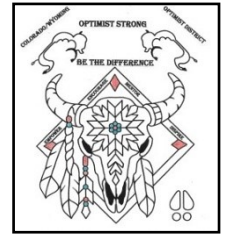




# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist

On the beginning of a hot day, **Jon Wachter** was our only greeter this morning. While he had to handle the duties without the benefit of a partner, he had plenty of smiles and warm handshakes to go around.



Jon Wachter, left, greets two early birds, Tom Glazier and Perry Allen.  
Photos Noel Hasselgren

### First Bell

President **Jim Easton** was all smiles today too. He proudly announced that he won a “closest-to-the-pin” award on one of the par three holes at the CO-WY Optimist Golf Fundraiser Tournament last Monday at Broken Tee Golf Course in Englewood.

### Tamarac Visitation

Speaking of smiles, several of the ladies from [Tamarac Optimist Club](#) visited us this morning. Tamarac is celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of spreading optimism this year. They have grown to nearly 100 members, many of them spouses of Monaco South members.



Claire Young, left, and Cindy Eley chat with Greg Hurd, while John Young watches on in the background.

**Craig Eley**, is their president this year and she talked briefly about the projects and schools their club works with. Of course, they partner with Monaco South on several projects such as the Brain Bowl, Know Brainer, MS150 Bike Ride Rest Station, Thanksgiving Dinner at the Denver Boys and Girls Clubs and Girls, Inc., and many others. Cindy recognized **Claire Young** for her leadership in recruiting new members to their club. Between Claire and her life partner **John Young** of Mon-

aco South, they have recruited well over 100 new Optimist members through the years.

### Invocation & Pledge

President **Jim Easton** calls on **Cindy Eley** to delivered the morning invocation. Cindy provides words for our meeting to place more emphasis on the need to talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person we meet in the world of growing cynicism. Then she leads us in the Pledge Allegiance to our Flag.

### Guests

While on the subject of guests **Jack Kleinhessel** introduced his neighbor, **David Richmond** to us. David recently retired and set a goal of sleeping in until 7:00 in the morning. He said he was almost there until Jack talked him into visiting the Monaco South breakfast meeting. Welcome, David, we think you will enjoy the camaraderie of our membership and that you will find it worthwhile to wake up early again on Friday mornings. Please come back and join us!

### Announcements

**CO-WY Casino Night:** **Phil Perington** reminds us that the Colorado/Wyoming Casino Night is just two weeks away, on Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, where the American Legion Hall will be transformed into a gambling casino with the traditional gambling games like poker, black jack, roulette, and craps. For those less aggressive gamblers they will also have Bingo. No night would be complete without food, beverage, entertainment, and a silent auction so those will also be available. Tickets are just \$30.00 per person and that includes \$1,000 of gambling money. All proceeds from Casino Night will go to the Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign split 50/50 to the national and local campaigns. See the flyer attached to the GUMS distribution email.

**MS150 Bike Ride:** **Michael Chavez** reminds us that the MS 150 Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Monaco South, along with the Tamarac Optimist ladies will be hosting the hydration and lunch rest stop on Sunday. It will be at the Nel-

**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

son Ballpark located at 671 Telep Avenue in Johnstown, Colorado. Michael would like us to be at the ballpark at 6:00 a.m. to help with setup. We have several canopies to erect not to mention setting up tables, chairs, and other equipment. We will be dispensing water, energy drinks, fruit, and encouragement to the riders after 120 miles of pedaling a bicycle. While **John Oss** will be taking pictures of the riders. Michael recommends that you bring plenty of sun protection such as sunscreen, long sleeve shirts, hats, sunglasses, etc.

Additionally, do not forget that Monaco South will have several riders participating in the bike ride—president **Jim Easton**, **Jack Rife**, **David Telpner** to name just a few. Of course, the granddaddy on all riders, **Bob Avery** will also ride but he is in the special “High Roller” 55-mile ride to Parker and back. Bob has been riding in this event for so long, he cannot remember his first ride. All of the Monaco South riders have agreed to solicit donations as single group effort and split the donations equally among the riders. Unfortunately, they can’t split the ride between the riders. To donate, [CLICK HERE](#), and search the rider by name.

**HOBY Leadership Conference:** **Paul Bernard** is looking for volunteers from Monaco South to talk with high school age students about the importance of volunteering and giving back to their communities. The Hugh O’Brien Youth (HOBY) Leadership Conference will be held at the University of Denver on June 21<sup>st</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>. Paul will need us for a couple of hours in the early evening of Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in helping on this project, you can get more information from Paul over the next two weeks. To learn more about HOBY [CLICK HERE](#).

**Ovarian Cancer Walk/Race:** **Mark Metevia** handed out information about the Jodi’s Race for Ovarian Cancer Awareness this morning. Ovarian cancer is called the silent killer because there are very few symptoms during the progression of the disease. Mark’s better half, Irene has battled ovarian cancer just recently so Mark is taking a more active role in educating others about the disease. The walk is on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> so it is too late for us to do anything for the walk this year, but you can still make a donation to the Colorado Ovarian Cancer Alliance online, [CLICK](#).

**Junior Golf Tournaments:** Round one of the CO-WY District Junior Golf Tournaments took place on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Aurora Hills Golf Course. **Joe Marci** reports that 92 golfers participated. Joe will be sharing the results next week. Two more tournaments are coming up this Thursday and Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Thursday’s tournament will be at Meadow Hills in Aurora and Friday’s tournament will be at Flat Irons in Boulder. Joe still needs volunteers help at

both tournaments so give him a call if you can help on either or both days. More information can be found on the Optimist Jr. Golf webpage, [CLICK HERE](#).

**CO-WY Optimist Golf Fundraiser Tournament:** In a late announcement, because your editor was too busy taking notes, **Pat Bush** stood in for **Joe Marci** to finish the report on the Optimist Golf Tournament fundraiser for the Junior Golf Program. Closest-to-the-pin winners, besides **Prez Jim**, were **Scott Scholes**, **Dick Quinlan**, and **Allen Pierce**. The long drive prizes went to **Irene Gartz** and **Tracy Barber**. The winning team was led by **Ron Cisco** with his ringers **Josh Miller**, **Tracy Barber**, and **Jeff Thomas**; they had a low total score of 62. Second place was the team of **Bob Meyer**, **Bob Barth**, and **Scott Scholes** coming in with a 63. The optimist team of **Allen Pierce**, **David Telpner**, **Jim Easton**, and **Bob Avery** scored a 67 good for fourth place. The team that got the most golf for their money was led by **Tom Overton**, with his son **Tom Jr.**, **Charlie Newmann**, and **Irene Gartz**. Tom said they had many puts that ricocheted off the lip of the cup. If it were not for bad luck they would have had no luck at all. A total of 45 golfers participated and helped raise over \$5,000 for the Junior Golf program. Nice job!

## Drawing Winners

Again with only \$20 in the pot, thanks to last weeks winner Ron Cisco, the cup drawing winners this week were **John Stoffel**, **Greg Young**, **Phil Perington**, **Gary Strowbridge**, **Eldon Strong**, and **Les Volpe**. The drawing winners that tried their luck with the deck of cards were our guest **David Richmond** and our speaker **Francis Owens** but both struck out. **Phil Perington** had his name pulled from the jar for wearing his name tag, but his luck with the cards was not any better than Francis or David.



Our guest speaker, Frances Owens went for drawing a card, but was not a winner.  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

## Photos From This Day



Above, Tamarac Optimist President, Cindy Eley, tells us about the accomplishments of the Club over its 25 years of service.

Photos Noel Hasselgren



## Anchor Center for Blind Children Frances Owens, Community Relations Manager

President **Jim Easton** called on **Steve Kady**, who in turn, called on **Tom Hoch** who then introduced Colorado's former first lady, **Frances Owens** as our guest speaker this morning. Frances is the Community Relations Manager for the Anchor Center for Blind Children.

Frances, started off by saying "... *after working every day with 35 women and only one man, it is nice to have breakfast with a room full of men.*" With that she has every ones attention.

The [Anchor Center for Blind Children](#) works with blind children between birth and 5 years of age. They tackle the unique problems that blind children face in learning without the advantage of eyesight. Even learning to eat is quite difficult for a blind child. The teachers are not ordinary teachers. They have been specially trained to work with these children and their families. That is right, even the families have to learn how to interact with their blind child. The Center gets 97 percent of its funding from private sources so they are constantly fundraising and many of the people working for the Center are under paid or not paid—volunteers.

The Center's state of the art building—the Julie McAndrews Mork Building—was specially designed for the education of visually impaired children. The building is located at 2550 Roslyn Street in northeast Denver. You can get an idea about the uniqueness of the building by viewing the video on this webpage, [CLICK HERE](#). The Design elements focus on light with textures and sounds that encourage develop-



Frances Owens, Anchor Center for Blind Children  
Photo Steve Kady

ment. And all classrooms are acoustically engineered to minimize noise and support sound cues. Overall the building gives children a sense of security in their ability to navigate the world.

The Anchor Center currently work with nearly 200 children each year. They integrate sensory stimulation for the child's learning experiences. This translates into happier children and happier families. Most of these children will graduate and success-

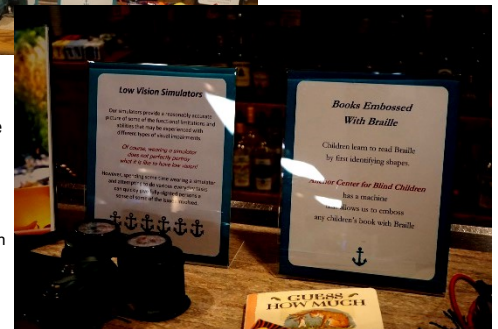
fully integrate into the public-school system. Some have gone on the successful careers in music and law. The Anchor Center also has outreach programs throughout the state of Colorado to put teachers in the homes of children who cannot travel to Denver.

Thank you Frances for sharing this insight and making us more aware of how we can serve as *Friends of Youth* in this spectrum of our society.



Part of the display that Frances provided to give us any idea of how some of these children might see and a variety of learning resources used to provide awareness.

Photos Noel Hasselgren



## Some Everyday Thoughts

**Granma says**

*Grassy, Sassy and Smart Assy*

Think Positive - it keeps you young. For example, I fell down the stairs today and I thought WOW - that's the fastest I've moved in years.

SO WHEN IS THIS  
"OLD ENOUGH TO  
KNOW BETTER"  
SUPPOSED TO KICK IN?

Have you ever  
listened to someone for a  
while and wondered...  
"who ties your  
shoelaces for you?"

Weekly Greeters	
6/15/18	Curt Boell & John Young
6/22/18	Allen Pierce & Everett Gardner
6/29/18	Jim VanderKamp & Paul Simon
7/6/18	Don Roth & Jack Kleinheksel
7/13/18	Steve Kady & Joe Marci

**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 8	Fri	7:30 am	CO-WY Junior Golf Tournament, Boys 10-15, Aurora Hills Golf Course, 50 S. Peoria St.
June 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
June 15	Fri	7:30 am	CO-WY Junior Golf Tournament, Boys 16-18, Boulder Flatirons Golf Course, 5706 Arapahoe
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

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Bob Hugo	1984-85	Tom Overton	1996-97	Phil Perington	2008-09		
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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.