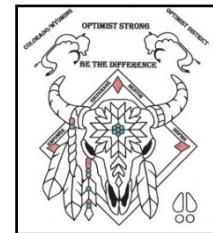




# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 41 Years  
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Editor for this Issue—Paul Stratton

### Good Morning Optimists



Left to right: Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, Buzz Aldrin.

On this day in 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts made history when the first man is landed on the moon by the United States and Neil Armstrong and Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin became the first humans to set foot on the Moon

soil. They raised their nation's flag and talked to their President on earth 240,000 miles away, and the famous words "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," was seen and heard by people around the globe.

### Our Greeters

Harry Arkin, Ron Cisco, and Frank Middleton rose early and were in position to provide warm welcomes to the men of Monaco South on this Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 — a "Goofing Off-Camaraderie Day."



Left to right: Harry Arkin, Ron Cisco, and Frank Middleton. Frank appears to be ready to hand each arrival with a card to designate a new seating arrangement, causing a bit of frustration for attendance taker, Bob Avery seen at left eating his breakfast.

Photos Noel Hasselgren



### First Bell

President Jim Easton called upon Donlie Smith, an Optimist Club of Monaco South member since 1991, to deliver our invocation. Donlie's theme was being too noble for anger. He then led us in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag.

### July Camaraderie Day

Three Cheers for Camaraderie Day! Frank Middleton was passing around cards and the normal weekly seating locations were torn asunder. This is a great program Frank organizes to allow members to strike up conversations with someone they may not have spoken to in awhile. Somehow, John Oss and Russ Paul managed to maintain their customary table and seat!



Russ Paul, left, & John Oss, right, entertain others at table 3.

Allen Malask is caught interrupting this photo of Ed Collins.



Left, Dime-A-Day representative, Perry Allen, checks his phone for new contributions, while all the members at the back table try to get accustomed to sitting at the south-end of the room.

### Guests

Charlie Atwell and Doug Philips, guests and long-time friends of Robert Wardlaw join us. Despite having known Robert for many, many years, they seemed

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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\*\*\*\***

## Guests Continued

happy to be seen with him! Thanks for joining us, gentlemen! Come back and join us long-term.

## Announcements

**Project Linus:** Bob Avery reminded us that a few

**Project Linus** years ago the founder of the non-profit Project Linus spoke to our club. See [www.projectlinus.org/](http://www.projectlinus.org/). Their volunteers quilt or knit blankets for children under stress. Bob passed around a couple of



examples that his son's group have provided to show their work and to support the Linus program. The board has provided \$200 to purchase yarn for his son and several others who are currently incarcerated so that they can contribute to this cause.

**Dime-A-Day Program:** Ron Cisco, Dime-A-Day coordinator for the CO-WY District, read in the OI Magazine a report showing money given by each district. The CO-WY district is #2 in the country! As the district representative, Ron is proud of that, but he wants to be #1! Support **Perry Allen** and the MSOC Dime-a-day program. To date, approximately 40 members have contributed, which is down from last year, so do not forget your checkbook for next week's meeting and write a check for \$36.50!



**King Soopers/Safeway Cards:** Frank Middleton organized a King Soopers/Safeway reloadable card



Frank Middleton pulls name of the lucky winners.  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

drawing. Club members were able to put in one entry per gift card that they or their spouse carry which supports Monaco South. The first drawing gave a \$25 card to **Gary Miller**. **Russ Paul** was the winner of the second

drawing - \$50! Congratulations to the lucky winners!

**Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit:** Jim VanderKamp took to the podium with an enthusiastic plug for the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The exhibit goes through September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact DMNS, since you have to sign up for a time slot, and go! See <https://secure1.dmns.org/the-dead-sea-scrolls>.

**GUMS Trivia Question Winners:** Your editor, **Paul Stratton** reported that last week's *GUMS*, July 13<sup>th</sup>, contained this trivia question: "What do the following 13 athletes Dan Marino, Wilt Chamberlain, Steve Nash, Alex Rodriguez, Allesandro Nesta, Kurt Warner, Pavel Datsyuk, Don Maynard, Mats Sundin, Michael Ballack, Omar Vizquel, Jake Scott, and Billy Wagner have in common?"

**Bob Avery** and **Tom Mauro** stepped up to the challenge and provided the correct answer to the Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> themed question: All athletes wore uniform number 13 during their playing careers. Congratula-

tions to Bob and Tom! They were awarded prizes beyond their wildest expectations! See, it pays to read the *Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South* closely.

**100 Percent Day:** One Hundred Percent 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! And bring another member who we haven't seen in awhile or who needs a ride."*

**South By Southeast Festival Volunteers:** Councilwomen **Kendra Black's Office** is asking for help again this year for Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. The Bible Park event expects over 8,000 attendees. In order to control congestion they are looking for at least 30 volunteers per shift. There are 3 shifts at 3.5 hours each. [Click Here to Sign Up](#). If you are not inclined to click on the link then send an e-mail to Kathy at [Kathy.gile@denvergov.org](mailto:Kathy.gile@denvergov.org), or call her at 720-337-4444.

Shifts are from 10:30-2:00, 1:30-5:00, & 4:30-8:00 for Entrance Watchers, Cashiers, Beer Pourers, Waste Watchers, Community Survey Tent, and whatever you need for however long you need me. And if you are really feeling generous you could help with set up and work the first shift from 10:30-2:00 p.m., and you will get an extra beer ticket. For questions, see, email, or call **Greg Young**.

**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 [finkelmeier@comcast.net](mailto:finkelmeier@comcast.net).



**OI Junior Golf Tournament Report:** **Joe Marci** let us know that OI Junior Golf has started with two tournaments so far. AT this time 77 was the low score for 11 year old boys, carded by **Carson Bertagnole** from Wyoming. While 11 year old **Caitlyn Chin** had the low score for girls, also with a 77. **Nicholas Pevny**, a 12 year old shot a 72. A total of 250 kids participated in

## Announcements Continued

the tournaments.

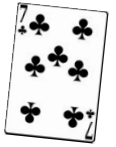
The Colorado-Wyoming younger golfers excelled at PGA National in the Optimist International Tournament! Nicholas Pevny from Aspen won the age 12-13 boys championship shooting 72, 73, & 72! He is the first winner from our district since 2006 when Mark Hubbard won the boys 16-18 division. Carson Bertagnole from Caspar finished tied for 4<sup>th</sup> in the age 10-11 boys division shooting 77, 74, & 74. And, Caitlyn Chin from Greenwood Village finished 16<sup>th</sup> in the age 10-12 girls division shooting 77, 79, & 84. See this article from the **Colorado Golf Association**, see [http://www.coloradogolf.org/index.php?mod=news\\_read&ArticleID=2938](http://www.coloradogolf.org/index.php?mod=news_read&ArticleID=2938).

**Rockies Baseball Tickets:** Joe Marci also reported that he has 15 Rockies tickets available for all remaining games at \$23 each. Additionally he has tickets we can trade for the following games: Pirates on August 6-8, Padres on August 21-23, Giants on September 3-5, Diamondbacks on September 10-13, and Phillies on September 24-27. See Joe, and catch a ballgame to support the District's Junior Golf!

Weekly Greeters	
7/27/18	George Buzick & Phil Perington
8/3/18	?

## Weekly Drawing

We had a Drawing, with a mere 11 cards remaining, anticipation and greed was in the air! To the Pot Winner \$80 was available for whomever found the 7 of Clubs.



**Bill Morgan**, enticed by the 11 to 1 odds, boldly went for the big money, but to no avail. **Jack Kleinhessel's** number was called and he claimed a cup. He then reached in and drew his own number for another cup! **Ed Collins** chose a cup, and then he also pulled his own number! He went for the big money with his second chance, but no luck. While **Allan Malask** grabbed a cup, then he too drew his own number for another cup! A furor erupted on the floor, and an investigation likely will commence into this three-headed anomaly. **Steve Kady** and our guest Doug Philips earned the remaining two, controversy-free cups.

## Nametag Drawing

**Curt Boell**, seen at left, was wearing his name tag proudly, but even with 11 to 1 odds it did not work in his favor. Note, our card monitor **Ron Cisco** keeps a sharp eye on the card selection process.



## Creed

**Mike White**, sitting front and center, started us off on our closing creed—*Promise Yourself...*

## A Bit of Humor, Someone is just a little too clever ...

- ⇒ **SIGN IN A PODIATRIST'S OFFICE:**  
*TIME WOUNDS ALL HEELS*
- ⇒ **ON A SEPTIC TANK TRUCK:**  
*YESTERDAY'S MEALS ON WHEELS*
- ⇒ **AT AN OPTOMETRIST'S OFFICE:**  
*IF YOU DON'T SEE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE.*
- ⇒ **ON A PLUMBER'S TRUCK:**  
*WE REPAIR WHAT YOUR HUSBAND FIXED.*
- ⇒ **ON ANOTHER PLUMBER'S TRUCK:**  
*DON'T SLEEP WITH A DRIP. CALL YOUR PLUMBER.*
- ⇒ **AT A TIRE SHOP IN MILWAUKEE:**  
*INVITE US TO YOUR NEXT BLOWOUT.*
- ⇒ **ON AN ELECTRICIAN'S TRUCK:**  
*LET US REMOVE YOUR SHORTS.*
- ⇒ **IN A NON-SMOKING AREA:**  
*IF WE SEE SMOKE, WE WILL ASSUME YOU ARE ON FIRE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.*
- ⇒ **SIGN IN A GYNECOLOGIST'S OFFICE:**  
*DR. WEINER JONES, AT YOUR CERVIX.*
- ⇒ **ON A MATERNITY ROOM DOOR:**  
*PUSH. PUSH. PUSH.*
- ⇒ **AT A CAR DEALERSHIP:**  
*THE BEST WAY TO GET BACK ON YOUR FEET - MISS A CAR PAYMENT.*
- ⇒ **OUTSIDE A MUFFLER SHOP:**  
*NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY - WE HEAR YOU COMING.*
- ⇒ **IN A VETERINARIAN'S WAITING ROOM:**  
*BE BACK IN 5 MINUTES. SIT! STAY!*
- ⇒ **AT THE ELECTRIC COMPANY:**  
*WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF YOU SEND IN YOUR PAYMENT. HOWEVER, IF YOU DON'T, YOU WILL BE DELIGHTED.*
- ⇒ **IN A RESTAURANT WINDOW:**  
*DON'T STAND THERE AND BE HUNGRY; COME ON IN AND GET FED UP.*
- ⇒ **IN THE FRONT YARD OF A FUNERAL HOME:**  
*DRIVE CAREFULLY. WE'LL WAIT.*
- ⇒ **AT A PROPANE FILLING STATION:**  
*THANK HEAVEN FOR LITTLE GRILLS.*
- ⇒ **CHICAGO RADIATOR SHOP:**  
*BEST PLACE IN TOWN TO TAKE A LEAK.*
- ⇒ **AND THE BEST ONE FOR LAST ... SIGN ON THE BACK OF ANOTHER SEPTIC TANK TRUCK:**  
*CAUTION - THIS TRUCK IS FULL OF POLITICAL PROMISES.*

## Last Minute Email from Randy & Sue

**Costa Rica Small World**  
"Guess who we ran into at the Costa Rica's Liberia airport yesterday? Mark & Ilene!"



**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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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		
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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.