

# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado  
Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush



### Good Morning Optimist Welcome!

We were greeted on a clear but chilly morning by **Terry Shroyer** and **Curt Boell**.

### Invocation & Pledge

**Paul Bernard** filled in for Reverend **Bob Coulson** this morning with the invocation. Paul gave thanks for all of our blessings and asked that we continue to work for the benefit of the community's youth.

### Guests

**Don Iley** introduced his customary guest for the Friday after Thanksgiving meeting. It is son **David**. Welcome David and we hope you enjoyed yourself at the meeting.

### Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner

President Jon gave a big thank you to **Donlie Smith**



and **Don St. John** for their hard work in organizing the Thanksgiving dinner at the Boys and Girls Club of Denver and Girls, Inc. We

had 45 members show up at the Boys and Girls Club and another 9 at Girls, Inc., along with spouse and friends. Special guest **Todd Helton** showed up with his wife, Christy and daughter, Tierney. They posed for pictures with the kids, signed autographs, and even served on the food line.

The Helton family did not just make an appearance and leave; they stayed the entire evening.

Donlie thanked **Russ Paul**, the "Turkey Herder, and presented him with a turkey-scented candle. **Phil Perington** was presented with dish soap and hand cream for his work



Donlie Smith on right, with one of his special friend-helpers.

Photo John Oss

in the kitchen. We had plenty of food at both sites and this editor did his part to eliminate the leftovers by eating twice as much. Despite my efforts, **Kent Gloor** was still selling leftover pies at our breakfast meeting.

He also reported the **Bill Walters Thanksgiving Din-**



Don StJohn, on far left, with his team at Girls, Inc.

Photo Don StJohn

ner at the BGC and Girls, Inc., is always a wonderful event for all club members. Approximately 770 lbs. of turkey (that is about 38 twenty-pound turkeys) and fix-ins was prepared by executive chief, **Sean Holden** of the **Hyatt Regency DTC** and delivered by **Marty Marcelly**, **K&M Catering**. The new GM of the Hyatt, **Michael Vance**, supported our efforts and is now an FOO member. Thanks also to all that attended and helped out including Bill's daughter, **Tonya Hardman**, and grandson, **Austin**.

**Steve Kady** arranged to have **Todd Helton** of the Rockies and his wife to serve and meeting the kids (we did not know that **Payton Manning** was in the building too).



Todd and his wife, Christy.



Above Todd Hilton with his daughter Tierney on the serving line.

Photos John Oss

**Holiday Party**  
**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:50 p.m.**  
**Aurora Golf Course Club House**  
**50 S Peoria St.**

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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

**Thanksgiving Basket Delivery:** Monaco South Optimist Club delivered several Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families last Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Ron Cisco** learned it was a small world when he delivered a basket to a family in north Denver. He was invited into the house to meet the family members and discovered a couple of the children had been named Super Citizens at Bradley International School. Ron said he was amazed that the kids traveled so far to attend school. It just goes to show what lengths parents will go to give their kids a good education. Thanks go to **Jim Easton** and **Allen Pierce** for organizing a very successful project.



**Super Citizen Awards:** The club made two more Super Citizen Awards presentations this past week. They were at Bradley International School and Holm Elementary. **John Stoffel** and **Fred Pasternack** handled the presentations. After the Bradley ceremonies, **Prez Jon** and **Randy Marcove** were asked to stay after and were presented with a \$100.00 check from one of the classes. The student's had collected money and goods for the recent flood victims and had some money left over. They all voted to give the extra money to the Optimist Club for the Super Citizen program. I guess there is truth to the saying what you give comes back many fold.

**Brain Bowl Signup:** Brain Bowl volunteer chairman **Paul Simon** did not go through all of the dates for the upcoming tournaments but did pass around two signup sheets for volunteers. One signup sheet is specifically for readers only but readers should sign both sheets. There are four separate tournaments throughout January and February. Several hundred Optimists are needed and Monaco South has been a major supporting club in the past. **Craig Eley** indicated that you do not necessarily need a brain to work the Brain Bowl.

**Pumpkin Pie Sale:** **Kent Gloor** announced that he was selling pumpkin pies. The pies were leftover from the Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner earlier in the week. He said that the price was been slashed to a low three dollars apiece for Black Friday. There was no limit on the number of pies that any one member could purchase.

**Holiday Party:** Just one more week 'til it's party time. **Frank Middleton** wanted to let you know that the doors open at 5:30 p.m. at the Aurora Hills Golf Course Clubhouse for the 2013 Monaco South Holiday Party. Tickets for this highbrow event are going for \$5.00 per person PLUS a potluck dinner side dish. If you are lucky, you will get the chance to show off your Karaoke skills and there will even be a cash bar. Frank reminds all members that the more they drink the less the cost for the facilities. Not to worry, the Sawaya Law Firm will pay for your cab ride home.

**TJ Craft Fair:** A dozen Monaco South volunteers gathered on a chilly Saturday morning on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Denver's Thomas Jefferson High School to direct crafter traffic for the TJ Craft Show. Donuts and Starbucks coffee

awaited them, and soon dozens of crafter cars were streaming onto the premises. With the help of some TJ students, the MSOCers directed the crafters to the correct unloading points and helped them carry their goods, tables, and signs into the gymnasium. By 8:30 the work was done. The hardy souls who showed up at 6:30 a.m. for this project included **John Young, Gary Miller, Oscar Sorensen, Kent Gloor, Tom Mauro, Craig Eley, Gary Strowbridge, Russ Paul, Joe Marci, Wyatt McCallie, Allen Malask,** and **George Buzick.** **Tom Glazier** came a little later and employed his professional book dealer skills to set up the used book sale at the Craft Show. He achieved sales of \$650 for the benefit of TJ!

**White Elephant Gift Exchange:** **Oscar Sorensen** reminded all members that the annual White Elephant Gift Exchange would be December 20<sup>th</sup>. There is no limit as to how much or how little you wish to spend on the gift. You should bring it gift wrapped for Christmas. He also suggests that members should not invite particularly sensitive guests to this gift exchange.



**Christmas Tree Lot Opening:** **Joe Marci** made a call for all available personal to show up at our new tree lot site



On left, Joe Marci leads the measuring of trees, the Tamarac ladies price the trees based on height, and Prez Jon Wachter and Tom Glazier carry them to a pin ready for sale.

Photos Don StJohn & Craig Eley



right after the meeting. We were expecting 300 trees, wreaths, garland, and boughs to be delivered this morning and the initial lot set up has to be completed. Once done with the setup, we will need over 100 volunteers to help staff the lot for another 1,500+ man-hours. It means we need each member to work 5 shifts of 3 hours between now and Christmas. This is our main source for funding the dozens of projects we do each year. It is critical to make this project a success. **Jon Wachter** walked us through the on-line sign up process. Just go to the Monaco South web site at [www.monacosouth.org](http://www.monacosouth.org) and click on the "Member Tree Lot Signup" link. You will need to enter the user name of **msoc76** and the password **xmas2013**. It will bring up the calendar. To review the work roster for each day, click on the spyglass for that day. To signup to work, click on the pencil and enter your name for the shifts

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### Be a Santa — Kids, Moms and Dogs Will Love You!

We are in immediate need of filling a couple of 2 hour shifts in the Tree Lot Santa Haus, coming up this weekend:

⇒ Sat, Dec. 7 - 4 to 6 p.m.

⇒ Sun, Dec 8 - 4 to 6 p.m.

Of less immediate need are two shifts open later in the month:

⇒ Sat, Dec 21 - 2 to 4 p.m.

⇒ Sun, Dec 22 - 2 to 4 p.m.

If you can help, please contact **Craig Eley** at [craigceley@gmail.com](mailto:craigceley@gmail.com). Let's not disappoint the kids!



## Announcements Continued

that you can staff. Please do not wait, as we need to get these shifts filled. Nothing is worse than a customer with a tree picked out then having it sold while he is waiting for an Optimist to help him or her out. Do not allow this to happen to a willing customer (and possible member) by signing up NOW.

**Congressional Youth Awards:** The informational meeting for the Congressional Youth Awards was held last Sunday at the Legion Hall. The Congressional Youth Awards give recognition to young people who set goals and achieve those goals in the areas of personal improvement, physical fitness, voluntary public service, and expedition/exploration. We went through the program requirements and some of the testimonials of past participants. Our plans for getting eligible students from our schools involved and help mentor them through the program were discussed. Those attending included new member **Rob Fries**, **Greg Young**, **John Oss** and his wife Ruth, as well as co-chairs **Pat Bush** and **Bob Coulson**. **J.R. Gieck** arrived late and could not find us since we had the doors closed and lights off. Several other members had also expressed interest but were unable to attend the meeting. We have scheduled another meeting for January 12<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Hall in the front meeting room starting at 1:00 p.m. for those who missed the first meeting.

## Thanksgiving Dinner Volunteers

Bob Avery; Barry Barker; Sewell Black; Curt Boell; Carl Brown & wife Carolyn, Granddaughter Cheyenne; Annette Cohen; Pat Bush; Michael Chavez; Ron Cisco; Ed Collins; Dr. Bob Finkelmeier; Rob Fries; Keith Gallaway; Al Gapuzan & wife Donagene; J.R. Gieck; Tom Glazier; Kent Gloor & wife Abigail, & uncle Everett Gardner; Marc Goodbody; John Greene & wife Verlee; Greg Hurd & son Andrew; Don Iley & daughter Amy Grace & son David; Steve Kady & wife Susan; O. C. Larson & wife Pat; Allen Malask; Joe Marci; Tom Mauro; Frank Middleton; Gary Miller; John Oss; Dave

Owens & wife Jennifer, plus children Michele, Taylor, Derick, & Emma; Fred Pasternack; Russ Paul; Dave Peck; Phil Perington; Allen Pierce & friend Brian Hardy; Frank Ross & daughter Megan; Terry Shroyer; Paul Simon & friend Paul Schwink; Bryce Slaby; Donlie Smith; Oscar Sorensen; Don St. John; Gary Strowbridge; Jason Sunahara & wife Amy; John Swick & friends Buddy Hall, Lana Hall, Damion Liles, & Jesse; Don Thomson; Jon Wachter; Scott Walker; Robert Wardlaw; Brian Williams & wife Karen, & Ella; Allen Yockey & May; Greg Young; and John Young.

## Member Update

**Doug Morton** is still recovering from his surgery and will also going back into the hospital on December 19<sup>th</sup> for 3 to 5 days as they check him for brain seizures. His wife Marilyn says, "I know the Christmas tree lot is taking everyone's time, but if anyone has time on December 20 or 21<sup>st</sup>, I am sure he would appreciate a visit. I won't know the room number until the 19<sup>th</sup> and but he will be at University of Colorado Hospital at Fitzsimmons. I know he would like it."

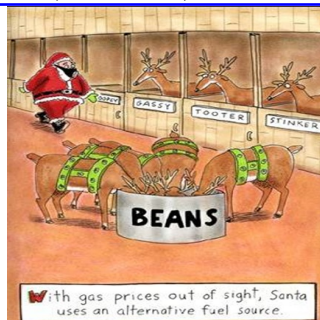


## Thank You Card from Boys & Girls Club



Photo Craig Eley

## Christmas Humor



## Super Citizen Presenters for December

Dec 11 @ 2:30	MPB	George Buzick
Dec 13 @ 8:30	Slavens	Michael Chavez
Dec 17 @ 1:30	Samuels	Phil Perington
Dec 19 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Mike Mauro

## Weekly Greeters

12/6/13	Barry Barker & Rod Winget
12/13/13	Don Thomson & Cap Hermann
12/20/13	Ron Carlson & Steve Kady
12/27/13	Bryce Slaby & Dave Peck

## Monaco South Calendar

Dec 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Bob Coulson, Congressional Youth Awards
Dec 7	Sat	6:00 pm	Christmas Holiday Party, Aurora Hills Golf Course Clubhouse
Dec 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Dave Luetkenhaus, Executive Director of Legal Shield
Dec 18	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Dec 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Santa Gift Exchange

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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
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**T H E O P T I M I S T C R E E D — 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.