



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist

On this beautiful Fall Friday, we were greeted by



**Terry Shroyer** and **Ken Duffy**. Not only did they have their hand out, they also had a very friendly “good morning” to share.

At left, Terry Shroyer & Ken Duffy provide a good morning” welcome.

Photos Noel Hasselgren

### First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

President **Everett Gardner** was out of town this week again, but he still joined us long distance via his cell phone. Fortunately, since he was in Portland, Maine it was 9:00 a.m. for him. Therefore, Vice President **Steve Kady** was on hand to control the situation.



VP Steve takes control after the brief telephone connection was lost with Prez Gardner.

The cell phone connection must have been better this week because it was easier to hear him. **Prez Everett** called on **Paul**

**Gibson** to lead us with the *Invocation* and *Pledge of Allegiance* then he introduced Steve Kady to run the rest of the meeting.

### Guests

**VP Steve** asked if we had any guests and the response was overwhelming. **John Young** introduced **Roy Jarrod**, followed by **Ken Duffy** who introduced **Shari Shink**. Shari is the founder and president emeritus of the Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center and spoke to the Club recently.

**Steve Kady** even had a guest, **Janet Walker** owner of Fat Boy’s Sports Bar & Grill. This year Janet is providing the pumpkin pies for the Bill Walter’s Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys & Girls Clubs and Girls Inc.

**Jim Easton** once again brought his son, **Evan** to breakfast and former MSOC member, **Ross Parrent**

stopped by. Ross was a member of Monaco South briefly before moving across town and joined the Wheat Ridge Optimist Club. He is also a member of the “Glass Half Full” band and wanted to say goodbye to **Randy Marcove** before Randy moves on to Costa Rica for the Winter months.

### New Member Induction

At last week’s meeting we had a quick new member induction which was not incorporated into last week’s *GUMS*. So here is that article. Vice President **Bob**



Cory Young with his sponsor Robert Wardlaw.  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

**Meyer** wanted to get the full presidential experience, so he officially inducted a new member, **Cory Young**. Bob presented Cory with his membership certificate, **Tom Glazier** pinned an OI lapel pin on Cory’s collar, and **Frank Middleton** presented Cory with a \$25.00 King Soopers reloadable

card. Cory’s membership sponsor is **Robert Wardlaw**. Did we mention that the club receives 5 percent back on all gift card purchases? Welcome to the club, Cory! You can see that membership in the Optimist Club of Monaco South has its privileges but only if you get involved with our many activities and projects.

### Announcements

**Tree Lot Day Managers are Needed:** Tree lot Day Managers are needed to be responsible to check the online schedule and ensure proper manning is on each shift of your day (i.e. not too many, or not enough).

Days left available are: Two people each (to share the duty): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and one spot on Saturday.

Please pick two days in order of preference. First come will get slotted. If you are open to any day, let us know. Please respond ASAP to **Greg Young** or **Joe Marci**.

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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

**New Monaco South Directory:** Tom Mauro reminded us that the new directories are available. Extra copies are in the storage closet if anyone needs an extra copy for any reason.



**Poinsettia Plant Sale:** Evan Easton was back to sell poinsettia plants for the Christmas season again.



He is now a senior in high school, so this is the last year to support Evan by purchasing your poinsettia plant from him. He and his classmates are planning a trip to Alaska this year, so proceeds will go to offset the costs of the

trip. Evan will be taking orders for the next couple of meetings and will deliver the plants to the tree lot trailer in December for members to pick up.

**Santa's Needed:** Craig Eley is looking for Santa's to man the Santa Haus that we run in conjunction with the tree lot. He 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, and several shifts are still unfilled.



Be sure to see Craig if you have a

good ho, ho, ho. The Santa uniform, beard and belly fat are provided for you.

**Christmas Tree Lot Television:** For those cold Monday Night Football times, when the lot is not busy, Steve Kady found a heck of a deal for a new television for the tree lot trailer. He found a 32" high definition, flat screen for only \$98 and Jack Kleinheksel immediately said sold. *(This editor hopes they upgrade the antenna from the old coat hanger that we had last year. I would hate to see high definition image of snow from an old coat hanger. Well it must be an improvement either way.)* Thanks to Steve and Jack for teaming up on this project!

**Thanksgiving Dinners:** Michael Chavez is still looking for volunteers to work The Bill Walters Memorial Thanksgiving Dinners at the Boys and Girls Club and Girls, Inc. The dinners will be held on Thursday evening, November 15<sup>th</sup>. He is expecting to serve approximately 900 people. If you would like to help and have not yet signed up, talk to Michael immediately.

Steve Kady then called up his guest Janet Walker to receive a certificate of appreciation and flowers. Janet



Steve Kady & Michael Chavez recognize Janet Walker for her support to our Thanksgiving Dinners.  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

is the owner of the Fat Boy's Bar and Grill in Aurora and has donated the pumpkin pies for our Thanksgiving Dinner for the past few

years. **Thanks, Janet, for your generous support!**

**Rockies Thank You Letter:** Michael Chavez also announced that he had received a nice thank you note from the Colorado Rockies. They thanked Monaco South Optimist Club for our help with their giveaway promotions at Coors Field during the baseball season. The good news is, we have been invited back to participate again next year.

**OCMS Holiday Party:** Frank Middleton reminded us that the annual Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cherry Creek Country Club, with dinner and entertainment. Frank said a signup sheet will be circulated in the next few weeks. This is a very prestigious event that everybody who is anybody should attend. Be sure to reserve your place by getting your name and the name of your guest on the list.

**King Soopers & Safeway Reloadable Cards:**

While he had the floor, Frank Middleton said he was making a list of who is naughty and nice when it comes to supporting the club by using King Soopers and Safeway Gift Cards. He is also making a list of people to give the gift cards to during the holiday season. So far, he has come up with giving them to your family members, the neighbors, your friends, the gardener, handyman, barber, plumber, and paperboy, if you still have one. Ron Cisco said, "Don't forget the mailman."



**Super Citizen Awards & Greeters:** There will be a Super Citizen presentation at Bradley International School at 1 p.m. today. Jon Wachter needs a couple of guys to help him and John Oss with the awards presentation. Jon also is looking for greeters over the next several weeks. Let Jon know if you can help with the awards presentation or as a greeter.

**Optimist Club's Fall Kickoff Social/Soiree:** If you plan to attend the CO-WY District Fall Soiree on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, you need to sign up by today. Otherwise, you will be left out in the cold in more ways than one. You will find the signup form attached to GUMS distribution email. Greg Young is still looking for items of interest for the silent auction to be run during the Soiree. If you wish to donate any items for the auction, give them to Greg at any membership meeting. All proceeds raised in the auction will be returned to clubs participating in the auction.



Greg also reminded us that Dr. Ed's Peral Grandfather is still available. If you would like to buy this clock, some of the proceeds may find their way back to Monaco South. If you want this clock, send your bid to Greg Young right away via phone 303-756-3921 or email [gndyoung@comcast.net](mailto:gndyoung@comcast.net).

**Thanksgiving Baskets:** Jim Easton reminds all members that the Thanksgiving Baskets project is well under way. Monaco South puts together food baskets for needy families over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. It insures these families will enjoy a nice dinner this time of year. Jim will need volunteers to distribute the baskets on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.



## Announcements Continued

**Boy Scout Pumpkin Sale:** **Bob Avery** indicated that the Boy Scouts have not seen many Optimists at the pumpkin sale. As you know, the Boy Scouts sell pumpkins as a fundraiser the few weeks prior to Halloween. They are located on the southeast corner of Belleview and Holly and would like Optimists to come out this weekend to get a pumpkin or two.

### Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center: Ken Duffy



Ken Duffy & Shari Shink show pictures of the 1978 Volkswagen Bug.

and his guest **Shari Shink** pitched a raffle for the Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center. No, they are not giving away the Law Center, they are giving away a pristine classic 1978 Volkswagen Bug as a fundraiser for the Children's Law Center. The tickets are only two hundred dollars each and they will be selling only 500 tickets. Talk to Ken or Shari to get your tickets.

**Dues are Due:** A reminder that membership dues are due now. If you have paid, *Thank You*. If you have not, time is running out for the discount. You can save \$5.00 off the yearly dues IF you get them paid by the end of October. The discount is not available if you choose to pay in quarterly installments. You can pay via the Monaco South website, but the discount is not available there, either. Greg will appreciate prompt payment, but he will send Guido out to your house if necessary.

**Fat Boy's Endorsement:** **John Greene** gives the Greene Endorsement to [Fat Boy's Bar and Grille](#). He and Verlie noticed that the parking lot was always full of cars, so they decided to try it and now it is one of their favorite places to go. Should we tell him they also sell used cars? For an interesting read, see "Westword" has to say, [CLICK HERE](#).

### Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Financial Reports

Treasurer **Greg Young** shares the Clubs Financial position—see attached to the GUMS distribution email. The reports show that the club achieved a favorable balance compared to the budget for the fiscal year in the amount of \$5337.26. We had revenue that exceeded budget by \$13,384.35. This excess revenue allowed us to do more service projects. We expended a total of \$48,237.66 on service projects, an increase of \$12,627.66 more than budgeted. Additionally, due to reduced Club Operating expenses, we achieved the overall favorable performance.

As a result of this performance, our reserves have increased to \$56,314.12 (total equity in statement of financial position), or \$16,314 more than our desired reserves of \$40,000 (per club policies, Section 17).

This allows us some flexibility in budgeting for the upcoming year, and the Board has approved a budget that will, if totally achieved, expend \$9,091.55 of this reserve excess on youth projects, which is included in the total budget expenditure planned which will be \$42,391.65 in youth projects.

For questions, please contact: Greg at 303-759-3921.

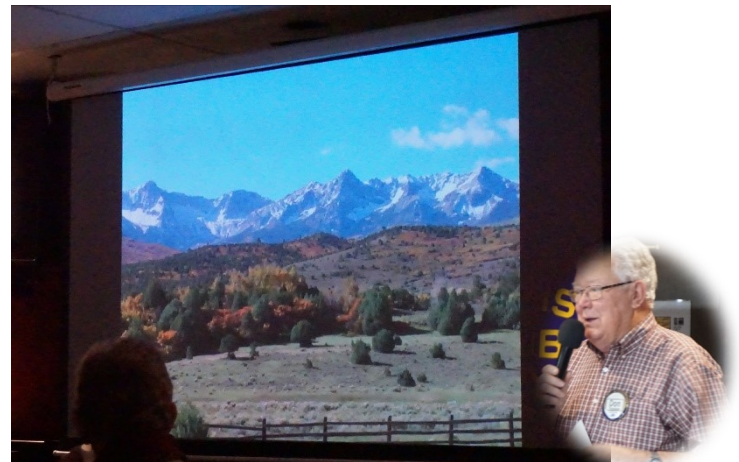
## Through My Lens: Aspen Vistas

Don Thomson

Our speaker for the morning was our very own **Don**



**Thomson**. Don is an amateur photographer and searches the region for great landscape shots. One of his favorite places to go is Southwest Colorado at this time of year. He described three routes that he often takes through the area and gave us a slide show of some of the photos he has snapped during his travels. They were absolutely gorgeous and would be suitable for framing. In fact, he said he has not sold any of the images but has several framed a hanging in his house and he has given many away to friends. He says that the secret is to be at the right place at the right time. The photos that he showed us were of mountain peaks and forests of Aspen and Pine trees. He also talked a bit about his favorite cameras and lenses. Truly magnificent work, Don.



## Drawing: Cups of Cash

The lucky drawing winners this week included **Oscar Sorensen, Paul Gibson, Russ Paul, Tom Mauro, Karl Geil**, our guest **Janet Walker** and the Costa Rica man, **Randy Marcove**.

Both **Allen Malask** and **Ed Collins** won chances to draw the cards but had no luck. **Tom Mauro's** name was called for his name badge, but he too had no luck with the cards. The pot is up to \$60.00 next week.



### TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER IN LIFE:

"Take care of your thoughts when you are alone", and "Take care of your words when you are with people."



I don't have time to worry about who doesn't like me.

I'm too busy loving the people who love me.



November Super Citizen Presenters		
Nov 16 @ 8:15	Holm	?
Nov 27 @ 2:30	MPB	?

Weekly Greeters	
11/2/18	Mark Metavia & Russ Paul
11/9/18	Andy Towt & 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>

Nov 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Kendra Black & Frank Rowe, Land Acquisition for New Parks
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: TBA
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>

**2018 - 2019 Officers**

President	Everett Gardner	949-246-0984
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**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 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		
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.