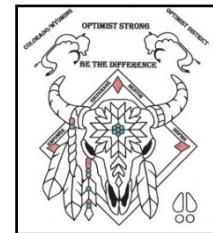




# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist

Although the gathering was light this morning since many were volunteering at the CO-WY Optimist Junior Golf District Qualifier, it was a bright and sunny kickoff to Father's Day weekend. According to History.com, "the nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States." (History.com <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/fathers-day>.)

Our greeters this day were **John Young** and **Curt Boell** who were equally bright with their welcoming of the members of Monaco South to our weekly membership meeting.



John Young



Curt Boell

### Invocation & Pledge

**Paul Stratton** delivered the invocation about father's and their contributions to the family unit including their role in raising children. He then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.



### Guests

We had no official guests at the meeting this morning, but **Tom Mauro** introduced former, and now new member **David Thompson** by saying it is nice to have a good man back in the club. As reported last week, Dave, a retired principal, is recovering from having stents inserted as part of a procedure called percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI). Welcome back Dave!



Dave Thompson

### From the Prez

Since this day is designated as a Camaraderie Day, president **Jim Easton** shared his expectations for his Father's Day and then reminded us that at next weeks meeting we will learning about the Denver Police Museum. He also encouraged everyone to attend next

Friday evenings Casino Fundraiser for Childhood Cancer to be held at the American Legion Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. He insists this will be a fun night of poker, craps, roulette or blackjack, since he is planning to be the "big winner." Tickets are only \$30 and that gets you \$1000 of play-chips, food, prizes and more. There will also be a silent auction of fabulous baskets and prizes. He then called for club announcements.

### Announcements

**Junior Golf Donation:** **Donlie Smith**, also a member of the Heather Gardens Optimist Club, presented a check for \$500.00 to the Junior Golf program on behalf of the Club. He reported that Heather Gardens Optimist conducted a root beer float and bake sale fundraiser on June 9<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Men's and Lady's Golf Clubs with the proceeds going to Junior Golf. This year, the Junior Golf program is working to



Donley Smith, left, presents a \$500 check to Greg Young to pass on to the CO-WY Junior Golf program on behalf of the Heather Gardens Optimist Club.

Photo Steve Kady

raise some \$30,000 additional funds to send more junior golfers to the Optimist International Tournament in Florida this summer. Thanks go to Donlie and to the Heather Gardens Club for their most generous donation.

**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

**Audit of the Name Tag Jar:** **Craig Eley** announced that he, single-handily, made an audit of the names in the Name Tag Jar to purge the names of former members and to make sure all current member names are in the jar. Editor, *I am not yet totally convinced, but President Jim Easton is.*

**Dick Nicholoff** wanted to clarify the rules of the name drawing. He asked if a member wrote their name on their shirt, would that count? The response was, "yes that counted." So, the Name Tag wearing rules were summarized. *"It was first established that you must be wearing your name badge to be eligible to win the name drawing. That was then expanded to include wearing an 'Optimist Shirt' with your name on it. Now you can wear any shirt with your name on it. What's next? You just need to know your name to be eligible?"*

**Senior Moments:** **Craig Eley** also announced that **Randy Marcove** will be making a presentation at the next "Senior Moments" gathering at the Easter Star Retirement Home on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. Craig is looking for some volunteers to accompany Randy and visit with the residents at Eastern Star. Let Craig or Randy know if you would like to attend.

**HOB Youth Leadership Conference:** The Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference will be held next weekend at the University of Denver campus. On Saturday evening, Monaco South members will be talking with the conferees about the importance of volunteers in the community and how Optimist Clubs are helping to fulfill the needs of our communities. **Paul Bernard** will have the final details including time and location at next Friday's meeting. He did mention that we will have to find our own parking and that it will not be free, so we need to allow for some time to find and funds to pay for parking. It might be wise to do some carpooling!

**MS150 Bike Ride:** **Michael Chavez** reminds us that the MS Bike Ride is also next weekend. The Optimist Clubs of Monaco South and Tamarac Square will be staffing the **Pat Sorensen Memorial Rest Stop** for hydration and lunch on Sunday. Members need to arrive at the Nelson Ballpark in Johnstown, CO at 6:00 a.m. But first, Michael Chavez needs some help on Saturday afternoon to load up his van with the equipment for the rest stop. If you have some time available to help Michael on Saturday, please give Michael a call, 303-960-5304 or send an email, [mikeart9@me.com](mailto:mikeart9@me.com), so that he can let you know location and the time to meet up. *We'll see you in Johnstown next Sunday.*

**CO-WY Casino Night:** **Phil Perington** reminds us that a fun filled night awaits us this Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the American Legion Hall, starting at 6:00 p.m. The Colorado/Wyoming District will be hosting the annual Casino Night for the benefit of the Childhood Cancer Campaign. You will be able to enjoy all the traditional

gambling games plus bingo, food, entertainment and a cash bar. A limited number of tickets are still available. They cost only \$30.00 each and come with \$1,000.00 of chips for gambling during the evening. All proceeds go to benefit OI's Childhood Cancer Campaign, See the Casino Night Fundraiser flyer attached to the GUMS distribution email for making your registration.

**Nate Burt Foundation:** **Harry Arkin** shared that he recently wrote a check for \$100,000 to fund scholarships for the Arapahoe Community College entrepreneurial program on behalf of the [Nate Burt Foundation](#). Harry, who is currently the President and Chairman of the Board of the foundation, explained how he had advised Nate Burt of the Burt Car Dealerships to set up a foundation for scholarships as a family legacy that will live on after their passing. Nate took that advice on the condition that Harry will manage it for "as long as he lives." They decided the foundation would support the Arapahoe Community College (ACC) entrepreneurial program because it "...is designed to provide students with the skills needed in diverse public and private organizations. The program provides the business, management and marketing skills necessary for success in entry-level positions requiring foundations of greater responsibility, authority and leadership. Students who complete the program will be viewed by potential employers as having a broad-based education necessary for today's team-oriented and globally-competitive environment." The ACC program provides students with instructional resources for the purpose of ongoing enhancement of entrepreneurial skills," and because Nate Burt was the ultimate entrepreneur. Harry related a story about how the Burt dealerships had no cars to sell during World War II because steel was being diverted to the war effort. So, Nate started a tire retreading business until they could get back to selling car. (See [ACC Catalog](#) and the [Nathan B. & Florence R. Burt Foundation webpage](#).)

## Camaraderie Day

Today was camaraderie day with no guest speaker scheduled so much of the morning was spent talking and getting to know our fellow members. However, **Steve Kady** announced that we would not want to miss the program next week. Representatives from the Denver Police Museum will be here to discuss the history of the Denver Police Department, the purpose of the museum and its upcoming move to a new physical location.



Photos Steve Kady





## Thank You Email From Last Weeks Speaker

Thank you very much for sending your newsletter! I am SO impressed with all the information captured from last Friday's meeting – not just about Anchor Center, but from each member's involvement in so many wonderful events and projects.

It's very heartwarming to see such an active club – you certainly embody everything you promise yourself in the Optimist Creed!

With my thanks, Frances



Frances Owens  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

## T-Shirts with a Message

Something must have been in the air, since we noticed several t-shirts with a message today.



First, we had **Brice Slaby**, if you noticed it on the following page wearing his Duluth Trading shirt. There was some discussion about the possibility of him also

wearing those Duluth "buck naked performance briefs," as well. And then there was **Paul Bernard**,



with his palindrome "Tacocat" t-shirt. We are told that a palindrome is a word, number, sentence, or verse that reads the same backward or forward. It derives from the Greek palindromo, which means "running back again." In palindromes, spacing, punctuation, and capitalization are usually ignored.

See <http://www.palindromelist.net/> for more examples.



Jon Wachter, left, with Paul Bernard, having a discussion about palindromes.

## Father's Day

Father's Day was a spinoff of Mother's Day. Father's Day was not made a national holiday until President Nixon sign it into law in 1972. The notion of Fa-

ther's Day was first promoted by Sonora Smart-Dodd in the early 1900's. She was the daughter of Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart who was a single parent father raising six children in Spokane, Washington. The first celebration was on June 19, 1910 in Spokane. Sonora continued to promote the idea in until the 1920's when she left Spokane to study at the Art Institute of Chicago. Father's Day gradually faded into obscurity, even in Spokane. She returned to Spokane in the 1930's and started to promote Father's Day again. Two early attempts to get a bill through congress to make Father's Day a nationally recognized holiday failed. In 1957, Maine senator Margrett Chase Smith wrote a Father's Day proposal claiming congress ignored fathers while honoring mothers for the past 40 years. It was not until 1966 that Lyndon Johnson made the first national proclamation designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day and it was signed into law six years later. Much of the early support came from retailers trying to expand on the commercial successes of Mother's Day. Today, retailers estimate that over one billion dollars will be spent on gifts for fathers.



## Drawing Results

The winners of the drawing this morning included **Jim Easton**, after pulling his own number could not draw the correct card, **Steve Kady** and **Curt Boell** took the cups of money, **Phil Perington** also did not draw the correct card, **Les Volpe**, **Jack**



**Kleinheksel**, **Jeb Ziegenhagen**, and **Ron Gustas** claimed the remaining cups of money. Then **Jim Easton** drew his own name out of the updated Name Tag Jar to get another crack at the cards—that seemed suspicious. Something tells the drawing needs an audit of another kind.

## A Bit of Humor

A man who worked for the Post Office whose job was to process all the mail that had illegible addresses. One day, a letter came addressed in a shaky handwriting to God with no actual address during the Christmas holiday season. He thought he should open it to see what it was about. The letter read:

*Dear God, I am an 83 year old widow, living on a very small pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had \$100 in it, which was all the money I had until my next pension payment. Next Sunday is Christmas, and I had invited two of my friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with, have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope. Can you please help me? Sincerely, Edna*

The postal worker was touched. He showed the letter to all the other workers. Each one dug into his or her wallet and came up with a few bucks. By the time he made the rounds, he had collected \$96, which they put into an envelope and

sent to the woman. The rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of Edna and the dinner she would be able to share with her friends.

Christmas came and went. A few days later, another letter came from the same old lady to God. All the workers gathered around while the letter was opened. It read:

*Dear God, How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your gift of love, I was able to fix a glorious Christmas dinner for my friends. We had a very nice day and I told my friends of your wonderful gift. By the way, there was \$4 missing. I think it was those bastards at the Post Office. Edna*

Weekly Greeters	
6/22/18	Allen Pierce & Everett Gardner
6/29/18	Jim VanderKamp & Paul Simon
7/6/18	Don Roth & Jack Kleinheksel

**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>**

June 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
June 22	Fri	6:00 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall: CO-WY Casino Fundraiser for Childhood Cancer
June 23	Sat	4:00 pm	HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) Seminar, Denver University Campus
June 24	Sun	6:00 am	MS Bike Ride Rest & Hydration Stop, Nelson Farm Park, 671 Telep Ave. Johnstown, CO
June 27	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
June 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
July 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
July 7-10			Optimist International Convention, Ottawa, ON Canada



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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		
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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.