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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 38 Years
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Good Morning Optimist

Tree Lot Time for Monaco South

The morning began with a breathtaking sunrise, the annual appearance of **John Young's Tree Lot Delivery Truck** in the parking lot and a beautiful wreath on the front door. Arriving Optimists, shaking off a "Turkey Day Tryptophan hangover" were welcomed by effervescent Greeters **Barry (The Chili Champ) Barker** and **Dave (T-Bird) Peck**. Hearty handshakes and smiles abounded.

Not to be outdone our Catering Gals delivered a bountiful breakfast of sausage-mushroom-onion frittata, ham, cheese and egg breakfast biscuit sandwich, cheddar grits, fresh fruit sticks, juice, mini cupcakes and fresh brewed coffee. **Lynn Jones** commented that he was again a breakfast regular, and totally "all in" on the new spreads. (By the way, *Tryptophan is one of the 22 standard amino acids and an essential amino acid in the human diet, as demonstrated by its growth effects on rats. It is encoded in the standard genetic code as the codon UGG. Source: Wikipedia*)



Photo Gary Miller

Camaraderie

Morning sweatshirts donned assorted advertisements including, University of Colorado (**Gary Miller**), University of the Baltic (**Bryce Slaby**), Regis University (**Gary Strowbridge**), University of Redemption (**Paul Bernard**) and Bronco Fan (Don Iley). While Dr. Bob was heard discussing how many of our *Super Hero's*, including **Cy Regan** were holding up so well, in

light of the fact that Cy was doing double duty as breakfast cashier and grocery card *Super Salesman*. **Tom Hoch** was being the perfect gentleman because of having brought his grandson to breakfast. **Greg Hurd** was touting trains, planes, and automobiles to anyone willing to listen. **Kent Gloor** quietly snuck in the backdoor with a load of pumpkin pies. More on that later.



First Bell

President **John Oss** smartly gonged the morning bell and gathered the attention of all assembled. This month's editor, **Phil Perington** presented the Invocation. Our Daily commitment to Optimism and those we serve, followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Prez John thanked **Donlie Smith** for his excellent job (an annual occurrence) in organizing the **Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys and Girls Club** and **Don StJohn** for orchestrating it at Girls Incorporated. Donlie then thanked the **Hyatt Regency DTC**, our many volunteers (50+) and friends (20+) plus **Governor Abigail Nicholas**. Turkey dinners were served to 600+ kids, parents, and B-G Club staff members. He also gave out a big "hoorah" to **Russ** (Always There) **Paul** for his tremendous effort.

To see the Thanksgiving Dinner activities at Girls Inc., see **Tom Hoch's** latest documentary at <http://vimeo.com/112972600>.

November Birthdays

Prez John then searched the room for November Birthday Boys and discovered **Paul Bernard** was our only guy paying attention. However, it was not Paul's Birthday. A wonderful rendition of song and snickers followed away. Those with BD's are **Mark Adringa**, **Michael Chavez**, **Jack Kitchell**, **Mike McMahon**, **Nick Newey**, **Jack Rife**, **Cesar Rivera**,

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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****

Birthday's Continued

and **Brian Williams**. *Happy BD gentlemen!*

Those Who Have Been Missed

Returning members **Aaron Beery** and **Pat Bush** were welcomed back.

Guests

Don Iley introduced his son **David**, who commented that the reason he volunteers every year at the Turkey Dinner was because he felt it was important to be a part of helping kids and their families. You are a good guy David, thank you!

Tom Hoch introduced his grandson **Jack**, who also helped serve dinners at the Girls Club. There was some mention of meeting new girls as an added benefit. Jack smiled but had no comment. Welcome to our Club Jack. We all hope to see both you and David again soon. You gentlemen are truly future leaders.

Kent Gloor introduced new FOO (Friend of Optimist) member **Everett Gardner**. Everett has visited us before and we are all pleased with his decision to be a part of the Optimist Family. Welcome aboard Everett!

Announcements

Thanksgiving Baskets: **Bob Avery**, previous Co-Chair of the Turkey and Christmas Basket Committee, thanked New Chairs, **Jim Easton** and **Allen Pierce** for their excellent job in organizing the Thanksgiving Basket delivery program. Club Volunteers delivered 45 baskets to families in the area. A big Thank you is given out to **SAFEWAY** for boxing the turkeys and trimmings.



Rocky Mountain Train Show: **Greg (woo-woo) Hurd** announced the Annual Rocky Mountain Train Show at the Merchandise Mart this weekend. This is the largest show between Chicago and the West Coast. All train aficionados should make an effort to attend. It was noted that the oldest train set in the U.S., previously located in the basement of Denver Union Station has been disassembled and scattered around the area in 20 or so homes. Efforts to relocate the assembly at Forney Museum have not been successful.

Holiday Party: **Frank Middleton** reminded everyone the Holiday Christmas Party at Glenmoor Country Club is just around the corner and RSVP's need to be made for the Saturday, December 20 event. The cost of Dinner is \$26 per person.

White Elephant Gift Exchange: Santa **Oscar Sorensen**, not to be outdone then reminded every one of the Santa Party at our Friday meeting on the 19th. Do not forget to bring a present, but if you do not have one, there will be extras.



All hands on deck!

You need to sign-up to work the tree lot. Members are needed each day, on all shifts throughout the month of December to sell trees, etc. Bring gloves and wear warm work clothes.

Thanks for your support!

To sign-up for work shifts go to MSOC webpage at <http://www.monacosouth.org/> and click on "Members Only." To log click on "HERE" and a dropdown sign in box will become evident. *User Name:* msoc76, *Password:* xmas2014. **If you need assistance with signing up or changing your schedule, contact one of the Lot Day Managers.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
J.R. Gieck (949) 636-7614 Cap Hermann (303) 695-7769	Greg Young (303) 886-1110 Russ Paul (720) 431-0449	Jon Wachter (303) 204-5645 Jack Kleinheksel (720) 938-1760	Don Iley (303) 840-7706 Ron Gustas (720) 934-3566
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Tom Glazier (303) 522-5214 Jon Wachter (303) 204-5645	Cut Boell (303) 980-1893 Steve Kady (303) 931-1470	John Oss (720) 210-8056 Pat Bush (720) 254-3741	

Tree Lot Phone: (303) 960-5995

Tree Lot Update: **Craig Eley** announced to all, that the Tree Lot comes to life today, November 28th and anyone who has time is requested to help set up the Lot. Next weekend, starting December 6th the Santa Haus will be opening weekends throughout December. Tamarac Optimist ladies will be on site to help price and tag the trees. Scott Walker will lead the charge drilling holes in the bases. New Christmas Holiday CD's have been acquired and there is great hope that the TV will be up and running by Sunday. It was also mentioned that we still need Santa volunteers for the weekend shifts.

Joe Marci reported that the first delivery of trees would be approximately 330, followed by two more deliveries totaling 1,000 or so. Our goal for the year is a little over 1,000 sales. **Mike Miller** will be handling the deliveries of trees, wreaths, garland, supplies, and mistletoe. We have been issued our city permits and **Gary Miller** will be in charge of the generator and related electrical issues. Tree donations will go out to ten Denver Public Schools for decorating and delivery to families in need. We will again have a drawing for a free tree to capture customer email addresses. Club members are not eligible and are again reminded TIPS belong to the Club. We sent out 900 mails from last year's customer entries and encourage every customer to enter the drawing. Our target is for a net profit again this year. **WE CAN DO THIS!**

Annual Tree Lot Chili Cook-Off Contest: **Ron Cisco** has determined the Chili Cook-Off Contest will be on the 21st. We need at least six entries to hold the event, so please sign up ASAP if you think your chili is championship material. Ron also assured there would be a full refrigerator for deli sandwiches and

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snacks. Should you need something, let him know. Should you have an urge to purchase food for yourself or other volunteers, consider it as your gift, not Monaco South's. In closing, Ron stated that Oscar has loaded up on popcorn, coffee, and cocoa supplies, so they are already on hand.

How to Sign-Up for the Tree Lot



Jon Wachter and **Paul Bernard** presented a comprehensive presentation on how to sign up for the tree lot and the importance of having at least four men on every shift. Please see below. They added that we should always have fun, be helpful, and not to forget to tell folks we can deliver their trees within five miles if necessary.

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Once you see the calendar **click** on the magnifying glass

 to view, and **click** on the pencil  to add or edit your name in the appropriate shift area. Be sure to not wipe out other entries, and be sure to SAVE when you are done editing.

Other Items

Pumpkin Pie Auction: **Kent Gloor** brought 21 Pumpkin Pies left over from the Thanksgiving Dinner to breakfast. As you will recall, **Steve Kady** connected with Hugo Gonzales, owner of 4G's Mexican Restaurant located at 9th and Jersey, to donate 125 pumpkin pies and whipped cream. We evidently had plenty. An energetic auction took place at a price of \$2.00 per pie or 2 for \$5. The pace was brisk and all were sold. Thanks Kent, more \$\$ for next year.

Passing Of Scott's Best Friend: There was a bit of sad news. **Scott Walker's** companion and pal Hunter, after 15 years, peacefully passed on to Doggie Heaven. As some may recall Hunter would bark 7 times when asked what John Elway's number was and he was able to add and subtract. He was a good dog and will be missed greatly by many.

Super Citizen School Holm Elementary: Holm Elementary made the *Denver Post*, *YourHub* this past Thursday, November 27. The article focused on the schools diversity. A copy is attached to the GUMS email distribution email. Nice work to FOS member **James Metcalf**, his faculty, and staff.

Drawing: Nine of Hearts

There were cup winners among the lucky ticket holders that included, **Frank Middleton**, **Bob Avery**, new member **Everett Gardner**, **Cy Regan**, **Donlie Smith** and somebody else. The Pot went uncollected. **Scott Walker** was the name tag chip winner, but missed the draw.

Closing Creed

Aaron Beery, started our closing Creed "... Forget the mistakes of the Past and Press on to the Greater Achievements of the Future..."

At right Tree Lot overseers Joe Marci and Gary Miller show off the donated diesel electric generator—the green object on the right—that will power our tree lot. Thank you gentlemen for all you have been doing for this fundraising event.



Weekly Greeters	
12/5/14	Jack Kleinheksel & Kevin Koalenz
12/12/14	Ralph Petersen & ?
12/19/14	Al Gapuzan & ?
12/26/14	Frank Ross & ?
Need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or jon_wachter@msn.com	

Super Citizen Presenters Dec.		
Dec. 12 @ 8:30	Slavens	?
Dec. 16 @ 1:00	Samuels	Gary Strowbridge
Dec. 17 @ 2:30	MPB	John Swick
Dec. 18 @ 1:30	McMeen	?
Dec. 18 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Casey Funk
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 gardnerrb@gmail.com		

Dec 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Paul Simon, New District Website
Dec 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Dec 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - MSOC Santa's Gift Exchange
Dec 20	Sat	6:00 pm	Holiday Party, Glenmoor Country Club, Dinner & Entertainment
Dec 25			Christmas Day
Dec 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Kids to Breakfast

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

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

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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.