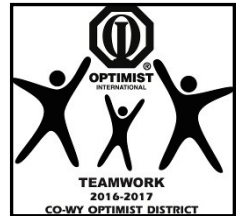




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Good Morning Optimist
On this New Year's Weekend



Kids to Breakfast

Greeters **Kent Gloor** and sitting in for **OC Lawson**, a stubborn yet optimistic **Jon Wachter**, who was wearing his Bronco jersey, and who was warmly and enthusiastically “waving in” the arriving crowd of kids, guests and crew. The sumptuous buffet of pancakes, French toast sticks, scrambled eggs, tater tots, sausage patties, banana fountain, coffee and tea was being served a little later than usual, to accommodate all the sleepy kiddos.

Morning Camaraderie

Still preening and chortling over last week’s winning of the \$100 pot drawing, **Tom Hoch**, now a “Table of Wisdom” member, allowed **Paul Bernard** a seat. To which Paul responded, “*I am confident that in time I may be able to sit here, but I’ll pass.*”

Bronco season ticket holder, **Ron Cisco** was chiding this editor for his bets on the Broncos winning the Super Bowl and alluding to poor judgement, to which came the response was, “*I still buy postage stamps Ron.*”

Noel Hasselgren was sitting in for Cashier **Gary Miller** and taking photo shots as well. What a guy! Unfortunately though, the photos did not make it to the chief GUMS editor since he left the meeting early.

Pat Bush was avidly taking attendance for an absent **Bob Avery**.

Mike McMahon in full Bronco Orange and **Donlie Smith** donning his CU attire remained calm, collected and full of great hope for 2017.

Wyatt McCallie and **Tom Mauro** were cordially sharing mutual respect over the \$200 they had exchanged betting against each other in 2016.

Dick Nickoloff was proudly introducing his son Peter to all and were truly enjoying themselves.

The morning crowd kept streaming in and suddenly the room was packed, filled with kiddo laughter and camaraderie.

First Bell

President **Craig Eley** gaveled the gathering to order at the crack of 7:30. A bit later than normal to accommodate our Kids and guests.

Invocation

John Young presented the Invocation, “*Oh timeless God, we are thankful for our children....*” This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and one last cry of “*play ball and catch the ball!*”

Everyone is looking forward to a successful and satisfying 2017.

From the Prez

“*The Holiday Party is Coming!*” Mark your new 2017 calendar that on Thursday, January 5th from 6 to 9



p.m. we will be celebrating. The gathering will be at the Capitol Hill Tavern located at 1225 Logan Street, E. 12th Ave. and Logan St.

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MSOC Holiday Party

Celebrate the New Year

Thursday, January 5th at the Capitol Hill Tavern, located at 1225 Logan Street, from 6 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

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****

From the Prez Continued

The Capital Hill Tavern is a recently renovated 1900's Victorian style mansion and transformed from one of the first flower shops in the Mile High City into one of the premier hot spots for upscale dining and beverages within the Capitol Hill area.

The cost for this gathering is \$5 per person. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Free parking is available behind the Capital Hill Tavern between the Colorado Association of School Boards building in back alley of Grant St. and Logan St. on East 12th Ave.

Brain Bowl: With the first 2017 Tournament next Saturday, January 7th, volunteers are needed. This event will be held at Standley Lake High School, 9300



W. 104th Avenue, in Westminster, CO, starting at 6:45 a.m. **Karl Geil** has requested anyone interested in being a Reader to please sign up quickly. The next Reader Training is Tuesday, January 3rd, starting at 6 p.m. at Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E. Dartmouth Ave. Other volunteers are needed to assist in keeping score, keeping time and perform various other duties. If you would like to help, contact Karl or **Paul Simon**.

Guests

Dick Nickoloff, presented his son Peter, visiting from Maryland and experiencing the Monaco South Magic show for the first time.

Phil Perington, introduced his wife Joanne, an attorney practicing and providing legal services in Colorado and North Carolina. She and Prez Craig were busy catching up on "lawyer and judge stuff."

Kids with Parents & Grandparents included:

- ⇒ Grandson Ryan, with Gary Miller
- ⇒ Sons Nate and Max, with **Mike and Kim McMahon**
- ⇒ Granddaughters Gabriella and Antonia (cup winner), with **Joe Marci**
- ⇒ Grandsons Braden (cup and drawing) and Jamie, with **Greg Young**
- ⇒ Ellie and Tessa, with Aaron Knox (TI-DOC member)
- ⇒ First grandson Orion, and son Paul Eley (visiting from Vermont), with **Craig Eley**
- ⇒ Grandkids Levi, Nora and Lucy, with **Jim Vander Kamp** (returning from trip to Mexico with 8 kids and 10 adults)
- ⇒ Grandkids Sophie, Mason and Emerson, with **Bill Blunden**

Announcements

Annual Special Olympics Polar Plunge: **Mike McMahon** reminded everyone the Annual Special Olympics Polar Plunge, a cold water jump fundraiser is coming up soon. Members are encouraged to participate and noted there will be 12-16 years old jumpers available to assist those who may be in need getting in and out of the water. Please consider making a pledge

on the sign up sheet if you cannot take the plunge.

Meeting Speakers: **Paul Bernard**, the Club's Speaker Coordinator, requested anyone who has a speaker representing specific club programs to contact him. Giving four to six weeks or longer helps in making the necessary arrangements. Paul can be reached by email, pxbernard@gmail.com or phone 720-339-8025.

2016 Tree Lot Highlights: **Joe Marci** said, "This year the tree lot sold 1375 trees or 66 more than we did in 2015. Our all time record is 1454 trees sold in 1999. We exceeded 1400 trees sold in 2001, 2005, and 2006. All of these trees were sold by our outstanding members who braved the cold and snow over the many years. We were fortunate this year to have good weather for the entire month—well one or two days of snow—allowing us to enjoy working the lot outdoors. Thanks to everyone who helped make this another great year for the club.

Remember, those members who took a tree have the month of January to make final payment to our treasurer. Invoices were handed out or emailed to everyone for whom we had a record of taking a tree or wreath. There were 90 members who worked the tree lot this year which is one less than in 2015. The tree lot was cleaned up in record time and the warehouse is well organized for the coming year. Again thanks to everyone for making this another great tree lot fundraiser!"

Thanksgiving Thank You Presentations: **Steve Kady** shared that he and **Michael Chavez** made "Thank you" presentations to Janet Walker, owner of Fat Boy's Bar & Grill, 10660 E. Alameda Ave. in Aurora, and Hugo Gonzales of 4 G's Mexican Restaurant, 900 Jersey St, Denver for supplying pies for the Bill Walter's Thanksgiving dinners at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver and Girls Inc. Hugo supplied provided 150 pies and Janet provided us with 50. There were enough pies leftover that we were able to put one in each of the Christmas baskets.



Hugo Gonzales, left,
with Michael Chavez.



Janet Walker
with Michael Chavez.
Photos Steve Kady

BMW Car Keys Found: **Tom Glazier** reported that a BMW key was found by in a bag that a White Elephant gift came in. It has an Englewood High School flashlight attached to it. Call Tom at 303-522-5214 to either pick up the key or give him the Beemer that goes with it.

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Kids to Breakfast Entertainment Magician Tommy Walker

Guest entertainment and magician extraordinaire **Tommy Walker**, an award winning young professional magician who currently attends DU, was our special entertainment. As we enjoyed Tommy's presentation we all learned he has a soft spot in his heart for clown noses. (Editor: Tommy must have enjoyed watching Robin William's portraying Hunter "Patch" Adams in the movie of the same name.) And, we were treated to a very funny and magical show designed for both kids and adults. It consisted of a plethora of amusing trickery, including:

1. Involved a speedy little green ball that could not stay in one place or keep from disappearing and reappearing everywhere.
2. Consisted of a 5-card trick that kept getting higher and smaller to everyone's amazement.
3. The confusing Hoop shuffle with 3 to 6 to 12 hoops all in motion at one time.
4. The old egg in the bag enigma. Volunteer Sophie helps the ever-elusive egg disappear & reappear, always in tack and without any damage whatsoever.
5. Rope trick with no trap door. Static electricity makes it



all happen.

6. The rope keeps getting longer, shorter and more complex at every turn of the hand.
7. The humorous newspaper ads turn into a full sheet in one fell swoop.
8. The Aaron Girls, to the tune of "Girls just want to have fun" take a journey that ends up with Tommy pulling a long and colorful string of a brightly colored cloth out of Ellie's closed fist.
9. Tommy's favorite 4000-year-old Egyptian trick using hieroglyphs, bouncing balls, silver cups and sleight of hand maneuvers.
10. The famous 3-card Monty apparently originated from this mind-boggling rotation and manipulation of hand and cups.

Everyone was thoroughly entertained, amazed and fascinated by Tommy and his bag of tricks.

We all look forward to having him again for more magic and fun. **Prez Craig** presented Tommy with a thank you cup that instantly he made disappear.

All Kids to Breakfast Photos can be found at
<https://goo.gl/photos/XTkyKor3X3zjfb2w9>

Photos by Craig Eley



Is There a Drawing?

It was the Queen of Spades for a pot of \$20 bucks. Cups went to: **Jon Wachter (2), Scottie Walker, Mike White** and Braden Young. Drawing for the \$20 was Antonia (**Joe Marci** granddaughter), but no winner. Drawing for wearing his Badge: **Lynn Jones**. Nada

Gary Miller Leads the Creed

Weekly Greeters

1/6/17	Al Gapuzan & Phil Perington
1/13/17	Bob Avery & Scott Walker
1/20/17	Steve Kady & Allen Malask
1/27/17	John Young & ?

January Super Citizen Presenters

Jan 18 @ 2:30	MPB	John Scarborough
Jan 26 @ 1:00	McMeen	?
Jan 27 @ 3:00	Bradley	Mark Metevia

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40th Year — Chartered in 1976

Jan 1	Sun		HAPPY NEW YEAR
Jan 5	Thur	6:00 pm	Holiday Party, Capital Hill Tavern, 1225 Logan St., Denver
Jan 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Jan 7	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl, North Region Tournament, Standley Lake High School, 9300 W. 104th Avenue
Jan 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Jan 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Jan 21	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl, Central Region Tournament, Heritage High School, 1401 W Geddes Avenue
Jan 25	Wed	6:30 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way

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

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
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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
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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.