



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



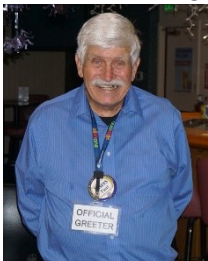
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Serving Youth and the Community for 41 Years  
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### Good Morning Optimist

The morning is a cold and crisp fall morning with the first of five Friday morning meetings in November. Our greeter this morning was smiling **Russ Paul** who was doing double duty since his partner came in late.



Russ Paul  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

### First Bell

President **Everett Gardner** is back from his travels and promptly rings the bell at 7:00 a.m.

### Invocation & Pledge

**Prez Everett** calls on **John Scarborough** to read the invocation. *"Help us to understand that happiness is not achieved by surrounding ourselves with material goods. With your help we will banish trouble from our thoughts, enabling us to achieve the happiness which allows us to truly call ourselves Optimists."* John then leads us in the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

### From the Prez

Prez Everett welcomes a soon to be a new member **Roy Jarrett**, a Georgia Tech alumni, who worked for Eli Lilly Company during his work career. Now how he spends his time volunteering with Hope Methodist Church, DIA, and soon to be the OCMS. Roy is sponsored by **John Young**. *Welcome aboard Roy!*

### Announcements

**Dues are Due:** **Greg Young** wants everyone to pay their dues, so if you have not, please get them to him.

**Optimist Club's Fall Kickoff Social/Soiree:** While Greg had the floor, he said this is your last chance to bring auction items for the November 9<sup>th</sup> Optimist gather silent auction. So, if you have items, please get with Greg today.

**Dr. Ed Fankhauser:** Last, Greg reminded us that Dr. Ed's internment will be this morning at Fort Logan Cemetery. Several members from the Club were going to be attending and others are welcome to join them.



**Santa's Needed:** **Craig Eley** is still looking for Santa's to man the Santa Haus. He has eleven spots left for the season. Craig says this is the one way to work the tree lot without ever getting off your butt. The Santa Haus runs on the weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Santa's work two-hour shifts. See Craig if you have a good ho, ho, ho. The Santa uniform, beard, and belly fat are provided.



**Tree Lot Day Managers Still Needed:** Tree lot Day Managers are still needed to be accountable for checking the online schedule and ensuring proper manning is on each shift of your day (i.e. not too many, or not enough). Let **Greg Young** or **Joe Marci** know if you can take on this role for the season.

**Speaking of Tree Lot:** **Joe Marci** reported that he received an email order for a 14-foot Tree, of which he has none on order, so he is going to try to get that on the truckload that is already scheduled. Joe asks anyone who has a truck who can assist with deliveries that pop up let him know. Joe said that **Bob Meyer**, who currently is in Florida playing golf, will be rested up and ready to help out.

**OCMS Holiday Party:** **Pat Bush** standing in for **Frank Middleton**, said save Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> for the OCMS Holiday Party. It will be at the Cherry Creek Country Club, 2405 S Yosemite St., the cost is \$38 per person, which includes a London Broil dinner, plus a fun evening. Frank will have more details.

**Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club:** **Phil Perington** thanked members who helped out the FRACSOC with their annual pancake breakfast Sunday for the Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk. The club served several thousand pancakes to participants. Thanks to **Paul Bernard**, for arranging for the cooker, and to **George Buzick**, **Russ Paul**, and to **Phil Perington**, for their tremendous help. For those who are not aware, the cancer club was created six years ago under the sponsorship of Monaco South.

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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

**Super Citizen assembly at Samuels:** Michael Chavez recaps that the Super Citizen assembly at Samuels was well received by the recipients. Michael and **James Dockter**, standing in for Samuels' SC coordinator **Kent Gloor**, handled the presentation, while **Noel Hasselgren** took pictures. Thank you, Gentlemen!



**Thanksgiving Dinners:** While **Michael** had the microphone he reminded us that he is still looking for volunteers to work The Bill Walters Memorial Thanksgiving Dinners at the Boys and Girls Club and Girls, Inc., starting at 4:30 p.m. The Boys and Girls Club is at 3480 W. Kentucky and Girls Inc. is at 1499 Julian St. The club's hope to serve over 900 meals this year. We encourage you, your family members, and friends to help out with this event.

**Thanksgiving Baskets:** **Allen Pierce** reminded us that in 2-weeks from Saturday we will be distributing about 50 Thanksgiving baskets. The club gets names from our Super Citizen schools for families in need and we will be distributing them. Mark your calendar for November 17th starting at about 8:00 a.m. from the American Legion Hall.

**Poinsettia Plant Sale:** Past Prez **Jim Easton**, said his son **Evan** is once again taking orders for poinsettia plants. This is his school's annual fundraiser, selling red and white poinsettia plants that will arrive in early December, and all orders will then be delivered to buyers.

**Bradley International, Colorado Teacher of the Year:** **John Oss** reported that he was pleased that **Margaret "Meg" Cypress**, a fifth-grade teacher from Bradley was named as the 2019 Colorado Teacher of the Year. Bradley is one of our Super Citizen schools and John is the photographer assisting **Randy Marcove** and **Jon Wachter** for the monthly presentations.

### Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age:



One of Past Prez **Jim Easton's** projects, with the assistance of **John Scarborough**, John announced the showing of this

award-winning documentary film that probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games, and academics. The film offers solutions on how we can help our kids navigate the digital world. Open to the public, **Screenagers** will be shown in the auditorium of Thomas Jefferson High School, 3950 S. Holly St., on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:30 p.m. A \$5 dollar donation per family is requested at the door to support Southmoor Elementary School. Sponsors for this showing are Southmoor Elementary PTO, John's Silicon Stem Academy, and MSOC. A preview of this film can be seen by [CLICKING HERE](#).

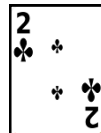
## National Diabetes Awareness Month:



In an email from **Mike McMahon** he makes us aware that November is National Diabetes awareness month. To celebrate all Colorado, and Cheyenne Old Chicago locations will be donating 15% of ALL sales on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> to JDRF. Come enjoy some great food and craft beers at one of the Old Chicago Restaurants.

### Drawing: Cups of Cash

Do we have a drawing? Yes, we do and there is \$60 in the big pot with the lucky card being the Two of Clubs.



Members holding tickets this morning include **Tom Kramis**, **Donlie Smith** who goes to draw a card, **John Scarborough** who also attempts to find the Two of Clubs, **Ron Gustas**, **Ed Collins**, **Bob Avery**, and **Jack Kleinheksel** who all go for a cup of cash.

### Drawing: Name Badge



**Prez Everett** draws **Phil Perington's** name out the name jar, in turn Phil asks Kendra to draw for the card. But she too does not win the pot.

### Closing Creed

**Kendra Black** then takes the lead to recite the closing Creed ... *Promise yourself...*

### More Pictures from the Meeting





## Kendra Black & Frank Rowe Denver Parks Foundation

**Kendra Black** and **Frank Rowe** are our speakers this morning. **Kendra Black** is a City Council Member for District 4, representing SE Denver and a Friend of Optimist Club of Monaco South. **Frank Rowe** is a former member of Monaco South and serves as the Director of Sponsorships at Chalkbeat. Although Frank reports he is filling out an application for readmittance to the club.

Kendra Black begins her presentation by telling us that Thomas Jefferson High School raised \$20,000 for St. Jude's Hospital and they will get a new gym floor for their efforts. Part of her efforts as City Council for Denver is the concern that 100,000 people have moved to Denver during the last years, with an estimated increase in the population of more than one-million by 2040. Young people are moving to our city, and lots of turnover is happening. Growing and planning for the future, including roads and infrastructure, are fast becoming critical to our quality of life.

As our population grows the need for parks has increased. Sadly, the city of Denver has fallen in the ranks of metropolitan areas that have minimum access to green space. Recent developments in Stapleton and Lowry highlight the advantages to having public parks. The fact remains that people like to be outdoors. It is good for the neighborhood and good for the soul. Frank Rowe tells us about the sales tax initiative that will help direct monies to the Parks Department. The main parks in our area are Bible Park, Eisenhower Park, Hampden Heights Park, and Rosemond Park. All areas to recreate and enjoy the beauty of Colorado. Frank and Kendra are here this morning to tell us about a plan to create new parks in the Southeast area of



Kendra Black & Frank Rowe share their thoughts on the need for a Denver Parks Foundation Fund.  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

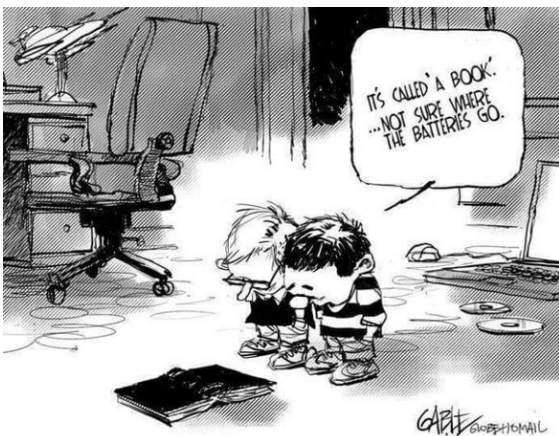
Denver—our neighborhood. A Denver Parks Foundation to support land acquisition and the implications. They intend to become proactive in the allotment of space to create new green parks. This includes looking at ways to help the Park system. Through the foundation, they hope to fund ways to buy new land for parks. For example, "Pocket Parks" in high-density areas, which are smaller areas that have small playgrounds, a single basketball hoop, and several shade trees and benches. Just nice places for being outside.

Some of these developments are increasing the population substantially and need park space. Some of the areas are being bought up by developers, but the by raising money for a foundation that supports park development they hope to improve the access to some of these smaller parks.

Some people are skeptical of giving land, money to the government but would be more willing to give it to a foundation. **Craig Eley** questions the possibility of a sales tax, which would raise to 8.5% and the ability to compete with surrounding areas whose sales tax is not as high. Denver Parks Foundation is a philanthropic venture that hopes to address this issue without using sales tax. With Bond issues they are retired after a time or amount is raised, can the sales tax be used in such a way? The ability to leverage other dollars for this initiative is another by-product they hope to receive.

To help them raise \$100,000 by the end of the year by making a tax deductible contribution to the Denver Parks Foundation Fund hosted by The Denver Foundation. A donor has pledged a \$50,000 match. Go to the "I Love Denver Parks" webpage at <http://denverparks.org/>.

## A Bit of Humor: What is a Book?



### November Super Citizen Presenters

Nov 16 @ 8:15	Holm	?
Nov 27 @ 2:30	MPB	?

### Weekly Greeters

11/9/18	Andy Towt & Jack Kleinhessel
11/16/18	Don Thomson & Mike White

**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>**

Nov 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Tina Swonger
Nov 9	Fri	5:00 pm	CO-WY Optimist Club's Fall Kickoff Social, Pinehurst Country Club, 6255 W Quincy Ave.
Nov 15	Thur	3:30 pm	Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner, Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc.
Nov 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Nov 17	Sat	8:00 am	Thanksgiving Basket Delivery, American Legion Hall
Nov 22	Thur		<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>
Nov 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Nov 19	Mon	8:00 am	OCMS Christmas Tree Lot & Santa Haus Setup
Nov 19	Mon	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level
Nov 23	Fri		<b>OCMS Christmas Tree Lot &amp; Santa Haus Opens at Villa Monaco, 2223 S. Monaco Pkwy.</b>
Dec 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Dec 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

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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		
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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.