



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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Good Morning Optimist

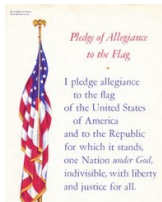
Perry Allen and Tom Glazier saw a need, took charge and began greeting and shaking hands with warmth and vigor on this Friday morning, starting at 6:29 a.m., September 22nd, 2017.



Perry Allen & Tom Glazier
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Invocation & Pledge

Frank Middleton gave our invocation, and shared a message asking us to work to understand and appreciate our neighbors in an effort to establish and maintain international accord. He then led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*.



From the Prez

Honor Club: We should be an honor club!

Thanks to a fantastic push over these last few weeks, including the new members shown above, we made it! Congrats to all.

New Members in attendance were **Mark Smith, Mark Westlund, Cliff Eley, Bill Litchfield** (come back again to join us), and **Todd Sterling**.

Celebrate Your Optimism Banquet: The installation banquet was held on Saturday night. President **Craig Eley** counted approximately 80 attendees. He cited the double line buffet as his highlight. In addition, there were awards handed out. The recipients were:

- ♦ **Paul Bernard** was awarded the Optimist of the Year for his excellent work with our speaker program.
- ♦ Optimist International sent a medallion Builder of Excellence award to **John Young**. John not only sponsored 75 new members into Optimist he was instrumental in starting the ladies Tamarac Club

25 years ago which is thriving.

- ♦ The Marlin Kent Eternal Optimist Award went to **Don St. John**, who had eight family members in attendance at the banquet to celebrate.

CO-WY Governor and MSOC member **Paul Simon** shared a state of the district report.

New Monaco South board members and incoming President **Jim Easton** were sworn in.

Michael Chavez did a great job arranging everything. President Eley is concerned that it will be a hard act to follow.

MSOC Award: President Craig presented one award today to **Joe Marci** for his work on Jr. Golf. A golf license plate holder.



President Craig presented Joe Marci with a golf license plate holder.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Invitation from Tamarac: Monaco South members and their spouses are invited to visit the Tamarac Club meeting on Thursday evening, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church (corner of Hampden & Monaco) to hear a special speaker. **Dr. Brad Neider**, "The Healthy Humorist," and nephew of former Monaco South president **Stan Cohen**, who no longer practices medicine except through humor. Dr. Brad gets paid substantial fees when speaking to conventions in the US and abroad. If you need a bit of humor, and who doesn't these days? — come join the Tamarac ladies September 28th to hear "The Healthy Humorist."

Thank You Notes: President Craig had three thank you notes to share:

- Brent's Place said thank for our help with their pancake breakfast.
- City Council woman Kendra Black expressed thanks for our help on the South by Southwest event.
- The YMCA wrote a note that 393 kids received

Open up
and say "Ha!"



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*****

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From the Prez Continued

financial assistance to make it to camps this summer, and our donation was part of making that happen.

Thank You to the Prez

Phil Perington came to the stage with a "thank you and farewell" for Craig. He presented him a baseball cap from the land of sky-blue waters — "It's a Hamm's."



Phil Perington presents a "Hamm's" cap for the exiting MSOC president for 2016-2017.
Photo Noel Hasselgren



Announcements

Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club Fundraiser: **Greg Young** reminds us of the Type 1 Diabetes Optimistic Club Fundraiser with Touchstone Crystal by Swarovski Jewelry. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Optimist T1DOC.

Touchstone Crystal by Swarovski is the direct sales company of Swarovski Crystals. You won't find their designs in the mall stores. They have jewelry for everyone's style and budget. Pieces come in rhodium and gold plating, brass, and sterling silver. Swarovski crystals, pearls or CZ's in each piece. Shop early to dress up your Fall wardrobe or to get a jump on your Holiday Shopping. Shop in person on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at The Citron Bistro, 3535 S. Yosemite Street, Denver from 4 to 7 p.m. in the private room.

Member Recruiting: **Greg Young** also shared that he was at Most Precious Blood last Tuesday for the Super Citizen Assembly. He took advantage of the opportunity to hand out MSOC invocation cards to proud dads in attendance to invite them to one of our breakfast meetings. He encouraged all of us to carry MSOC invocation cards.

Junior Golf Tournament: **Joe Marci** passed around a signup sheet for a Junior Golf tournament on October 14 and 15 at Green Valley Ranch. They anticipate having 100 kids, of whom 25 will go to Florida for the national tournament. If you are able to help, signup or let Joe know.

Halloween Pumpkin Patch: **Bob Avery** announced that Boy Scout Troop 457 will be setting up their annual pumpkin patch, and could use some help unloading a semi-truck full of pumpkins. The fun begins next Sat-

urday, September 30th at 9 a.m. If you can assist, it will be at the southeast corner of S. Holly and E. Bellevue. Bob passed around a sign, or give him a call.



2017 - 2018 Budget: **Jim Easton**, our President-elect, reported on the budget meeting that was held on Wednesday. The club project list was updated, and a few new ideas were approved. The budget was finalized and includes some money for school supplies for our Super Citizen program schools. School reps need to see treasure **Greg Young** to get a check to pass along to your school.

Junior Optimist International: **Jon Wachter** was at Bradley Elementary twice recently, and announced that 45 - 5th graders have signed up for the JOI club! Jon will be back next week for the club elections. Jon is looking for one or two Monaco South members to help out, since the club has grown so much. Please reach out to Jon if you are interested.



Super Citizen Presenters: **Bob Finkelmeier** standing in for Dr. **Rob Gardner**, he said that our Super Citizen presentations at schools are starting up and we need SC presenters for these presentations. If you can assist contact Rob or one of the SC Reps. They are: Bradley International School, **Randy Marcove**; Hamilton Middle School, **Tom Mauro & Karl Geil**; Holm Elementary School, **Donlie Smith**; Lowry Elementary School, **Paul Stratton**; McMeen Elementary School, **Don Thomson**; Most Precious Blood Catholic School, **Gary Miller**; Samuels Elementary School, **Kent Gloor**; and for Slavens Elementary School, **Tom Hoch**.

New Member Email for GUMS: **Bob Finkelmeier** also announced that new members should have received an introductory email from him, so that they can get the newsletter weekly. So check your email inbox and/or your spam folder in search of Dr. Bob's email and be sure to add his address to your contacts! Of course, if you are reading this, you have already done that!



Alzheimer's Walk Update: **Cap Hermann** was not able to join us this Friday, but he emailed the details about the Club members who volunteered their time and assisted at the Alzheimer's Walk on Saturday, September 16. The group included: **Mark Metevia**, **Gary Strowbridge**, **Tom Kramis**, **Don Roth**, **Kent Gloor**, **John Swick**, **George Buzick**, **Allen Malask**, **Russ Paul**, and **Noel Hasselgren**. Well done gentlemen — Cap and the Alzheimer's Association appreciated your help.



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Member Moments

Since we did not have a speaker, **President Craig**



asked our own Governor **Paul Simon** to take 5-minutes and tell us about himself.

First, Paul said congratulations to MSOC on becoming an honor club. The CO-WY District is minus two members for the year, even overcoming three clubs folding. Plus, we achieved a new

club within a club in Arvada, which is starting next week, and it looks like it will bring in 15 new members.

A little about Paul: He was born in Yucaipa, an unincorporated town, in Southern California. www.yucaipa.org He attended college at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and then earned his master's degree from the University of California Northridge. He became a newspaper reporter in Ventura, California, and then moved to downtown L.A. and worked for the Associated Press. One assignment he had was to write the obituary of Jay Silverheels, the actor who played Tonto on TV for years. Paul called Clayton Moore (TV's The Lone Ranger) and asked him for comment. But Moore was not aware, so Paul was the person who notified him of the death of a good friend.

In 1989, Paul moved to Omaha and became the bureau chief for 10 years. During this time he became a Big Red fan. (Editor's note: we all knew he was a Dodgers fan, but

Nebraska too?) Paul moved to Denver in 2000, got married and joined the Internet world. He's had a number of jobs in Colorado, including working for the Denver Post for 4 years. He is now the Central Campus manager of the [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute \(OLLI\)](http://www.osherlifelong.org).

Tom Mauro introduced Paul to Monaco South in 2002. Paul encouraged all of us to get involved in the club! Leadership has led to great things for Paul. His favorite memory during his year as club president was Don St. John Day.

Thanks for letting us get to know you, Paul!



Clayton Moore, aka The Lone Ranger, and Jay Silverheels, aka Tonto in 1949.

Drawing

We had a Drawing with only two cards remaining in the deck and the six of diamonds was worth \$20. **Bill Morgan** was the first to be called and to give it a try; and he landed on the right side of the 50/50 chance! *Congrats Bill!*

Cups of cash went to: **Ed Collins, Craig Eley, Jim Easton, Jack Kleinhessel, Paul Stratton, and Steve Kady.**

Creed

Governor **Paul Simon** started off our creed: *Promise Yourself....*



Bill Morgan picks the right card to walk off with the \$20 pot.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Pictures Celebrate Optimism Installation

All the pictures can be found at @ <https://photos.app.goo.gl/OYF8KyZAARzrPRUg1>



September Super Citizen Presenters

Sept 28 @ 1:00	McMeen	?
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Weekly Greeters

9/29/17	Gary Strowbridge & Tom Kramis
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Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40th Year — Chartered in 1976

See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

Sept 27 Wed	6:30 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Sept 28 Thur	7:00 pm	Invited to Tamarac Club, Calvary Baptist Church; Dr. Brad Neider
Sept 29 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Oct 6 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
Gary Stowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96	Michael Chavez	2015-16

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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.