



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist

Our greeters for this last meeting of the year was filled with Christmas Cheer. **Bob Meyer**, on the left, and **Frank Ross** were in good spirits, enjoying the after-flow of Christmas and sharing good tidings to all.



Photos Noel Hasselgren

### Morning Conversations

The upcoming Cub Scout Pack meeting in January was the topic of conversation between **Frank Middleton** and **Michael Chavez**, with Michael agreeing to attend and talk to young Cub Scouts about Optimism and wild horses.

Past Prez **Randy Marcove**, now residing in Costa Rica, for some reason was scheduled to be a greeter this morning, but he was nowhere to be seen. **Craig Eley** was over-heard wondering about Randy's lack of commitment and questioning why he did not fly back from his new home this morning.



Randy Marcove

**Gary Miller** and **Russ Paul** both was wearing Club shirts were a couple of jolly bookends at the breakfast pay station this morning. While **Tom Overton**, absent for three-weeks, was unable to provide any juicy details about his whereabouts ... but did say he was taking some kids to the airport today.

**Bryce** "Don't call me Bruce" **Slaby** sporting a sling, was sharing post-shoulder replacement operation stories about nurses and other important matters. Not to be outdone, **Tom Hoch** was seen dispensing animated stories while **Mike White** and **Don Thomson** nod-



ded and smiled to each other. **Oscar Sorensen** and **Greg** "the train man" **Hurd** were fully engrossed sharing Christmas toy train stories. High financiers, **David Telpner** and **Allen** "Mr. lucky" **Pierce** noshed on a late breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, tasty tater-tots, cantaloupe, and table-side flaming baked Alaska.

Tree lot "commander-in-chief" **Joe Marci** was busy thanking everyone and attempting to pre-sign up volunteers for next year. Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** was looking very continental this morning, decked out in a leather jacket, sportster hooligan hat, and tight fitting driving gloves. It has been rumored he recently purchased an antique Bentley to honor his membership in the Optimist Classic Car Club. Pictured at left is **Phil Perington** substituting for **Paul Stratton**, while taking on the role for his January GUMS editor duties.



Phil Perington

### First Bell

It was two-minutes and counting for President **Everett Gardner** to appear for breakfast. Vice President **Bob Meyer** broke the suspense by grabbing the podium and announcing Portland Maine had once again called Everett to duty, and he is out of town until next year. The gavel came down at 7:03 a.m.

### Invocation & Pledge

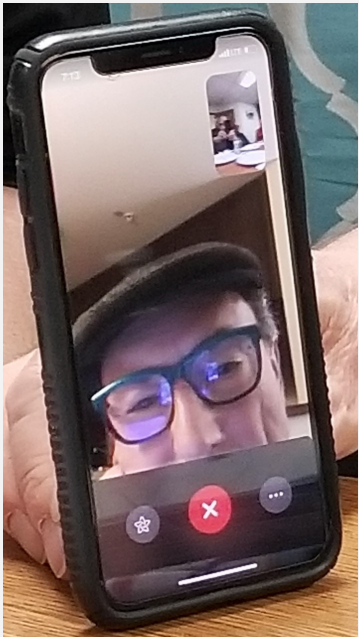
**Frank Middleton** presented the invocation ... "Oh timeless God thank you for taking us safely through this year and we ask your guidance in the New Year. Help us to support each other and bring understanding of the wondrous gift of life." The Pledge of Allegiance followed with cheers of assorted wishes.

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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\*\*\*\***

## Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

Hey Gang, for your face-time ...



**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

### Call for Guests

Vice President **Bob Meyer**, who was not wearing his Super Citizen Christmas Shirt, called for the introduction of guests, to which there were none and added there was no speaker scheduled for this morning, therefore he declared it a Camara-derie Day.



Bob Meyer, shown displaying his White Elephant Christmas gift Super Citizen t-shirt, took charge of this weeks meeting.  
Photo Noe Hasselgren

It was then suggested we go around the room and members share their New Year's resolutions... after a few moments of determined group-silence, **Ron Cisco** opined, *"When you are close to perfection its hard to make a resolution."* **Optimism springs eternal!**

In desperation for changing the subject, VP **Bob Meyer** calls for Announcements.

### Announcements

**Highlights of the Christmas Tree Lot:** **Joe Marci** reports that our previous yearly high was 1,375 trees sold. However, history was made this year with 1,585 sold—210 over previous high. It was noted many more families with kids looking for big trees were on the scene this year. The Total Hours Volunteered by members was 2040, plus 28 hours from the Overland High School kids. And as reported in last weeks GUMS, the Chili Contest was also won by Uryah Mingo, an Overland student. Joe thanked **Mike White** for donating his truck, whereby 20 trees were delivered to customers citywide. He noted we now own the 23 tree racks and they need to be stored. Help is needed on Saturday,

December 29<sup>th</sup> at the Tree lot to load and move them for storage. Additionally, the tree lot trailer and Santa Haus, will be hauled off for storage. Your editor shared this photo of the 2018 end of year tree lot clean up.



Shown left to right, Gary Strowbridge, Joe Marci, Gary Miller, Tom Kramis, & Pat Bush getting trees ready for the last rush.  
Photo Phil Perington

**Offers a Big Thank you to Joe Marci:** **Bryce Slaby** shares we all own **Joe Marci** a big *"Thank You,"* for managing and watching over the tree lot for the past 44 years and reaffirming his award as a 2005 Optimist of the Year. A much deserved and honored standing ovation followed. Because of the Tree Lot, our Club has been able to provide untold services, scholarships, and financial support to thousands of kids over the years. Thank you, Joe!

**Thanks to Timbuk Toys:** **Tom Kramis** who just returned from Seattle where he was settling his parents into a hospice, reported by email that we are indebted to the assistance of Sallie Kashiwa, owner of the University Hills Timbuk Toys for assisting us with all the Christmas toys we shared this year.

**The Brain Bowl is Coming:** **Karl Giel** encouraged



all of us to volunteer for this years Brain Bowl. He said volunteer coordinator, Nancy DiNero recently broke a few ribs while working at our tree lot and is now in need of our assistance. Please sign up for the January 12<sup>th</sup> tournament at Heritage High School. We really need help especially with Readers. For all the details visit the Brain Bowl webpages at <https://www.optimistbrainbowl.org/>.

**Christmas Basket Delivery:** **Michael Chavez** proudly announced that the Christmas Basket program came in 23 cents under budget. We delivered 43 baskets, lots of toys, and several Christmas trees. It was a great success, with every family who requested a basket receiving one. Thanks to all who helped!

**Colorado Rockies Session:** Always optimistic **Tom Mauro** announced that we only have 99 more days until opening day. The Rockies are projected to win the Division and reservations for the World Series are available. It could happen, he proclaims.

**Christmas Gift for Heather & Chris Mulqueen:** **Greg Young** announced and collected the annual and much deserved bonus for our breakfast kitchen crew. Greg collected \$130 that was shared with them.



## Announcements Continued

**Colorado Springs Academy Club-JOI:** While **Greg Young** had the floor, he said at the last Board Meeting, \$500 was approved to help fund the Colorado Springs [Academy Optimist Club](#), Junior Optimist International Christmas party. The Academy Optimist Club is currently sponsoring the following nine JOI Clubs: Helen Keller, Chinook Trail, Scott Elementary, Horizon, West, Mountain Ridge, Sand Creek, Kidz Partnering, and Vista Ridge. We have received a nice card from them in return.

**Club Ski Day:** **Bob Avery** shared an entertaining and insightful recording about skiing in Colorado. He then added a ski trip is being planned for Copper Mountain and tickets are only \$80.00. More details will follow.

### Another Long-time Tree Lot Volunteer: Steve



**Kady** recognized another long time member and Tree Lot worker, **Mike Miller**. Mike has been a member since December 1984 and has been doing a lot behind the scenes over the years for the tree lot. Mike provides the elbow grease that keeps many of the parts moving, like making sure the trailer heater is functioning properly, making small equipment repairs, etc. *Hooray to Mike!*

## Camaraderie Day



### Some stories that where being told today ...

While working at the tree lot I asked a women buyer, "Cash, check or charge," As she fumbled for her wallet, I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse. "So, I said, do you always carry your TV remote?" "No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

Speaking of a wife and husband, a couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?"

Weekly Greeters	
1/4/19	Joe Marci & Steve Kady
1/11/19	Frank Middleton & Russ Paul
1/18/19	Don Thomson & Mike White
1/25/19	Pat Bush & Noel Hasselgren

"Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."

Words — A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day — 30,000 to a man's 15,000. The wife replied, "The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men ... The husband then turned to his wife and asked, "What did you say?"

Who does what — A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee." The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee." Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee." Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me." So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says "Hebrews."

The Silent Treatment — A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 a.m. for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence, and lose, he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 a.m.," and he left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was after 9:00 a.m. and he had missed his flight.

Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It is 5:00 a.m. Wake up." Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests.

## Weekly Drawing

With the call for the drawing, **Ron Cisco** said the card to be found is the Jack of Hearts and with it a pot of \$140 would be yours.

**Jack Kleinhessel** and past president **Jim Easton** won an opportunity to draw, but came up short. For those who got their ticket called, **Pat Bush, Joe Marci, Karl Geil, Jack -Kleinhessel** again, **Bob Meyer**, and **Steve Kady**, took a cup.

For wearing his badge, **Mike White's** name was called. But again it was not to be! Many cheers for all the losers this morning—Camaraderie knows no bounds.

## Closing Creed & Our Thoughts

Our thoughts go out to **David Moore, John Swick, Marc Goodbody, Michael Prete, Bud Black**, Past-Gov. **Bob Hugo, James Riley**, and **Brian Williams**, all of whom we have not seen for awhile.

## Closing Creed

*Promise yourself ....*

January Super Citizen Presenters		
Jan 18 @ 8:15	Holm	?
Jan 22 @ 2:30	MPB	?
Jan 25 @ 3:00	Bradley	?

**Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 42<sup>nd</sup> Year — Chartered in 1976**  
**See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>**

**Jan 1    Tues    The start of 2019 — HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Jan 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Karl Geil, The Brain Bowl is Coming
Jan 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Jan 12	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl Central, Heritage High School, 1401 W. Geddes Ave., Littleton, CO
Jan 17	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level
Jan 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Jan 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Jan 26	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl North, Standley Lake High School, 9300 W. 104th Ave., Westminster, CO
Feb 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Audry Reyes, Manager Volunteer Mentor Program, Denver Kids, Inc.
Feb 2	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl South, Challenger Middle School, 10215 Lexington Dr., Colorado Springs, CO
Feb 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

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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	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		
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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.