



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 43 Years  
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### Good Morning Optimists

We wake to a beautiful morning in Denver, the last Friday of August 2019 and the Labor Day weekend—so, *Happy Labor Day!*

Our Greeters this morning are **Pat Bush** and **Perry Allen**. A lively crowd this morning.



Pat Bush & Perry Allen  
Photos Noel Hasselgren



**On this day in history:** In 1967, thirteen years after he successfully argued in front of the US Supreme Court against racial segregation in the landmark case, *Brown vs. Board of Education*,

Thurgood Marshall is confirmed by the Senate to become the first African American justice on that very same court. And. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans. Eighty percent of the area was flooded with up to 15 feet of water.

### First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

Vice Prez **Bob Meyer** is once again at the helm as he stands in for globe-trotting, Prez **Everett Gardner**, whose whereabouts are unconfirmed today.

**Randy Marcove**, on one of his return trips from Costa Rica, reads the invocation today. *"Prayer for Labor Day,*



*O God, Great Builder of the Universe. This week-end, as we contemplate the end of one season and the beginning of another, let us also remember the holiday that commemorates and honors those who have built, and who continue to build, this*

*country by their labor. We ask for your blessing upon and your protection of all workers, especially those who face danger in their jobs so that we might enjoy safety and comfort. Instill in us the appreciation that in all work there is dignity, in all labor there is nobility, regardless of how exalted or lowly the vocation. Let us all celebrate and cheer on all workers this Labor Day."*

He then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag to start our Labor Day Weekend!

### No Speaker Today

**Paul Bernard**, our speaker organizer, advises us that today's speaker has yet to show up. We are once again regaled with tales on interest and delight. And on with the discourse of the day VP **Bob Meyer** calls for some stories.

At the behest of some, **Eldon Strong** tells us about the man who asks his wife on the day of their wedding anniversary what it is she would like most on this day. She responds she wants a divorce, and he suggests that was more than he had planned to spend.

With that VP Bob Meyer called for announcements.

### Announcements

**New Member Orientation:** Orientation Coordinator **Tom Glazier** reports that an orientation meeting for new members is coming up on Monday evening, September 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the STEM Academy, 4201 E. Yale Avenue, Suite 130. He shares that some individuals who signed up on the list at the South by Southeast event are also invited to attend. Tom Glazier also talks about the importance of promoting the club and what we do. One suggestion he mentioned was to have a person in the Tree Lot Trailer to talk specifically to customers about our club, our projects, and just to generate interest.

**Dime-A-Day:** **Perry Allen** encourages members to engage in the Dime-A-Day Program. One dime, just ten cents a day, comes out to \$36.50 and your check supports Childhood Cancer research, and other programs that OI has directed. Perry tells us we are just two Dime-A-Day donations to be one of the leaders in the country. Come on members—Donate today!

**CU vs. CSU Football:** **Donlie Smith** takes the microphone and talks about the upcoming *Rocky Mountain Showdown* game. We all know where Donlie's loyalty lies, CU all the way baby! Donlie talks about an old member moving back to Iowa to marry his high school sweetheart, Les Sorenson. Love has no statute of limitations. Final score, CU 52, CSU 31.



Today's new team logos

**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 Continued

### Back to College & Year End Banquet Installation:

**Jim Easton** first starts off telling us about his son, who was dropped off at college this past week at CU. Jim also has a daughter at CSU.

He then tells us about the *Celebrate Your Optimism Year End Banquet*, on Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of September at Heather Gardens Rendezvous Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way. This will be the installation dinner for new President **Bob Meyer**. Signup sheet will be forthcoming. Pencil that date in your social calendar. Below is a photo from last years Installation with all of the past presidents being recognized.



**JDRF Diabetes Walk:** **Ron Gustas** asked members to support JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) funded research seeking a cure for



and improved treatment options for Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) by supporting the walk. Both **Ron** and **Mike McMahon** will be "Walking" supporting Ron's granddaughter **Ellie** and Mike's son **Max** both who have T1D. The JDRF "OneWalk" will be held on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Jeffco Fairgrounds. Members can make donations by check payable to JDRF or on-line to receive tax receipts at the following sites:

- 1) Ron's Granddaughter **Ellie's team** at <http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/ElliesDiabetesBusters>
  - 2) Mike McMahon's son **Max's team** at ; or 3) the T1DOC team at <http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/T1DOC>
- The **Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club (T1DOC)** was co-sponsored by Monaco South six years ago.

Members also were asked to volunteer to help set up for the "Walk" site at Jeffco Fairgrounds starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact either Ron or Mike.

### King Soopers Donates to Monaco South: Frank

**Middleton** says King Soopers is now using a **Loyalty Card**, which is registered to our Club, and every Quarter we will get a payout from King Soopers based upon the total purchases registered by our members. Last Quarter there were 17 people registered, with a payout of \$302. We can do better, so if you have not registered your card yet, Do It today! See, *King Soopers Community Rewards FAQs* at <https://www.kingsoopers.com/topic/community-rewards-9>



**Walk to End Alzheimer's:** **Cap Hermann** talks about the upcoming Alzheimer's Walk. It will be on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> in City Park. Last year our



volunteers were able to man the Breakfast Burrito Food tent. This made for a very cheery group, as they took advantage of the location. All were happy, duties are typically completed by 9 or 9:30 a.m. To volunteer contact Cap at [caphermann@comcast.net](mailto:caphermann@comcast.net) or 303-587-5575 or you can [CLICK HERE](#) to volunteer or donate.

**CO-WY District Convention:** **John Oss** reported that he went to the District Convention last weekend. John is the Lt. Governor for Zone 6. He announced that Tony Carpenter, member of the Wheat Ridge Optimist Club, will be the incoming Governor. John reports the event was well attended and worth the trip.

**Peaches Have Arrived:** Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** says peaches are in, so come and pick them up. **Editor note:** These are a highlight for late summer, Leigh Ann's peach pie are a slice of heaven. You will need to wrestle **Robert Wardlaw** to obtain the recipe. A second order maybe forthcoming.

**Update on former member Carl Brown:** **Don Thomson** says while he was picking up his peaches and he ran into Carl Brown. Carl has had some health issues recently—a blocked lower intestine—and has lost about 40 lbs. Send along your best wishes to Carl and try to get him to return to our meetings.

**Rockies Tickets:** **Joe Marci** tells us that he has tickets available for the Rockies, during the remaining seasons' games. Ticket sales, help support the Junior Golf program. He also has golf balls that he is giving away, on the counter.

## It's Budget Time Again

From our Treasurer, Greg Young: The finance committee will be doing the budget for next fiscal year (October 1, 2019 through September 20, 2020) in a few weeks. All project managers are asked to send Greg Young, [gndyoung@comcast.net](mailto:gndyoung@comcast.net), the budget requests for their projects. In light of a declining economy, we will be doing a tight and conservative budget, so not all projects may be funded. Thanks for getting your request in right away.



## A Bit of Humor

The phone my granddaughter has and she is only six



The phone I had when I was six



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## Friday Baseball Quote

*"I was trying to get that walk, but I forgot it's not on you tonight - it's on the computer."*

- T.J. Rivera, Long Island Ducks

Editor's Note: "The electronic strike zone is coming, folks. For it? Against it? Why?

[Robot umpires: How it works and its effect on players and managers in the Atlantic League, plus what's to come](#), by Katherine Acquavella—See MLB

[MLB: Robot Umpires Are the Future of Baseball](#), by Madilyn Zeegers

How robot umpires work— [Click Here](#)



## Great Truths - Profound Historic Insights Very Pertinent Today, shared by Joe Marci

- ◇ 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
- ◇ If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. — Mark Twain
- ◇ Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself. — Mark Twain
- ◇ 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
- ◇ A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. — George Bernard Shaw
- ◇ A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your mon-

ey. — G. Gordon Liddy

- ◇ Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. — James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys. — P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian
- ◇ Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else. — Frederic Bastiat, French economist (1801-1850)
- ◇ 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)
- ◇ I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. — Will Rogers
- ◇ If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free! — P. J. O'Rourke
- ◇ 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)
- ◇ 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.)
- ◇ No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session. — Mark Twain (1866)
- ◇ Talk is cheap, except when Congress does it. — Anonymous
- ◇ The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other. — Ronald Reagan
- ◇ 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
- ◇ The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin. — Mark Twain
- ◇ The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools. — Herbert Spencer, English Philosopher (1820-1903)
- ◇ There is no distinctly Native American criminal class, save Congress. — Mark Twain

## Do we have a drawing?

Yes, we do and there is \$30 in the pot and the lucky card is the 3 of Diamonds.

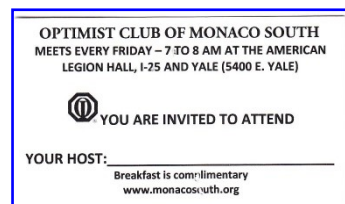
Members holding lucky tickets this morning include **Karl Geil**, **Don Thomson** who draws a



card but comes up short, **Randy Marcove**, and **Paul Stratton** (pictured left) who wins the pot. So **Bill Morgan**, **Bob Meyer**, **Dick Nickoloff**, and **Perry Allen** all have to take a cup. Next week the pot is once again \$20 with only five cards left.

## Invite a Guest

Note: Educators with a school are now getting back into it, so speak with teachers, coaches, and administrators about joining our Club. These individuals interact with kids on a daily basis and can be a great asset to our Club. All educators can join for \$30 for their first year.



**Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43<sup>rd</sup> Year — Chartered in 1976**

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

Sept 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: John Paterson, Volunteer Coordinator, Brent's Place
Sept 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Brad Appel, Founder/Executive Director, Wish for Wheels
<b>One Hundred Percent Day</b>			
Sept 14	Sat	7:00 am	Alzheimer's Walk to End, City Park East, 2001 Colorado Blvd.
Sept 15	Sun	7:30 am	JDRF "OneWalk" at Jeffco Fairgrounds, starts at 9:00 am
Sept 19	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Sept 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Sept 21	Sat	5:30 pm	<b>Celebrate Your Optimism Year End Banquet</b> , Heather Gardens Rendezvous Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way
Sept 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Uli Pappus, Post World War II Experience
Oct 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Mary Jo Heins, Medicare Update

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**Past Presidents**

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 Stowbridge	1993-94	Donlie Smith	2005-06	Jim Easton	2017-18
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.