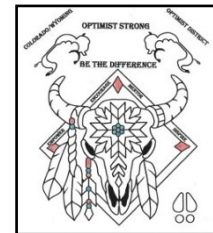




# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

(GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Robert Wardlaw for Paul Stratton

### Good Morning Optimist

It is Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, and the originally reported



Greeters Joe Marci and Russ Paul got there early to greet us, along with Gary Miller and Noel Hasselgren who took the picture.

greeters turned out to be **Joe Marci** and **Russ Paul**—not sure what happened to the other two that were on the list. But bottom line,

you know what that means: “*Top O’ the morning to you!*” was heard early and often.

### GUMS Trivia

**GUMS Trivia question of the week:** *What do the following 13 athletes have in common: Dan Marino, Wilt Chamberlain, Steve Nash, Alex Rodriguez, Alessandro Nesta, Kurt Warner, Pavel Datsyuk, Don Maynard, Mats Sundin, Michael Ballack, Omar Vizquel, Jake Scott, and Billy Wagner?*

First person to provide editor Paul Stratton, with the correct answer at the Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will earn a prize!

### First Bell & Invocation

**President Jim Easton** started us off promptly at 7:00 a.m. **Jack Kleinheksel** delivered an invocation with a theme of promoting international accord amongst all peoples and nations. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guests

At the encouragement of a few, **Prez Easton** calls to recognize our guests. One guest, **Cory Young**, was a guest of **Robert Wardlaw**. Apparently, Robert had asked him to attend our meetings more than once, and today he made it even though there was no sign of Robert. However, a few other mem-



Cory Young

bers and the president recognized Cory who encouraged him to become involved with us.

**Dennis Gardner**, brother of President elect **Everette Gardner** was introduced by **Kent Gloor**. They are cousins of one another. Dennis is visiting from Indianapolis, Indiana.

*Cory and Dennis welcome to you both!*

### Announcements

**One Hundred Percent Day:** President Jim announces that 100% Day is coming up on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, so please plan to attend. 100% day means we want to see all members at that meeting - every single one! Many fun things will be happening that day:

- ◇ We will have a club group photograph taken.
- ◇ There will be a special breakfast, with an enhanced menu, same great low price.
- ◇ **Perry Allen** will be doing a special Dime-A-Day drawing. Everyone who has contributed \$36.50 for this year’s OI fundraiser will get an entry. If you have contributed \$73.00, you will get two entries, and so on. Your editor did not hear what the prizes would be, but they are sure to be top-notch!
- ◇ Last and perhaps most importantly, **President Jim** will be sweetening the pot - literally! He will be adding \$100 to our weekly bedpan drawing. So many reasons to attend - BE THERE! In addition, bring another member who we have not seen in a while or who needs a ride.

**March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball:** **Pat Bush** announced that the March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball Tournament is fast approaching. It will take place on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Majestic Commerce Center in Aurora. We will be parking cars from 6:30 a.m. to about 10:00 a.m. Pat said he will buy breakfast for those who volunteer to work the tournament and that would be passing around a signup sheet over the next couple of weeks, mark the date on your calendar.

**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



*The Filthy Finale, promises to be sloppy, messy, grimy, slimy and a whole lot of FUN!! And this year we're celebrating 35 years*

*in Colorado! MUDD is a volleyball tournament featuring hundreds of coed teams battling it out in huge pits of mud.*

**OCMS Hats & Breakfast Encouragement:** Our Treasurer, **Greg Young**, has a couple of reminders:

Frist, he reports that he still has OCMS Hats for sale at \$10 each. They have a blue Monaco South logo on a ball cap style. Wear it to all Club events!



Second, everyone is encouraged to have breakfast at the meeting — we need to beef up our meal sales to make it sustainable — otherwise the club has to pay. We have a slated number of breakfasts promised to our caterer and if that number is not met, the club has to pay. The breakfast is only \$8 for members, and that includes coffee, juice, tax, and tip. **Best deal anywhere!** Remember, that just having coffee or juice is \$2. Oatmeal is \$5 or \$6 with coffee/juice. Also, do not forget that guests who are prospective members and visiting Optimists from other clubs are free, so bring a guest to our next meeting.

**Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast:** **Paul Bernard**



reports that on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be cooking for Brent's Place. Brent's Place,

East 17<sup>th</sup> Place and Quentin Street, Aurora, CO, is a long-term home away from home for families and children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses while they receive treatment at local hospitals. Volunteer's will be flipping and serving pancakes and sausage. Paul passed a signup sheet around.

**Palisade Peaches:** Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** announced,



*"The peaches are coming; the peaches are coming,"* and there should be a good crop this year. Same price as last year \$30 per box—a two-layer tray box with 18 to 36 peaches depending on size. These peaches are tree-ripened, handpicked, and assorted by a

family owned artesian grower, and are delivered in a refrigerated truck. From the sale of each box, a donation comes back to either Monaco South or the Tamarac Optimist Clubs. Call 303-756-5829, or email Bob at [rfinkelmeier@comcast.net](mailto:rfinkelmeier@comcast.net).

By the way, if interest in the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> annual Palisade Peach Festival, August 16-19<sup>th</sup>, visit <https://palisadepeachfest.com/> and read the history at <https://www.colorado.aaa.com/magazine/julyaugust-2018/peachy-keen>.



**2018 Holiday Party, Save the Date:** **Frank Middleton** requested that we save the date for this year's Christmas party, which will be Saturday evening, December 15<sup>th</sup>. As Frank explained, he spoke with **Joe Marci**, our Christmas Tree Lot Organizer, who feels that this is a relatively slow night for the tree lot, so we should be able to have good party attendance. This year the gathering will be held at the Cherry Creek Country Club (formerly Los Verdes), 2405 South Yosemite St. Dinner and entertainment will be had, so mark your calendars!

**King Soopers and Safeway Reloadable Cards:**



Further, **Frank Middleton** tells us that he now has the reloadable cards for King Soopers and Safeway.



Purchase these reloadable gift cards and support Monaco South's youth projects. He further explains that on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, Camaraderie Day he will have a drawing to thank members who support this fundraiser. To get in this drawing he will have pieces of paper on each table. If you are using a Monaco South King Soopers or Safeway reloadable gift card you will put your name on the paper and put it in the golden jug. If your wife or significant other is also carrying a Monaco South gift card, you can enter twice. Two winners will be called: First Prize is a \$50 gift certificate to King Soopers and Second Prize is a \$25 certificate.

**Glass Half Full Band Update:** **Eldon Strong** reported that he traveled to Castle Rock, CO and Mad-die's Biergarten, and listened to the Glass Half Full band last week, and confirms that they were great fun. He felt they got even better as the night went on,



which may or may not have been related to Eldon's choice of beverages.

At left, Glass Half Full Band with Ross Parrent, Jon Jacoby Wachter, and Randy S. Marcove at Maddie's Biergarten.

Photo, Randy Marcove

## A Bit of Comradery



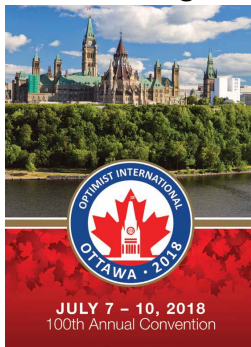
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## Phil Perington on OI's 100 Annual Convention Ottawa, Ontario Canada July 7-10, 2018

**Phil Perington** reported from his trip to Ottawa and the OI Convention. **Craig Eley** was also in attendance, representing our club. Phil, said he also represented the Classic Car Club and also the T1DOC Club. There were several resolutions proposed for open discussion and voting. One was from the Springfield, Illinois Luncheon Club, that had proposed to amend the Optimist Creed by replacing "to make all your friends

feel that there is something in them" with "make 'all persons' feel that there is something in them." There was lengthy discussion from the floor, including concerns about the costs of replacing all club banners in order to make this change. In the end, it was voted down, with 5 votes in favor, and 574 opposed.

The Keynote Speaker was a young man named Sebastian Sasseville on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Sebastian is diabetic and has not let that stop him from some remarkable adventures. He shared stories from climbing Mt. Everest, completing an endurance race across the Sahara, and walking the entire length of Canada! Phil fielded lots of questions about T1DOC after his speech. You can hear Sebastian's story, "Why I'm glad I was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes," on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5LuhQ0EGkL8>.



## Do We Have a Drawing

A drawing commenced, with \$70.00 available for the lucky ticket holder who chose wisely and came up with the 6 of Spades. Those who had the correct ticketed number and went for the big money, only to come up empty, **Allan Malask** and **Les Volpe**. While cold, hard, styrofoam cups of cash went to: **Perry Allen**, today's guest **Dennis Gardner**, **Kent Gloor**, **Ed Leuty**, **Ron Gustas**, and as always, lucky **Jack Kleinhessel**.



GUMS photographer **Noel Hasselgren** had his nametag on at just the right time—his wooden nickel was called. He found the "6 of Clubs"! Alas, it was the "6 of Spades" he needed. In addition, for at least one more week, the plot thickens.

## Closing Creed

The reading of the Optimist Creed was led by one of our guests, Cory Young. Promise Yourself ....



Weekly Greeters	
7/20/18	Ron Cisco & Harry Arkin
7/27/18	George Buzick & Phil Perington

## A Bit of Numor, Places in time...

"Hey Dad, "one of my kids asked the other day, "*What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?*" "*We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,*" I informed him. "*All the food was slow.*" "*C'mon, seriously; where did you eat?*" "*It was a place called at home,*" I explained. "*Grandma cooked every day and when Grandpa got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.*"



By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table. But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it: Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore Levi's, set foot on a golf course, traveled out of the country or had a credit card. In their later years they had something called a revolving charge card. The card was good only at Sears Roebuck. Or maybe it was Sears and Roebuck. Either way, there is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This was mostly because we never had heard of soccer. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one-speed, slow. We didn't have a television in our house until I was 11, but, my grandparents had one before that. It was, of course, black and white, but they bought a piece of colored plastic to cover the screen. The top third was blue the sky, and the bottom third was green, like grass. The middle third was red. It was perfect for programs that had scenes of fire trucks riding across someone's lawn on a sunny day. Some people had no lens taped to the front of the TV to make the picture

look larger.

I was 13 before I tasted my first pizza; it was called "pizza pie." When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slide off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that too. It's still the best pizza ever had.

The only car in our family was my grandfather's Ford. He called it a "machine."

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home; but milk, eggs and bread were.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers. I delivered a newspaper, six-days a week. It cost 7 cents a paper, of which I got to keep 2 cents. I had to get up at 4 AM every morning. On Saturday, I had to collect the 42 cents from my customers. My favorite customers were the ones who gave me 50 cents and told me to keep the change. My least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. Touching someone else's tongue with yours was called French kissing and they didn't do that in movies. I don't know what they did in French movies. French movies were dirty, and we weren't allowed to see them.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing. Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it? *Author unknown.*

**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>**

July 18	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting <u>Canceled due to vacations</u>
July 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
July 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
July 28	Sat	7:00 am	Pancake Breakfast, Brent's Place Kid's Cure Walk, Anschutz Medical Campus East 17 <sup>th</sup> Place & Quentin Street, Aurora, CO
Aug 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Kendra Black, South by Southeast Festival
Aug 4	Sat	6:30 am	March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball, Majestic Commerce Center, 20100 E. 32nd Pkwy.
Aug 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Paul Simon, Taste of Olli East
Aug 16-19			CO-WY District Convention, Breckenridge, Colorado-Doubletree Hotel
Aug 18	Sun	11:00 am	South By Southeast Community Festival, Bible Park, sponsored by Councilwomen Black

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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		
John Young	1982-83	Mark Metevia	1994-95	Paul Bernard	2006-07		
Pat Bush	1983-84	Bob Safe	1995-96	Greg Young	2007-08		
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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.