother, a passionate gardener and food activist. Their intimate mother-daughter investigative journey, fueled by a shared love of food, ultimately reveals the extent to which industrial interests control our food policies, making a strong case for a more transparent and sustainable food system.*

*[You can purchase discounted pre-sale tickets here](#). All tickets will be \$25 at the door on Thursday. There will be light refreshments and all proceeds will support our farmers and programs in the Philippines. I hope you can join us!"*



At left, Laura Eley, fellow Peace Corps volunteer with Sherry Manning, came to hear Sherry's presentation. She sits with Past President and Speaker Coordinator, Paul Bernard.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

**April Super Citizen Presenters**

Apr 26 @ 1:00	McMeen	Dave Peck
Apr 27 @ 3:00	Bradley	Mark Metevia

**Weekly Greeters**

4/27/18	Al Gapuzan & Don Roth
5/4/18	Dave Peck & Paul Bernard

**Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 41<sup>st</sup> Year — Chartered in 1976**

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

Apr 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Thomas Jefferson High School Easy Contest Winners
Apr 28	Sat	7:00 am	CO-WY District 3rd Quarter Conference, Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden
Apr 28	Sat	7:00 am	Know Brainer Competition, Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E. Dartmouth Ave.
Apr 29	Sun	9:00 am	CO-WY District Oratorical Contest Finals, Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden
May 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Thomas Jefferson High School Sullivan Scholarship Winners
May 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
May 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Respect for Law, First Responders Recognition

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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Don St. John	2001-02
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Jack Rife	2002-03
John Young	1982-83	Karl Geil	2003-04
Pat Bush	1983-84	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Greg Young	2007-08
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Bob Avery	1989-90	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Bill Walters	1991-92	Paul Simon	2012-13
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	John Oss	2014-15
Mark Metevia	1994-95	Michael Chavez	2015-16
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Tom Overton	1996-97		

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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.