



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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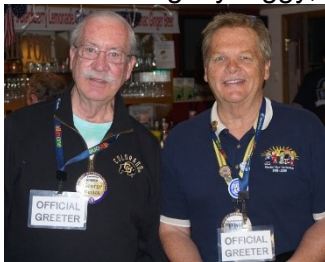


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Editor for this Issue—George Buzick for Paul Stratton

### Good Morning Optimists

On this slightly foggy, but pleasant last Friday of July, members were greeted by a pair of the finest newsletter editors known to mankind:



**Phil Perington** and **George Buzick**—sitting in today for **Paul Stratton**—were on hand to welcome members and two guests.

George Buzick & Phil Perington  
Photos Noel Hasselgren

They especially greeted

**Tom Kra-**



**mis** who was carrying two serving pans of fresh green salad and declared that it was about time our members started eating a healthier breakfast. No one was sure where Tom obtained these trays of leafy greens and evidentially some never indulged in this new breakfast item.

### From The Prez

**Tom Kramis**, Monaco South board member, was also the standing in for President **Jim Easton** and called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. He asked **Paul Gibson** to read the invocation regarding "... too noble for anger..." After reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag*, guests were introduced.

### Guests

**Harry Arkin's** guest today was **Valentin Philippens** who, though originally from Argentina has been in Denver for 20+ years.

**Allen Malask** introduced **Trevor Sager** as the man who keeps his car running. Trevor is a mechanic and can work on almost any type of vehicle. Welcome to both Trevor and Valentine — we hope to see you both back soon!

### More From the Podium

**District Convention:** **Tom Kramis** announced that the Colorado-Wyoming District convention will be held

in Breckenridge on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a "pre-party" on the Thursday evening, August 15<sup>th</sup>, before the convention at Kent Gloor's home in Breck. There is still time to register for the convention. Go to GUMS distribution email or <https://www.optimistcowy.org/conferences/>.

On the agenda is the Election of the Governor for the 2018-2019 year will be held and this is the first time since 1995 that more than one candidate is being considered, so it should be interesting.

**One Hundred Percent Day:** **Tom Kramis** reminded



us of the "100% Day" at the Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will have a special breakfast for the same low price. Additionally, our annual group picture will be taken right after the meeting on that day,

so be sure to show up.

**OCMS Annul Celebration:** **Tom** also encouraged

us to remember that our annual Year-end Celebration Banquet will be held at the Rendezvous Restaurant at Heather Gardens, 2888 S Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO, on Friday evening, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Save the date! The program will included the highlights of this past year and installation of incoming officers.

### Announcements

**March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball:** **Pat Bush** announced that this is the 35<sup>th</sup> and last year for the March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball tournament, which will be held on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Pat needs people to help in the orderly parking of cars starting about 7:00 a.m. He also mentioned he was buying breakfast for the volunteers who assisted in this event.

**Motor Home for Sale:** **Don Thomson** announced he has his motor home for sale. He is asking \$27,000 but will consider any reasonable offer. Check with Don at 303-757-4273 if interested.

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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

**OI Junior Golf Tournament Report:** Joe Marci announced the final contingent of Junior Golfers is in from Florida for this week from **Bob Meyer** who served as a chaperon. Twenty-three Colorado golfers are competed in Phase 2. One girl competing in the 13-14 age bracket got a hole in one.

**Colorado Rockies Tickets:** Joe Marci also reported that he still has tickets for the August 26 game between the Cardinals and the Rockies. See Joe, if interest in tickets to support the District's Junior Golf program. He can be reached at 303-847-7844.

**Glass Half Full Band:** Jon Wachter shared that Glass Half Full band will be playing at the University Hills Neighborhood Party on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 p.m. Party will be held in the Bradley Elementary School Yard, at 3051 South Elm Street.

**Super Citizen Principals to Breakfast:** Robert Wardlaw, coordinator for the Super Citizen Program announced that at the Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> meeting we will be holding the "Principals to Breakfast" day, when we will recognize the support of the principals for the Super Citizen Program. He called on the Super Citizen school coordinators to reach out to their schools principal and extend the invitation as well as to notify us of their presentation dates for the 2018-2019 academic year. Last year we prepared approximately 770 certificates and congratulatory letters from the governor and MSOC president.



## Pictures from Brent's Place

### Pancake Breakfast: Kids Cure Walk


On Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, Monaco South and Tamarac Optimist members jointly cooked and served pancakes, sausage, and fruit to the hungry walkers. The pictures here are from **Don and Joyce Thomson**.



## In the Denver Post Friday, July 27, 2018

### In Memoriam

**In Loving Memory of  
Fred Jay Pasternack**  
August 28, 1938 - July 27, 2015



Fred has been gone from our presence for 3 years today, but remains forever in our hearts. Fred was a pawn broker and so very proud to be in that business. He always said it was the best business in the world.

Why? Because of the people, he loved the people that came through the door time and time again. Fred treated them fairly; he delighted in being able to help anyone that needed a few bucks to make ends meet until payday. They were family to him. It was philanthropy in action, in those days he didn't know that, someone needed a little help and he was there for them. He was a Pawn Broker EXTRAORDINAIRE! The picture is of Fred in front of the Larimer street shop in the early days of his budding career. If you knew Fred think of a memory you have of him today.

You are not forgotten my love...

## Update on Leo Hagele

We learned on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> that **Leo Hagele** has been moved to Eastern Star Retirement Center hospice after falling on Wednesday of last week, breaking his hip. He is on morphine for pain with no surgery expected at his age of 97. **Don Roth** and **Bob Finkelmeier** visited with him on Saturday. His niece Marcia Bockemeier and her husband Steve from Albuquerque, along with Diane Martini, staff member at Eastern Star, were also with him. His prognosis is not good.



Leo Hagele  
File Photo



Diane Martini, Leo, and his niece Marcia Bockemeier.

## Camaraderie Photos



Valentin Philippens, guest of Harry Arkin introduces himself to all in attendance.  
Photos Noel Hasselgren



Bill Morgan & Bob Avery make the rounds.



Don Thomson & John Greene



Tom Kramis at the podium.



## Laura Eley

### Resident Services Coordinator at Project Access

Our Speaker for the day was Laura Eley. Laura is a repeat speaker and is the daughter of **Craig Eley**. Laura works for Project Access, <https://www.project-access.org/>, at the Pembroke Apartments, 10700 E. Dartmouth Avenue, and is the site director and only paid employee. She coordinates volunteer activities for Project Access which is based in Southern California and has 64 centers across the USA.

Project Access Mission Statement states, *"To be the leading provider of vital on-site health, education and employment services to low-income families, children and seniors. Our goal is to give low income families the tools needed to break the cycle of poverty, become healthier, further educated and financially stable."*

Project Access envisions that all residents of affordable housing communities could achieve self-sufficiency and maximize their full potential with on-site learning centers that provide programs in ...

- ◇ Education for youth,
- ◇ Health and wellness,
- ◇ Community building, and
- ◇ Economic Stability.



Laura Eley  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

To accomplish this goal with affordable housing developers/owners in a partial fee-for-service relationship to bring free services to residents and in some cases, those living within the overall community. This partial financial commitment and in-kind donation of space allows Project Access to bring additional resources together to develop comprehensive programs at our Resource Centers. Project Access' bilingual Service Coordinators offer a variety of programs and services to address individual and community needs.

Laura thanked the club for our recent donation after her last visit and explained some of the programs she administers, such as After School Programs, Summer Day Camp, Teen Club, and Adult English as a Second Language.

Laura invited us to visit some of her programs and said she can always use more volunteers. Contact Laura at the Family Resource Center, if interested:

Pembroke Apartment Homes  
10700 E. Dartmouth Avenue  
Ph: 303-623-8153

## Drawing

Do we have a drawing — We have a drawing! With \$90 on the line and 10 cards left in the deck, participation was up this morning. In spite of the few numbers of cards, nobody could catch the elusive 8 of Spades. The owners of the first two numbers called, **Noel Hasselgren** and **Robert Duvall**, took a shot at the draw, but neither was successful. There must have been some collusion going on as three members, **Robert Duvall**, **Ed Collins**, and **Frank Middleton**, all won twice. **Cap Hermann** also won a cup. Even though wearing his name tag, your editor, **George Buzick**, was also unable to draw the lucky card. Fewer cards and more money next week! Do not miss it, if you can.



## A Little Humor

- Ah, synonym rolls... Just like grammar used to make!
- Some ancient Greek walks into a tailor shop with a pair of pants. The tailor says, "Euripides?" The guy says, "Yeah, Eumenides?"

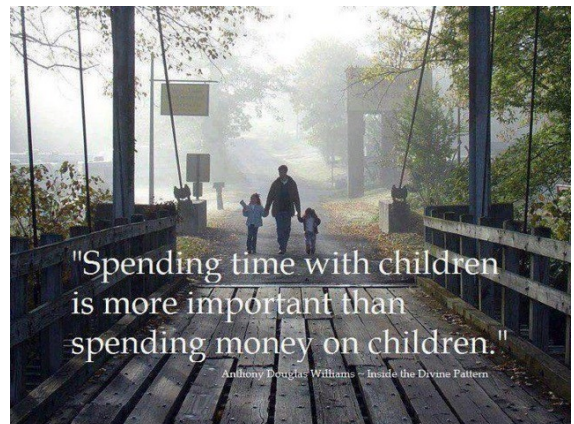
## Perks of reaching 60 or being over 70 and heading towards 80!

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run – anywhere.
4. People call at 8 p.m. and ask: "Did I wake you?"
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now will not wear out.

## Weekly Greeters

8/3/18	Frank Middleton & Keith Gallaway
8/10/18	Michael Chavez & Dan Rodriguez
8/17/18	Allen Malask & Dave Peck

8. You can eat supper at 5 p.m.
9. You can live without sex but not without your glasses.
10. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
11. And last, you cannot remember who sent you this list.



**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>**

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 16-20 Optimist Odyssey to Santa Fe  
Aug 18 Sun 11:00 am South By Southeast Community Festival, Bible Park, sponsored by Councilwomen Black  
Aug 22 Wed 6:15 pm OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way  
Aug 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Kate Donelan, Destination Imagination  
Aug 31 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Principals to Breakfast

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Paul Stratton	303-474-4358
Mark Metevia	303-880-5000
Craig Eley (Past Pres.)	303-758-9499

**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		
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.