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Serving Youth and the Community for 39 Years
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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush



Good Morning Optimist

It was cold this morning. So cold I saw one jackrabbit pushing another jackrabbit to get him jump started. However, our official greeters **Joe Marci** and our new president, **Michael Chavez** warmed us quickly with their smiling faces and warm handshakes.

Invocation & Pledge

John Oss delivered our invocation thanking “God for Thanksgiving Day.” He informed us that George Washington started the Thanksgiving Day tradition and that Abraham Lincoln made the fourth Thursday of each November the official day for giving Thanks for all of our Blessings. Today we gave thanks for being members in the best club in the best organization in the best country in the world.



Guests

Steve Kady introduced **Barry Wisdom** of Denver Promotional Products as his guest this morning. Barry supported us in obtaining our new Tree Lot sign.

Additionally, **Jack Kitchell** brought his niece, **Mae Allen**. As Mae introduced herself, she corrected Jack and told us she was the one that brought Jack.

Announcements

Since this was Camaraderie Day, Prez **Michael Chavez** pushed the agenda right into Club Announcements.

Thanksgiving Baskets: **Allen Pierce** thanked all the members that helped with putting together and delivering the Thanksgiving Food Baskets last Saturday. They delivered a total of 83 food baskets to under privileged families for the Thanksgiving holiday. The names of the families were provided by the schools that we work with throughout the year. *Editor:* I heard through the grapevine that the delivery went smoother than ever as all of the families that my source visited were at home and expecting the delivery.



Photo John Oss

This eliminated time expended to make re-deliveries. He thought that all of the families had been phoned and told to expect the baskets. Thanks have to go out to project chairmen **Allen Pierce** and **Jim Easton**.

Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner: **Donlie Smith** reported via email, a new record for turkey, over 950 lbs., and over 800 meals served at the Boys & Girls Club and at Girls, Inc., **Don St. John** and his crew served over 200 meals. WOW, that is a record! My personal thanks to all that came to help and serve. The core group of workers were: **Russ Paul, Tom Glazier, Kent Gloor, John Swick, Bob Wardlaw, Phil Perington, Steve Kady, Barry Barker, Greg Young, Carl Brown, Greg Hurd, Don St. John, and Don Thomson**. Over 50 Optimists and friends came to help and it was a great evening of service!



Photo Craig Eley

Donlie, as reported by the official attendance keeper **Ron Cisco**, we had 57 Optimists and 10 wives and various family children. Those who took part were: **Bill Anderson, Harry Arkin & Jean, Bob Avery, Barry Barker, Sewell Black, Curt Boell, Carolyn & Colton Brown, George Buzick, Michael Chavez, Ed Collins, Chris Dunphy, Craig Eley, Harry Fegley, Bob Finkelmeier, Al Gapuzan & Donagene, Everett Gardner, Karl Geil & Lesley, J.R. Gieck, Tom Glazier, Kent Gloor, Mark Goodbody, John Greene, Noel Hasselgren, Tom Hoch, Greg Hurd & Andrew, Don Iley, Steve Kady, Jack Kitchell & Jan Collier, Jack Kleinheksel, Joe Marci, Mike McMahon & Kim, Curt Merrill & Trish, Frank Middleton, Gary Miller, Dick Nickloff, John Oss, Russ Paul, Phil Perington, Don Roth & Kathy, Terry Shroyer, Paul Simon, Donlie Smith, Oscar Sorensen, Don St. John & Charlene, Eldon Strong &**

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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



Roxie, **John Swick**, **David Telpner**, **Don Thomson**, **Mike White**, **Jim VanderKamp**, **John Wachter**, **Scott Walker**, **Robert Wardlaw**, **Brian Williams**, **Allen Yockey**, **Paul Gibson**, and **Gary Strowbridge**.

Pie serving expert **Kent Gloor** shared, **Brian Williams** was very helpful to getting the pie end of things accomplished. Brian directed preparation and presentation of the pies at the Boys & Girls Clubs dinner with a team of family members and volunteers from the club.

Book Drive Give Away: **Steve Kady** reported that Denver Bronco's defensive back **David Bruton** paid a visit to the Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner and handed out books collected by the Monaco South Optimist Club. As Steve tells us, the time has come to close the book on another project—*Pardon the pun*. The 2015 OCMS/David Bruton Book Drive was very successful ending. We were able to gather over 3,000 books from schools, libraries, churches, and basements.

Collection over 3,000 books in one month took some doing. The first 460 came from **Don Thomson**. His wife, Joyce, son-in-law Mark Butler, granddaughter Carla Butler, JoAnn Gagnet, and Karen Somes spent a Saturday checking and separating the books into different age groups. That was the beginning. My wife Susan and **Gary Strawbridge** were also instrumental in sorting the books. Then **Paul Stratton**, **Jim Easton**, **Gary Miller**, **Randy Marcove**, **Donlie Smith**, **Tom Mauro**, **Kent Gloor**, **Tom Hoch**, **Mike McMahon**, **Jon Watcher**, **Michael Chavez**, and **John Oss** all started bringing books in.

Thanks to **Allen Yockey** and his semi-empty garage, we



were able to store and sort the incoming books. **Tom Glazier** suggested that the books be placed in a bag when handing out to the children. Erica Baker, Manager of the Verizon store, was very quick to donate 800 bags to the

cause. These bags were the perfect size for the kids to carry their books home from the dinner.

When game day came, Allen Yockey and one of our newest members **Paul Gibson** load up their trucks. The clubs manager Steve Martinez, was able to give us a hand to unload and get the books into a secondary gym. David Bruton arrived in the gym to cheers and applause. You could tell that the kids were excited not only to see and speak to David, but when they received their books, curiosity, and enthusiasm was running wild.

This project was a first for OCMS. My sincere thanks to each and every one of you folks for pitching in to make it the success that it was.

Safeway & King Soopers Gift Cards: **Greg Young** tells us not to forget that King Soopers and/or Safeway gift cards make a perfect holiday gifts for our barbers, mailmen, gardeners, or any others who provide services to us throughout the year. If you purchase the gift card through the club, your gift could provide additional funding for our projects since the club gets up to 5% of the value of gift cards. Remember to remind those that you give cards, that they can refill the cards and keep on giving back to MSOC.

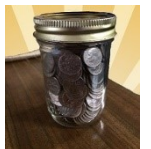
Urban Peak Drive: **Ron Gustas** reminds us that T1DOC is conducting a drive for clothing and other items used by young people to be donated to Urban Peak. Urban Peak provides shelter and outreach services to young people that are homeless or at risk of homelessness. They are always in need of items used by young people. Ron will be accepting donations over the next two weeks. He also says he would accept monetary donations that will be used to purchase such items if you are too busy to go shopping. Make checks out to T1DOC.

Happy Holidays from OI: Optimist International President **Dave Bruns**, announced that all new members added between December 1 and January 31, 2016 will not have to pay the New Member Fee. So get your friends and family to join and we will waive the \$35 New Member Fee for this period. [CLICK to see the Holiday message from Dave.](#)

TJHS Art & Craft 27th Annual Artisan Show: **Craig Eley** announced that the TJHS Art & Craft Fest is coming up on Saturday, December 12th. Monaco South provides parking direction for the ArtFest visitors and participants. He says he has enough volunteers at this point.

Tom Glazier added that he will be running his book sale from 9 to 3 p.m. and is looking for volunteers to help out. He will have a \$5 a bag sale, which start at 2 p.m. Call Tom at 303-522-5214 if you help. Additionally, if you have any books to donate, you can drop those off at the TJHS front office.

Dime-A-Day: **Perry Allen** was back in town from San Diego. While it is cold here, he was bragging about it being 65 degrees in San Diego. He plugged the Dime-A-Day program saying that he just received another check for \$36.50 this morning. His employer joined a dollar-a-day club with a donation of \$365.00. Perry also reminds us that the dime-a-day starts all over again at the beginning of each Optimist year. If you joined the Dime-A-Day program last year, it is time to renew your membership with another check for \$36.50 now. Since Perry will be going back to the warmer climate, give your check directly to **Greg Young**.



Brain Bowl: **Karl Giel** says the Brain Bowl is only 40 days away. The first regional tournament will be the North Competition on January 9th at Stanley Lake High School. All readers must go through training prior to their first reading. That means you have only two opportunities for training. The first is at Valmont Church in Boulder on Saturday, January 2nd from 9 a.m. to noon. The second training session will be at Heritage High School in Littleton on Tuesday, January 5th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. If you miss both of those training sessions, you will not be able to read in the first competition. A third reader training will be held on Saturday, January 23rd at Hamilton Middle School. That session will also go from 9 a.m. to noon. You can get more information; signup for reader training or volunteer to work tournaments on the Brain Bowl website at www.optimistbrainbowl.org.

CO-WY Optimist Junior Golf Tournament: **Joe Marci** announced that the Optimist Junior Golf Tournaments are already in the planning stages. The tournaments will again be held at the Flatirons Golf Course in Boulder and the Fitzsimmons Course in Aurora. The Colorado Junior Golf Association will be handling the golfer registration process this year. More information will be forth coming.

TREE LOT SIGN UP
Go to <http://www.monacosouth.org/>
Log in at the Members Only Page

Announcements Continued

Tree Lot Opens: Right after the meeting, several members spent the day setting up the Christmas Tree Lot. That's right fellas, we are now open for business. However, and there is always a "however" in life, we have very few members signed up to sell trees. **WE NEED HELP!** Please go on line and sign up for several shifts. Any member working 15 hours on the lot can buy their tree for the "Black Friday" price. That is right, you can buy at cost. Do not wait to sign up until all the prime slots are filled. By the way, the prime slots are on Wednesday's (find the link). Speaking of links, just go to www.monacosouth.org, "Members Only" page. Then click the Christmas Tree Lot link; fill in the User Name: msoc76; the Password: xmas2015 and you will get a calendar. Click the "Edit" link on the days you wish to work. That will bring up a page showing the four 3-hour work shifts for that day with all the volunteer's names that signed up before you. Hopefully the shift that you want to work is not filled and you can add your name. Do not forget to push the "Save" link at the bottom of the page and you are signed up. *Easy Peezey Limon Squeezey*. Repeat these steps for each day you can work. This is not a self-serve lot so we need a lot of help. There are plenty of jobs to be done, even if you can't do the heavy lifting. **PLEASE SIGN UP NOW!**



Michael Chavez shared this photo of OC Larson and his son unloading the first tree on the lot on Friday, November 27, 2015.

Photo Michael Chavez

The honor of buying the first tree this year went to Chad Swats and family. They showed up on Friday morning as we were still setting up, saying they were sent by MSOC's Brian Williams.

Photo Craig Eley



Photo Steve Kady & Craig Eley

Drawing

The lucky winners today were Jack Kleinheksel (Lucky Jack won twice), Karl Geil, Russ Paul, Perry Allen (back from San Diego), Tom Mauro, our guest Mae Allen, Allen Malask and Bob Avery. The big pot was up to \$100 so winners were eager to try their luck at drawing the card but the cards were cruel and the Big Pot Keeps Growing!

November Birthdays

For month: Mark Andringa, Michael Chavez, Jack Kitchell, Mike McMahon, Nick Newey, Tom Overton, Jack Rife, Don Roth, Steve Wera, and Brian Williams.

December Super Citizen Presenters

Dec 11 @ 8:30	Slavens	Bob Avery
Dec 16 @ 1:00	Samuels	Gary Strowbridge
Dec 16 @ 2:30	MBP	Don Roth
Dec 17 @ 1:00	McMeen	Mike White
Dec 17 @ 5:30	Hamilton	?

Be a Super Citizen Presenter
See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203
gardnerrb@gmail.com

Weekly Greeters

12/4/15	Paul Gibson & Bob Avery
12/11/15	Bryce Slaby & Tom Kramis
12/18/15	Ron Cisco & John Young

Help, Help, Help — we need Friday morning greeters,
see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or
jon_wachter@msn.com

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Dec 4 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Frank Middleton, The OI Pass Through Program. How to make a deductible gift that our club can use.
Dec 11 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Karl Giel, The Brain Bowl is Coming!
Dec 12 Sat	9:00 am	TJ Craft Fair Set-up - see Craig Eley & Tom Glazier
Dec 17 Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Dec 18 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Santa Gift Exchange
Dec 25 Fri	-----	Merry Christmas! — No meeting — eat breakfast at home —



**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 Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96		

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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.