



# 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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Editor for this Issue—George Buzick



### Good Morning Optimists

It's Friday morning, the time reserved for joining together of like-minded individuals who approach life with a generally positive attitude to celebrate their Optimism! Those attending the meeting are greeted by the smiling face of **Gary Strowbridge** and the laughter of **Ed Collins**. With only 158 days left in the year, Christmas will be here before you know it.



Ed Collins & Gary Strowbridge  
Photos Noe Hasselgren

Several significant events occurred on this day in history, namely:

- ♦ 1775 – Benjamin Franklin became first Postmaster General of the United States
- ♦ 1908 – FBI was established
- ♦ 1945 – Churchill resigns as Prime Minister of England
- ♦ 1952 – Mickey Mantle hits his first grand slam homer
- ♦ 1953 – Korean War armistice agreement signed
- ♦ 1990 – President George H.W. Bush signs Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

### First Bell

Once again Vice Prez **Steve Kady** was the presiding



VP Steve Kady takes instructions from Prez Everett who is on the road.

officer and was punctual in gaveling the meeting to order—with a cameo appearance via i-Phone by our illustrious Prez **Everett Gardner**. Everett was calling from Joplin, Missouri and he said good morning before the phone connection dropped.

### First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

**John Wachter** gave the invocation and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*, after which he made a plea for some help at the University Hills Neighborhood Association annual get together which will be held next Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. This event is held in Bradley Elementary Schools playground area. Check with John for details.

### Announcements

**South By Southeast Festival:** **Greg Young** gave the last call for helping out at Councilwomen **Kendra Black's**, City Council District 4 gathering, Saturday, August 17th, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Bible Park. Our club is helping with parking and directions, and will earn \$500. Only one spot remains to work from 4-7 p.m. on that day. You also can get one free beer and a t-shirt for helping out. Email or call Greg as soon as possible to sign up: [gndyoung@comcast.net](mailto:gndyoung@comcast.net) or 303-759-3921.

**CO-WY District Convention:** **Greg Young** also shared that the Club will pay for your lunch if you attend the Optimist District convention, August 16-18<sup>th</sup>, at Pueblo Convention Center, Registration closes on August 1<sup>st</sup>. To register go to <https://www.optimistcowy.org/conferences/> and provide a copy of your registration to Greg for a \$25 reimbursement. On this webpage you will also find the Q4 Agenda.

**JDRF & Automezzi Event:** **Ron Gustas** thanked those who participated last Sunday at the "Automezzi" car show. Display of about 100 fancy cars, including Ferrari, Lamborghini, and others benefitted the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. Volunteers included **Mark Metevia**, **Don Roth**, **George Buzick**, **Phil Perington**, and **Ron**.

**Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast:** **Paul Bernard** asked those who would be working the Brent's Place event to be there by 8:30 a.m. to help set up for the pancake breakfast. We will begin serving around 10:00, with around 400 people expected.

**King Soopers Donates to Monaco South:** It was announced that King Soopers has a new program for donations to our club. They no longer use the gift cards. Just make sure your Loyalty Card 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! If you need instructions contact **Frank Middleton** or **Greg Young**.

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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

**JDRF One Walk:** Ron Gustas said the Rocky Mountain Chapter need you, your family, and friends to volunteer to help at the 2019 Denver Walk, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, or 15<sup>th</sup> at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. If you click on [JDRD SIGNUP](#) to see what is still available. Please consider signing up for multiple shifts. We hope that you will share your time and talents with us and invite your friends, family members, and co-workers. Note: volunteers must be age 13+.

**New Member Recruiting:** Don Thomson announced that we will be passing out recruitment fliers to "selected individuals, at the South By Southeast Festival. This, in an attempt to spread the word about the good works of both the Monaco South Optimist Club and the Tamarac Optimist Club, and to increase membership. See Don for more details and the fliers.

**Rockies Tickets:** Joe Marci reminded us that he still has some Rockies tickets and that the Rockies are on a winning streak (2 games). Proceeds from ticket sales go to Junior Golf Program. Contact Joe for dates and price.

**Optimist International Junior Golf:** Bob Meyer sent word from Florida that all is going well, and that the CO-WY District is well represented by the 66-players. This is a large contingent out of the total field of 618. Bob reported that Gage Messingham, from Arvada won the Long Drive Championship in boys 14-15 age group with a 298 yard drive into a 20 mile headwind. Results are posted at <https://sites.google.com/site/optimistchampionships/home>. Paste the link into your web browser. You will need to navigate the age divisions, etc. on the left side of the page. Also, go to <http://www.juniorgolfcolorado.org/> to see the article on the Colorado Golf Association website.

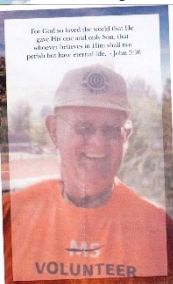
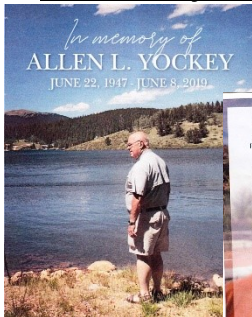
Joe Marci also reported that Bob Meyer has been named "Optimist Junior Golf Volunteer of the Year." A well-



deserved award for all the work Bob has done this year and in years past. Congrats to Bob!

Left: Bob Meyer, center, receives the Volunteer of the Year Award, presented by Adrian Elcock, OI President-Designate and Bob Patterson, Optimist Junior Golf Program Director.

**Allen Yockey Celebration of Life:** It was reported that 17 MSOC members attended the Celebration of Life service for **Allen Yockey** last Tuesday. A strong recognition of Allen's commitment to our Optimist Club and to the many other community service activities in which he was involved. His family recognized Monaco South Optimist several times during the service and Allen wearing his Multiple Sclerosis Volunteer t-shirt. He will be missed!



## 4014 Big Boy's Locomotive Inaugural

Greg Hurd sent an email saying his son Andrew asked the Arapaho library to purchase two new CD videos of the 4014 Big Boy's locomotive inaugural run to Ogden for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Golden Spike. The CD just came in

and he brought them up to Estes Park for us to watch. We are the first ones to check these out of the library. One CD is named "Return of the Big Boy," by Tidea Productions. It is very well done and covers the locomotive and rail trip in detail. One saga on the train's return trip to Cheyenne covers the stop it made in Laramie. There is one scene where President **Everette Gardner** is atop a sign, well perched watching the train at the Laramie Station. There he is in his red IH jacket with a big grin ear to ear. We will get the CD back to the Arapaho library next week when Andrew gets back to Denver. Here is a YouTube video clip of the trailer with the same name @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3h31Y8NoR7E>.

## Friday Baseball Quote

"Nobody really knew about it until it came due. All of a sudden, people had realized that me and Dennis had put this away 15, 20 years ago. So it was pretty funny that all of a sudden now it became this thing. And every time I look at Dennis, I say, 'thank you.'" Bobby Bonilla



Bobby Bonilla is referring to his most unusual and most lucrative deferred compensation retirement plan. Interesting story, in which Bernie Madoff even plays a role. Bobby played for a bunch of teams in his 16-year career. A .279 hitter, 287 HR, and 1,173 RBI. He was an All Star six seasons and a Silver Slugger in three. He was part of the 1997 Marlins World Series champion team. And in his last season, with the Cards, he pitched an inning and gave up a couple runs, giving him a career ERA of 18.00. Bobby made \$52 million playing baseball, but the real payoff came during retirement, thanks to those Mets, a team legendary for wasting money. For more insight see the 401(k) Specialist Website @ <https://401kspecialistmag.com/bobby-bonilla-day-celebrating-one-of-the-greatest-retirement-plans-in-history/>.

## Our Speaker, Harry Fegley

Where in the World is **Harry Fegley**? Well, he is home now, but the real question is "Where in the World has Harry Fegley not been." As our speaker day Harry did a Yeoman's job of showing some of the hundreds of pictures of the various places he and his wife Linda visited on their Holland America World Cruise. For 113 days they sailed the high seas and visited such exotic places as the Panama Canal, Lima Peru, Arica Chile, Easter Island, Bora Bora, Sydney Australia, Singapore, Mumbai, and Muscat, just to name a few. We are sure Harry would be happy to share stories of the various destinations and probably for the price of a beer (or two) you can pick Harry's brain about the many fascinating places he has visited on this cruise and many other journeys.

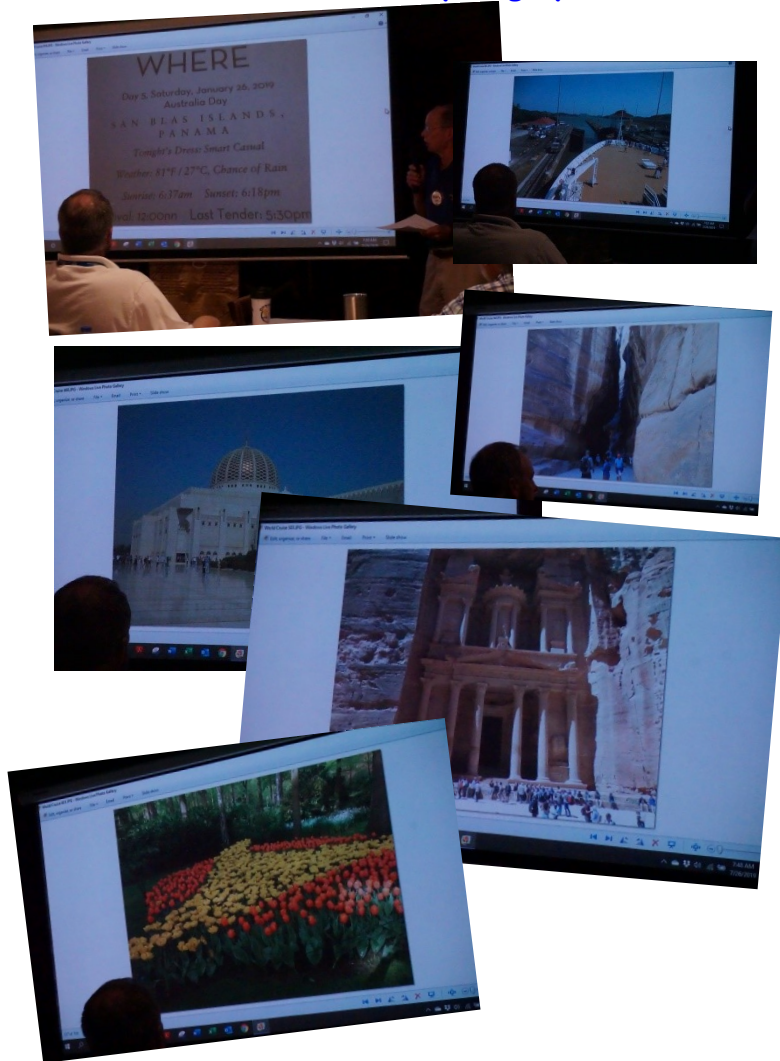


The only picture that our photographer took of Harry was him sitting behind our GUMS editor George Buzick, talking with Eldon Strong. Some of the Harry's pictures are shown on the next page.

Weekly Greeters Sign-Up with Jon Wachter to be a greeter, it is a good way to meet members.	
8/2/19	Tom Glazier & Karl Geil
8/9/19	Jim VanderKamp & Bob Avery
8/16/19	Ed Collins & Phil Perington



## Some Pictures of Harry Fegley's Pictures



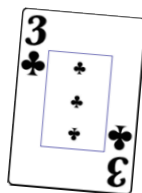
### Did You Know

- ◇ Niblings is the plural, gender neutral term for nieces and nephews.
- ◇ The Hawaiian alphabet has 13 letters.
- ◇ Polar Bear liver is poisonous.



### Do We Have a Drawing

We have a drawing, but not a lot of excitement, as the pot was only \$30 bucks and the card to draw (1 of only 11 left) was the *Three of Clubs*. As with last week, nobody wanted to go for the "big money," as the holders of the first numbers drawn; those being **Bill Morgan, Terry Shroyer, Noel Hasselgren, Mark Metevia, Paul Gibson, and Ron Gustas** to the sure thing. That left the card drawing to **George Buzick and Pat Bush**, neither of whom was successful. Even "lucky Ed" **Collins** could not draw the required card, even though he was wearing his nametag.



### Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

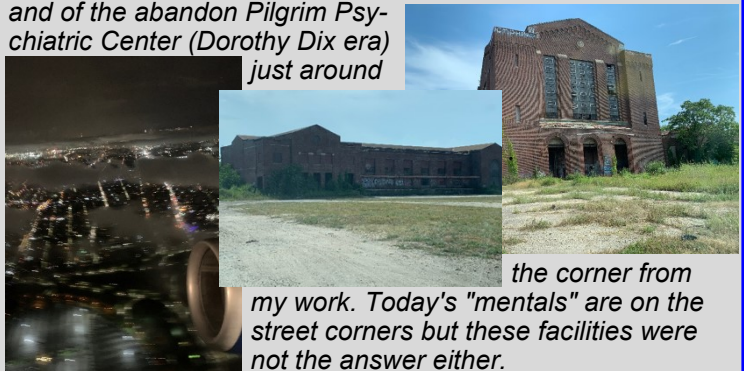
**Hey Gang,** Here's this week's "RANT & RAVES vs. ... Tweets" for your readership.

**PAST ...** Rolling down the highway and connected to send this week's to **Dr. Bob Finkelmeier** .... new connected tech is amazing!

This week is 50 year anniversary of the First Man on the Moon which spawned the technology to allow this connectivity, which the populous doesn't have a clue.

Thanks to **VP Steve Kady**, for taking charge for the last few weeks in my absence. Thanks for the cards / table assignments **Frank Middleton**, as Comradery Day was now Official again! Also, thanks to Charter Members **Kent Gloor** and **Oscar Sorensen** for singing Happy Birthday for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of MSOC.

This work thing keeps getting in the way of what one really wants to do! I was in Joplin, MO the previous week and there again next week with a stop on Long Island to accept a launch control system for Sea Sparrow missiles in between. Then back again in Joplin over the weekend. ( Here are a couple pix of Long Island in a Full Moon over the East Coast and of the abandon Pilgrim Psychiatric Center (Dorothy Dix era) just around



the corner from my work. Today's "mentals" are on the street corners but these facilities were not the answer either.

I'm sorry I missed **Harry Fegley's**, "Rest of the Story" about Around the World in 113 Days, or was it 115 days. Harry, can I have a have an off-line showing?

**FUTURE ...** Check the Calendar link, <https://www.monacosouth.org/events/calendar>

### Prez Everett

**PS ...** Has anyone seen **Jack Kleinheksel** since he walked off with the "Power Ball" Drawing?

Also, Never too late to bring a GUEST ... Follow-up on new and old contacts! Have a non-member help with upcoming Projects. July Goal is 8 Guests per meeting.

### Quick Report on Yesterdays Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast

- Served 670 people
- 30 volunteers from Monaco South and Tamarac
- Brent's Place as of today have raised \$72,000.00 dollars from this Event. Most donations came from individuals and corporations, their goal was \$80,000.00.
- Donations are always welcome to support Families with children receiving care at Children's
- Pictures next week.
- Paul Bernard may have more info next week.

**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>**

Aug 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Aug 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Bob Meyer, Junior Golf Kids Update
Aug 15	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Aug 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Principals from Super Citizens Schools
Aug 16-18		8:00 am	CO-WY District Convention, Pueblo Convention Center, 320 Central Main, Pueblo, CO
Aug 17	Sat	10-7 pm	South By Southeast, Bible Park, 6600 E. Yale
Aug 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Aug 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: John Paterson, Volunteer Coordinator, Brent's Place
Sept 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

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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 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		
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Cy Regan	1999-00	Randy Marcove	2011-12		

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**NEWSLETTER EDITORS:** July **George Buzick**, August **Robert Wardlaw**, September **Pat Bush**

**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.