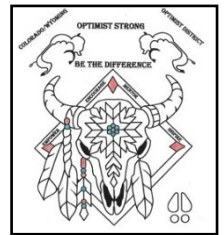




# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Moring Optimist



#### St. Paddy's Day is a brewin'

This bright and sunny morning on the Eve of St. Patrick's Day we were greeted by the happy go lucky duo of **Bill**



Bill Blunden & Al Gapuzan  
Photos Noel Hasselgren

**O'Blunden** and **Al O'Puzan** dancin' and jokin' about. Table Master and dealin' **Frank O'Middleton** was handing out playing cards sending members and guests to new chairs scattered across the room. The spirit of gleeful camaraderie filled the air.

A piping hot buffet of Fresh scrambled eggs, plump sausage links, Idaho tater tots, watermel-

on slices and tempting Danish treats presented a delicious start to the morning festivities.

#### Morning Conversations & Chitter-Chatter

Members in green attire included **Carl Brown**, unrelated Optimist brothers **John** and **Greg Young**, Club paparazzi **Noel Hasselgren**, **Don Thomson**, **Gary Strowbridge**, OCMS V.P. **Everett Gardner**, **Curt Boell**, **Ed** "green hat" **Leuty**, OCMS V.P. **Mike McMahon**, **Dick Nickoloff**, **Oscar Sorensen**, **Tom Glazier**, **Cy** "the voice" **Regan**, **Paul Bernard**, and the "groveling for the green" **Al Gapuzan**.

**Ed** "funhouse" **Collins** and **Bryce** "don't call me Bruce" **Slaby** were mesmerizing over a cell phone and would not anyone. We can only imagine.

**Carl Brown**, returning from a bit of an absence was checking on **Russ Paul** and wishing him well. While **Bob Avery** had the look of a new shave and a haircut-two bits.

MSOC Salesman **Greg Young** had a new arrival of shirts was colorfully displayed on the bar with matching hats.



**Steve Kady** was proudly showing photo shots of the newly christened USS Colorado Super Submarine's original logo, as seen left. It has been modified slightly — [See Story, Click Here](#).

"Baseball & Girl Scout volunteer" **Tom Mauro**, was busily working the room gathering directory information and distributing cookies — for a price.



Lots of Irish blarney fills the room.

**Les Larsen** recovering from a brief bout of boredom was in the room filling up on Optimist energy and smiling big. **Allen Pierce** looking to win more money for his retirement fund emanated a look of confidence and had a handful of tickets. Not to be outdone **Jack Kleinheksel** was seen stuffing his pockets with tickets as well.

#### First Bell

V.P. **Everett Gardner**, standing in for MIA President **Jim Easton** gaveled the gathered together at 7:03 a.m. and presented the Invocation. "Oh God of joy, how grateful we are to wear our cheerful countenance and remember to bring good will to all those we meet..." Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and a rowdy cheer of "Play Ball!"

#### From the Vice Prez

V.P. **Everett** proceeded to give a big howdy and thank-you to our Greeters and followed with the reading a Thank you Letter for our \$300 contribution to The Fake News Corp.

#### New Member Induction

**Vice Prez Everett** followed this with the installation ceremony of new member **Andy Towt**. Past President's **Frank Middleton** and **John Oss**, with assistance from New Member Mentor Chair **Tom Glazier** lent an assist and Andy's installation that was culminated by a hearty, "Welcome Aboard!!" It was also noted by **Frank Middleton**, that new members now receive a pre-loaded \$25 King Soopers debit card.



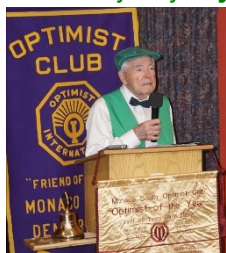
From left, **Frank Middleton**, **Tom Glazier**, **Everett Gardner**, new member **Andy Towt**, & **John Oss**, welcome Andy.

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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\*\*\*\***

## Irish Crooner

"Danny Boy" **Cy Regan** can still hit those high notes in perfect tone and feeling. The encore began with "When Irish eyes are smiling," "Oh Killarney," and closing softly with "Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ral, That's an Irish Lullaby." The SRO applause was deafening. Editor, "Life is good with Regan in the house!"



## Announcements

**Donlie Smith Recognition:** Everett Gardner read a message from our President **Jim Easton**, to the effect that **Donlie Smith** is to be congratulated and honored for his 19-year commitment to the Eagle Scouts Award program.

**Eagle Scout Awards Dinner:** **Donlie Smith** reported that at this years Eagle Scout Awards Dinner it was the biggest in recent memory with 522 Boy Scouts in attendance. **Marilyn Brown**, wife of long time

Monaco South member and all around good guy **Doug Morton**, presented a \$1,000 check to the Eagle Scout of the



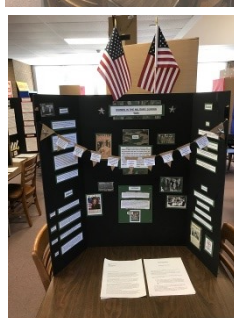
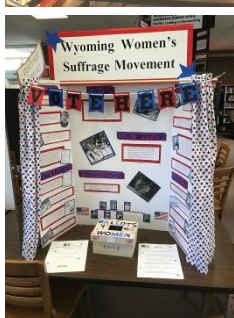
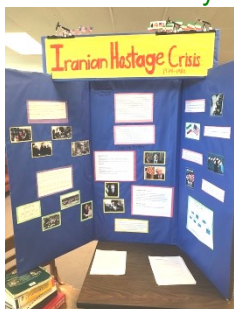
Donlie Smith as he stands before all of the awards for the 2017 Eagle Scout recognition. See the attachment to the GUMS distribution email.



Phil Perington & Marilyn Brown

**Sorensen, Phil Perington**, and **Jack Kleinheksel** and his wife **Georgia**. See GUMS distribution email for *Eagle Scout Award supplement*.

**Hamilton History Day:** **Karl Geil** reminded us that the Hamilton History Day Celebration is today and there will be meeting of all the volunteers who signed up to help with the judging, will meet immediately following breakfast. Below are some pictures of various projects from the History Day event shared with us by **Bob Avery**.



**Senior Moments:** **Craig Eley** reminded everyone that the Senior Moments monthly confab will feature **Karl Geil** discussing Common Law Marriage and the issues attendant to the law.

**Optimist Odyssey to Santa Fe:** **Craig Eley** The Santa Fe, New Mexico, which leaves Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and returns Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Santa Fe is moving forward and anyone interested please sign up. There has been an astronomy event added to the current itinerary.

**Directory Photo's:** Last Craig added, if you want a new photo in the new edition of the *Club Directory* time is running out, so get with him ASAP.

**Directory Update:** **Tom Mauro** followed up with an appeal to update your information in the Directory and buy advertising space for only \$25 per business card ad. The return on investment is pegged at one million dollars.

**OCMS Nominating Committee:** **Joe Marci** announced that Nominating Committee is still in search of two Vice President candidates for the upcoming Club year 2018-2019 elections. Please consider this as an opportunity to participate in the management, strategy, and oversight of Club activities and programs. See Joe if Interested.

**George Washington H.S. Oratorical Contest:** **George Buzick** announced that he still needs judges for the upcoming regional Club Oratorical Contest at George Washington H. S. on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Currently there are eight finalists out of the original 22 entrants. The contest is open to any student up to age of 18 years old. If interested contact George.

**Rockies Opening Day:** **Michael Chavez** shouted, "Opening Day is just around the corner." If you want to attend and help earn money for the Club on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> we will be handing out Rally Towels and getting paid \$750. A need of 40 volunteers are required. Please sign up and also enjoy the excitement of new Opening Day baseball season. The cost is \$31, which includes parking and ticket. *Bring friends and family. It will be a memorable day!*

**DTC Optimist Wine Tasting Fundraiser:** Tom Overton was vending the Annual DTC Wine Tasting and Auction coming up on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, from 1 - 4 p.m. The price is \$25 per person. See flyer attached to GUMS email.

**MSOC Ski Day:** **Bob Avery** said that Ski Day's are coming up beginning Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> with even some complimentary tickets. The event is hosted by Bob and **Kent Gloor** at their mini-resort and spa. See them for details.

**New Monaco South Club Shirts:** **Greg Young** repeatedly said, "New Shirts are here!" There are extra shirts available. Three long sleeve and one (tres bon vivant) black polo (L) plus a few remaining hats for \$35 and \$10 respectively.

**Dime-A-Day:** **Ron Cisco** reminded us that Dime-A-Day Chairman **Perry Allen**, is returning from his personal services activities in Southern Cal this coming week, and it would be a nice surprise if we had a ton of checks for \$36.50 to hand him on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are running a little behind on Club commitments and this would be a great time to kick it into high gear. Please get out your checkbook for this important contribution to the OI Foundation Fund.

## Welcome Back

V.P. Everett welcomes those we have not seen for awhile, **Cap Hermann**, **Carl Brown**, **Tom Overton**, **Bob Meyer** and **Dan Rodriguez** on their return.

## Visitation Requests - Plan a Visit

Hey guys! Club Founder **Dr. Ed Fankhauser**, Past Governor **Bob Hugo**, and Charter member of the Classic Car Club, **O.C. Larson** would all love to have a visit.





**Past Presidents of the  
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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Cy Regan	1999-00
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Don St. John	2001-02
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Jack Rife	200Feb. 03
John Young	198Feb. 83	Karl Geil	2003-04
Pat Bush	1983-84	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Greg Young	2007-08
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Phil Perington	2008-09
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Ron Cisco	2009-10
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Bill Walters	1991-92	Paul Simon	201Feb. 13
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Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	John Oss	2014-15
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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.