



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimists

Due to sewer issues at our normal venue, the American Legion, Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post 1,



no meeting was held this Friday. One GUMS reporter said they had a major sewage backup that soaked most of the place. Many in attendance were using four

letter words to describe the situation, but it now has been repaired, the carpets have been cleaned and they are back in operation.

On Saturday, official word was sent out by American Legion Commander Tony Jones saying, 'We are up and running.' A big thank you to our host for getting this issue resolved.

### Earth Day

Saturday was Earth Day, which is an annual event celebrated on April 22. See <http://www.earthday.org/>. Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day events in more than 193 countries are now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network.



### Greeters

Jon Wachter reports, 'If you did show up this morning you probably did not see any greeters. However

#### 2017-2018 Club Officer Nominations

Currently the full slate of nominees are:

President – Jim Easton

Vice President – Mike McMahon

Vice President – Everett Gardner

Board (elect 4) – Robert Wardlaw, Tom Kramis, Ken Duffy, & Harry Arkin.

Due to an unforeseen incident, the election will now be held on Friday, April 28, 2017, at the Club's regular membership meeting at 7:00 a.m. at 5400 East Yale Avenue, Denver, CO.

Nominations are as shown above.

we still need some for May and June.' To get on the greeters schedule, contact Jon at 303-204-5645 or [jon\\_wachter@msn.com](mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com).

### Presidents Corner

**OCMS Election:** Since no meeting took place, neither did the club election. Therefore, it will be completed at our next meeting, Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, when things should be flowing smoothly. The election will be followed by camaraderie.

**Members get a member.** A simple concept, but so powerful. If each member asks just one or two people he knows to join us at a meeting, we can be successful in recruiting the new members we all would like to see in our club. Talk to the people you see at work, at play, next door, etc. that you know would be valuable Optimist members, and ask them to come to a meeting. Let them know we offer free breakfast for guests. *It's for the Children!*



### Announcements

**Know Brainer Alert:** Don Thomson reports that the Know Brainer competition is Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Hamilton Middle School and we are in need of 6 more volunteers to be timers/scorekeepers. Those already signed up are: **John Greene, Barry Barker, Mark Metevia, George Buzick, Michael Chavez, Gary Strowbridge.** Call Don Thomson at 303-757-4273 or e-mail to [djthomson@earthlink.net](mailto:djthomson@earthlink.net) to volunteer.

Sign in by 7:30 a.m. You will receive a ticket for a free beverage and tasty treat, so head to the alcove for food sponsored by the PTO. You also will be asked if you would like to join the group for lunch at La Fogata Mexican Restaurant. Just hang out until you get the word to report to the volunteer area for further instructions. Pizza will be served to the teams and teachers in the Cafeteria around 11:30 with awarding of medals to follow. This is a fun Event for some great 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Know Brainer is a joint project of Monaco South and Tamarac Optimist Club's in its 5<sup>th</sup> year.

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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

**Charlie Korsoski Awards:** Super Citizen Program Coordinator **Robert Wardlaw** reports that the year ending Charlie Korsoski Awards will be presented over the next few weeks in May at our ten Super Citizen schools. The Charlie Korsoski Award goes to each school's Super Citizen of the Year. They are presented with a framed certificate, a \$50.00 award and their name is engraved and mounted on the school's Charlie Korsoski Awards plaque. If you would like to see these presentations talk with one of the SC school representatives. The history of the Korsoski Award program is attached to GUMS distribution email.

### Super Citizen Representatives are:

- ◇ Bradley International School - Randy Marcove
- ◇ Hamilton Middle School - Tom Mauro
- ◇ Highline Academy - Jim Easton
- ◇ Holm Elementary School - Donlie Smith
- ◇ Lowry Elementary School - Paul Stratton
- ◇ McMeen Elementary School - Don Thomson
- ◇ Most Precious Blood - Gary Miller
- ◇ Samuels Elementary School - Kent Gloor
- ◇ Slavens Elementary School - Tom Hoch
- ◇ University Park Elementary School - Bob Avery

**Casino Night:** **Paul Simon** announced that the CO-WY District's Childhood Cancer Campaign fundraiser, Casino Night, is coming up on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Paul is looking for dealers (card dealers) for that night, who will be trained prior to the event. Tickets are just \$35 and include \$1,000 of poker chips. Advance tickets are available from Greg Young or Paul. You may contact Greg at [gndyoung@comcast.net](mailto:gndyoung@comcast.net) or Paul at [paul4123@comcast.net](mailto:paul4123@comcast.net).

**CO-WY District Conference:** **Paul Simon** reminds us know that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference will be Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Salvation Army facility in Aurora, 802 Quari Court. The project for that day will be packing hygiene bags for homeless kids. Registration is \$35, and MSOC pays \$25 towards that fee, which includes lunch. Agenda and registration information can be found on the District's website at [www.optimistcowy.org](http://www.optimistcowy.org) or just download it from the GUMS distribution email. The district essay contest winner will also be at the conference. The young man had a very impressive essay that was submitted to Optimist International.

**JOI Advisors and Optimist Club Sponsors:** **Donna Priester**, JOI Chair for CO-WY District, shared this 'Save the Date' notice to help JOI Members, Advisors, and Optimist Club sponsors be aware that something BIG is happening in the District. Donna is forming a CO-WY JOI Club District and this is just the beginning of something GREAT!

According to OI Guidelines we needed to have a JOI convention in April or May to establish the JOI District. Therefore, we have chosen Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden, Cherry Hills Village (off I-25, turn West for a

mile).

At this Convention we will be officially forming the JOI District, electing a JOI Governor, Governor-Elect, and Secretary. These officers will be sent to the Optimist International JOI Convention on July 3-5 in Albuquerque this year for training and an understanding of what a JOI District can do for the JOI Clubs and members of the District. Of course other JOI members can go on their own or with the aid of the Sponsoring Club, as well.

All JOI members attending the Colorado-Wyoming JOI Convention will have a vote as to the JOI District officers at this initial convention and the By-Laws and procedures will be voted on and explained. We hope that at least 3 or 4 of the JOI members from your Clubs can come to be a part of setting this District in motion. Becoming a District offers many opportunities to JOI members in the coming years.

The JOI Convention Committee is hoping for a donation of \$5.00 per JOI member plus one adult attending the JOI District Convention. This small amount will help to offset the cost of this Convention. In the future, fundraisers will be explored to aid us financially for District events. There will be snacks in the morning at registration and lunch is provided to all attendees.

More information about JOI Districts, information concerning Officer's job descriptions, and applications for being a part of the Leadership Team (Gov., Gov.-Elect, Secretary) will be coming your way very soon. There will also be information concerning the OI Convention in Albuquerque. If you would like that information now, go to the [www.Optimist.org](http://www.Optimist.org) site and look under the JOI Convention tab. Thanks and I am available for more questions (and answers, I hope) if you wish to contact me at 719-590-1217.

**Dime-A-Day:** **Perry Allen** shared that all members that you can join the Dime-A-Day program by writing a check out to the Optimist International Foundation or OI Foundation for a total of \$36.50 or a single dime for each day of the year. A Dime-A-Day submission form is attached to the email.

### United Service Clubs of Englewood-USCE

**Phil Perington** reported that in January of 2016 members of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Rotary, Sertoma, and the Optimist Club promulgated a new and unique concept for Service Club awareness and growth. It was mutually agreed that representatives of each Club plus Englewood Schools, Parks & Recreation, Police & Fire Department, plus the Chamber would meet as a Council once a month, and promote Service Club activity as a unified group.

Since then the USCE has successfully help sponsor many community activities including 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, Annual City Parade, Car Show, Student achievement awards and the most recently the annual Easter Egg Scramble. The USCE Council built the new Englewood Optimist Club as a direct result of involvement and participation. Past Mayor Randy Penn stepped forward to become the Charter President

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## USCE Continued

along with 21 other members including **Michael Chavez, Bob Myers, and Phil Perington**. Past Governors Curt Merrill, Abigail Nicholas and District Secretary-Treasurer Craig Baldwin were all instrumental in helping the Council organize and prosper. The USCE continues to grow, bringing awareness of the importance Services Clubs have in the community, and how they help provide service and resources otherwise not available.



Above, Rotary, Optimist and Lions Club officers at the annual setting up the annual Easter Scramble for the Englewood and surrounding community on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Right, Over 300 kids and family searching for Easter eggs.

Photos Phil Perington



## American Legion

### Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post 1

Speaking of our hosts, learn a little bit about the history of the American Legion and Post 1 on their website: [www.lcwpost1.org](http://www.lcwpost1.org).

The American Legion was chartered by the United States Congress on September 16, 1919. It is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The American Legion has been an advocate for America's veterans, a friend of the U.S. military, a sponsor of community-based programs for young people and a spokesman for patriotic values. Nearly 2.8 million members make it the nation's largest veterans group, with about 15,000 local "posts" in most communities and six foreign countries.



Where we meet is the American Legion Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post #1. The Leyden, Chiles, and Wickersham American Legion Posts consolidated and chartered on August 20, 1931 in loving memory of Private Leo T. Leyden, Captain Marcellus H. Chiles, and Lieutenant J. Hunter Wickersham all of whom gave their lives for their country. More can be found about these legionaries at <http://www.lcwpost1.org/in%20memoriam.html>.

On Labor day weekend September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 1994, the Post had the their Grand opening in then a new facility at 5400 East Yale Avenue in Denver.

## Michelle Jeske, Denver City Librarian

Last week our speaker, Michelle Jeske referenced to the State Park passes on [Denver Library's webpage](#). Here is the link she shared.

Check Out <https://www.denverlibrary.org/library-things>

Colorado State Park, Museum passes and other interesting things.



### April Super Citizen Presenters

Apr 27 @ 1:00	McMeen	?
Apr 28 @ 9:00	Holm	?
Apr 28 @ 3:00	Bradley	Mark Metevia

### Weekly Greeters

4/28/17	Ed Collins & Gary Strowbridge
5/5/17	Jim VanderKamp & Joe Marci
5/12/17	John Oss & Bob Finkelmeier
5/19/17	Rob Brewer & Pat Bush

### 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>

Apr 26	Wed	6:30 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Apr 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie & Election for 2016-2017 Officers & Directors (President Craig Eley declared nominations closed at the April 14 meeting.)
Apr 29	Sat	7:30 am	Know Brainer Competition at Hamilton Middle School
May 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Marisa Atria Kruger, Optometrist, Vision Transformation
May 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TJ Sullivan Scholarship Winners
May 12	Fri	6:15 pm	Casino Night Fundraiser for Childhood Cancer, Greg Young or Paul Simon
May 13	Sat	8:00 am	CO-WY District Conference, Salvation Army Corps Community Center, 802 Quari Court, Aurora



**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 Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96	Michael Chavez	2015-16

**2015 - 2016 Officers**

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Vice President	Mike McMahon	303-514-5175
Secretary	Randy Marcove	303-667-3663
Treasurer	Greg Young	303-759-3921

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**NEWSLETTER EDITORS:** Apr **Paul Stratton**, May **Phil Perington**, June **George Buzick**, July **Robert Wardlaw**

**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.