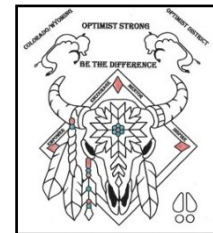




# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Paul Stratton for Phil Perington

### Good Morning Optimist

A pair of “Allen’s” were waiting to greet the men of Monaco South—Allen Malask and Allen Yockey. Both were full of smiles and passing out handshakes on this Friday morning, August 17<sup>th</sup>.



Allen Yockey & Allen Malask  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

August 17 is the 229<sup>th</sup> day of the year—and the 230<sup>th</sup> in leap years—in the Gregorian calendar. There are 136 days remaining until the end of the year.

By the way, Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, is National Honey Bee Day. An awareness day started by beekeepers in the United States to build community awareness of the bee industry, through education, and promotion. It is said that, “if the bee disappeared off the face of the Earth, human’s would only have approximately four years to live.”



**NATIONAL HONEY BEE DAY**

Save the Date: August 18, 2018

### Camaraderie Day

Immediately after being greeted, our members were given a playing card from **Frank Middleton**—you know what that means! It is Attendance Czar **Bob Avery’s** favorite day—taking attendance on Camaraderie Day! A day to get people out of their comfort zone by sitting in different locations and having some different conversations. And of course, everyone knows that a deck of cards contains four 9s. Yet the garrulous **Craig Eley** had no one to talk to at his lonely table marked #9. However, **Oscar Sorenson** took pity and pretended his 6 was a 9 in order to keep Craig company and listen to his jokes. *Nice way to be a team player, Oscar!*

### Invocation & Pledge

Our invocation was delivered by **Tom Hoch**, with a message about how even small acts of good will and

service can reverberate and grow into impactful changes for the better. Tom then led the Pledge of Allegiance while giving a military salute to the flag.



### From the Prez

**President Jim Easton** reminded us that 100% Day is coming up on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Among other fun things happening that day, we will be updating the club photo. Jim passed around a club picture from 2008, and let’s just say some things have changed since then, including hair color and volume.

### Guests

**Bob Avery** introduced a guest of **Phil Perington’s**. Phil was out of town, but **Bill McCormick** took Phil up on his invite and joined us. Bill is originally from Western Missouri and seemed happy to be with us. Hopefully he enjoyed camaraderie day. Thanks to both!

### Announcements

#### Budgets, Dues, Operation School Supplies:

Treasurer **Greg Young** reports it is that time of year again. Budgets for next fiscal year (October 1 - September 30) will be prepared in September. All project managers, or those with suggestions for new projects needing funding, are requested to submit in writing or by email with the amount they will need during the fiscal year. Please send all requests to Greg Young. His email is [gndyoung@comcast.net](mailto:gndyoung@comcast.net).

Dues invoices will be going out October 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to increases from OI, we will be increasing dues by \$3 this year. Full year dues for Regular Members will be \$128, with a \$5 discount for paying the full year. Quarterly dues will be \$32.00. Life Members will not have an increase and remains at \$88, with the \$5 discount applicable. Life Memberships can be purchased for \$480.70; see Greg Young for the proper form.

Operation School Supplies All Super Citizen school principals who attend the breakfast on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, will be presented a check for \$100 for school sup-

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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

plies by the School Representative. Please see Greg Young for the check if your school is not represented.

**Principals to Breakfast:** Robert Wardlaw reminded us that on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> we will be having Principals to Breakfast. Robert has invited the head of the eight schools we support with our Super Citizen program. Again, it is always best for School Representative's to remind their school's principal and staff. It will be a good day, so do not miss it!



**Celebrate Your Optimism & Installation Dinner:** Craig Eley announced that Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> will be the Celebrate Your Optimism dinner. Prez Jim Easton will pass the gavel to Everett Gardner and the new 2018-2019 Monaco South leadership will be installed. The gathering will take place at Rendezvous at Heather Gardens restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, and the cost is \$25 all inclusive. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m., and Craig will share menu details and the signup sheet again next week.

**King Soopers Reloadable Cards:** Frank Middleton reports that the club received a \$450 check from King Soopers, which is due to the reloadable card program. \$450 is a lot of money! Thanks for using your cards—do not forget to reload them, or if you do not have one, get one now from Frank. He also shared, they make a great gift, perhaps for a young person heading off to college. It is an easy way to support the club without extra effort or cost.



**JDRF One Walk:** Ron Gustas reminded us that the JDRF Walk will be on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The T1DOC Club has a team, as does our own Jim McMahon, and of course Ron's granddaughter Ellie. The walk will be at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. On the day prior, September 15<sup>th</sup>, JDRF need volunteers to set up the walk site starting at 10:00 a.m. for about two hours. If you are able to help please sign up or reach out to Ron.

**Dime-A-Day:** Perry Allen shared that with seven weeks remaining in the fiscal year, there is still time to match last year's number of club members participating in OI's Dime-A-Day program. If you have not added your \$36.50 to the cause, please consider doing so. On 100% day, Perry will lead a special drawing, and you will receive one entry per \$36.50 contributed. You must be present to win! Another reason to plan on attending on September 14th and 100% day.



**Broncos Tickets:** Harry Arkin reports that he has excellent tickets for two Broncos games, December 15<sup>th</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup>. There are four seats and they come with VIP parking. Harry is interested in selling them, so if you are interested, give him a call.

**Looking for a Bet:** Donlie Smith, who apparently was interested in lightening his wallet, took to the stage looking for someone to bet him \$1 on the Uni-

versity of Colorado versus Colorado State University game. It did not take long for Russ Paul to step up and support the mighty Rams from Ft. Collins. Editor: *I do not like your odds, Donlie!*



**Palisade Peaches:** Bob Finkelmeier had the happy announcement that peaches are arriving today! If you ordered a box, give Bob a call or stop his house this weekend. Should you like to order for the next delivery, talk with Dr. Bob.

**Leo Hagele Memorial Service:** Don Roth shared that a memorial Service for Leo Hagele will be held at the Eastern Star Retirement Campus, 2445 S. Quebec St, this coming Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m. Please attend and honor our past member and friend.



Leo Hagele  
File Photo

## Camaraderie Day

One of the advantages of camaraderie day is that there is a little additional time for announcements, which allows for members to share a funny yarn, story, or joke. Unfortunately, that was not the case this week, as Ed Collins and Tom Hoch each took to the stage for reasons that still remain unclear. They may have had humorous intentions, but any laughter they induced was drowned out by excessive groaning. Many were heard saying where is Brice Slaby?



Photos Noel Hasselgren

## South by Southeast Parking Crew



Photos Greg Young

Pat Bush, Jon Wachter, and Bob Avery attempt to show picnickers where to park.

## Drawing

Do we have a drawing? We have a drawing with only seven (7) cards remaining and \$120 available in the pot if the 9 of Diamonds could be sniffed out.



**Gary Strowbridge** and **Ron Gustas** had their numbers called and missed out on the 14% chance, drawing the Ace and 10 of Hearts, respectfully—but no luck.

Cups of Cash went to:

- ◇ **Karl Geil**
- ◇ **Greg Young**
- ◇ **Al Gapuzan**
- ◇ **Jed Ziegenhagen**
- ◇ **Tom Hoch**
- ◇ **Bob Avery**

Moments later, Bob Avery heard his name whilst wearing his nametag, so he got a shot at the pot. Alas, twas not to be for Bob. Next six cards and \$130.

## Great Truths - Profound Historic Insights Very Pertinent Today

Shared by Joe Marci

1. In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress. — John Adams
2. If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. — Mark Twain
3. Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself. — Mark Twain
4. I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. — Winston Churchill
5. A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. — George Bernard Shaw
6. A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money. — G. Gordon Liddy
7. Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. — James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)
8. Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries. — Douglas Case, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University.
9. Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys. — P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian
10. Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else. — Frederic Bastiat, French economist (1801-1850)
11. Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it. — Ronald Reagan (1986)
12. I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. — Will Rogers
13. If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free! — P. J. O'Rourke
14. In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other. — Voltaire (1764)
15. Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you! — Pericles (430 B.C.)
16. No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session. — Mark Twain (1866)
17. Talk is cheap, except when Congress does it. — Anonymous
18. The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other. — Ronald Reagan
19. The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of the blessings. The inherent blessing of socialism is the equal sharing of misery. — Winston Churchill
20. The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin. — Mark Twain
21. The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools. — Herbert Spencer, English Philosopher (1820-1903)
22. There is no distinctly Native American criminal class, save Congress. — Mark Twain
23. What this country needs are more unemployed politicians. — Edward Langley, Artist (1928-1995)
24. A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have. — Thomas Jefferson
25. We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. — Five Best Sentences
26. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity, by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.
27. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.
28. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.
29. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.
30. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work, because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work, because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation!



Weekly Greeters	
8/24/18	Casey Funk & Dick Nickoloff
8/31/18	Bill Morgan & Dave Moore
9/7/18	Ken Duffy & Ed Collins
9/14/18	Tom Glazier & Perry Allen
9/21/18	Bryce Slaby & Jon Wachter

**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>

Aug 18	Sun	11:00 am	South By Southeast Community Festival, Bible Park, sponsored by Councilwomen Black
Aug 22	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Aug 23	Thur	10:00 am	Leo Hagele Memorial Service, Eastern Star Retirement Campus, 2445 S. Quebec St.
Aug 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Kate Donelan, Destination Imagination
Aug 31	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Principals to Breakfast
Sept 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Sept 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: One Hundred Percent Day & Camaraderie
Sept 15	Sat	7:00 am	Alzheimer's Walk to End, City Park East, 2001 Colorado Blvd.
Sept 19	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Sept 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Sept 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: :DPD, District 3, Commander Rick Kyle



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

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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.