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Welcome Optimist

The ever smiling and cheerful Mr. Z, **Dick Zolman** was up at the crack of dawn and heartily greeting all the arriving Optimists. We were again presented an outstanding breakfast offering of Cinnamon-lemon French toast, a delicious (yum, yum, yum) egg frittata of sausage, potatoes, green onion, Portobello mushrooms, broccoli, and fresh fruit sticks and juice. Gotta love these new lady chefs! They sure do know how to keep the hungry men full of good cheer.

Camaraderie

“**Bronco Freddie**” **Pasternack** was parading around in his new Bronco hat, there was some impromptu gambling going on around the bed pan, **Robert Wardlaw** handed out Super Citizen t-shirts, **Perry Allen** (the Butler Cheeves), **Dave Peck** (T-Bird) and **Greg Young** (Mr. Money) were all wearing their bright blue MSOC polo's, **Randy Marcove's** Tabasco shirt, plus **Joe Marci's** promulgation of a major Club June 7th Rockies game added to the early morning camaraderie.

First Bell

The Honorable Club President **John Oss** timely rang the bell and asked **Joe Marci** to present the invocation ... remembering our commitment to aid our youth and respect the elderly. This was followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

From the Prez

Prez John reminded everyone that all members are urged to attend the monthly Board Meetings (now every 3rd Thursday) and be part of the governing process.



The Prez welcomed back **Les Larson**, **Mike Prete** and **Casey Funk** from their mini vacations.

Interestingly there were not guests this morning.

Call for Announcements



Waiting in line to make their official notification for upcoming activates.

Photo Don StJohn

McMeen Super Citizen Program: **Don Thomson** sent out a warning to new and newer members that he would be requesting them to attend one of our Super Citizen ceremonies or to be a presenter in the near future.

MSOC Shirts: **Tom Glazier** offered the last four MSOC polo shirts for sale at a discounted price of \$15 each and they were quickly purchased for future distribution.

OI Foundation: Club Foundation Chair, **Fred Pasternack** announced there have been 13 contributions, with checks, for the Dime-A-Day program. Way to go Fred!

Bill Walter's Thanksgiving Dinners: **Donlie Smith** announced the Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner agenda for the Tuesday's November 25th event at the Boys and Girls Club, 3480 West Kentucky Avenue, or at Girls Inc., 1499 Julian Street. If you are going to Girls Inc., be sure to contact **Don StJohn**. Please be there by 4 p.m. All member and family member who want to assist are invited.

Super Citizen Program: **Robert Wardlaw**, the SC Program Coordinator, reported the Super Citizen program is finishing strong at Bradley International today at 3 p.m. We have eight school presentations in December, so presenters are needed. See **Rob Gardner** to get scheduled.

Donation for Thanksgiving Dinners: **Gary** (the electrician) **Miller** reported he has received a \$100 donation for the Dinner from a strong supporter of our activities.

Salvation Army Bell Ringer: Gov. Elect and new member **Curt Merrill** will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at the Arapahoe Crossing Shopping Center on Saturday, December 13 and is looking for fellow MSOC bell ringers to join him. You can contact Curt at 303-589-3000 or c_merrill@comcast.net.

Update from Kady: **Steve Kady** has once again made arrangements for enhanced signage, and a roll-off dumpster

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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

for the tree lot. He also said Todd Helton is still deciding if he can return to the Thanksgiving Dinner this year, but there may be a Bronco presence. One can only imagine.

Steve also shared that Hugo Gonzales owner of 4G's Mexican Restaurant located at 9th and Jersey is ready to hand over 125 pumpkin pies and enough whipped cream for Tuesday's Boy's & Girls club Thanksgiving dinner. Thanks Steve!



Hugo Gonzales owner of 4G's Mexican Restaurant shows off one of the pies.
Photo Steve Kady

CO-WY 2015 Brain Bowl: **Karl Geil** along with Volunteer Coordinator **Paul Simon** reiterated the Brain Bowl needs a minimum of 135 volunteers for each Contest. This includes, readers, timers, score keepers, runners, and many others. Please sign up for at least one Contest. There are 35 Optimist Clubs participating annually. Check the website at <http://optimistbrainbowl.org/> for times and places for both training and actual Brain Bowl competitions.

White Elephant Gift Exchange: Santa **Oscar**



Sorensen will be in the house on the 19th and urged everyone to bring a gift and come have a jolly good time. Recycling gifts from last year is always an option. It is hoped the MSOC Santa from last year with a ponytail, shown in this 2013 file photo at left, is more appropriately dressed and more cordial, good-natured, gracious, hospitable than he was last year.

Thanksgiving Baskets: **Allen Pierce** and **Jim Easton** are eagerly looking forward to the Thanksgiving Basket distribution tomorrow, the 22nd, and hope everyone will be at the Legion Hall by 7:30 a.m. Safeway is packing the boxes again this year. Way to go Guys!

Holiday Party: **Frank Middleton** reminded us of the Holiday Christmas Party at Glenmoor Country Club, 110 Glenmoor Drive in Englewood, on the Saturday, December 20 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$26 per person. A bargain.

TJHS Holiday Craft Fair: **Craig Eley** announced the TJ Craft Fair, 3950 South Holly Street, is now the **TJHS Art Fest** and our parking assistance role is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th at 7 a.m. Be sure to let Craig know if you can assist. **Tom Glazier** shared that he is collecting donated used books to be sold at this Fair. Should you have any books drop them off at TJ High School. All proceeds support the TJ Partner program.

FRACSOC Update: Lt. Gov. **Paul Simon** gave an update on the FRACSOC N.O.W. (New Optimist Welcome) membership dinner on Thursday evening and was pleased to say 10 new potential member/guests were in attendance. One attendee actually joined the TI-DOC Club and others took FRACSOC membership packages home. The District now has a N.O.W. Committee. He also shared the news that the new and very much-improved **CO/WY District Optimist Web Site** is up and running. You can see it at <https://www.optimistcowy.org/>.

Christmas Tree Lot Program Continued

From page 3: Above all, make sure you volunteer and show up for your shift if you have signed up. It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you cannot make your shift. If you have any questions please contact the Tree Lot Day coordinator **Greg Young** or **Gary Miller**.

All hands on deck!

Friday, November 28 is tree lot setup day. All members are needed to work from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on set up and selling trees. Please bring your gloves and wear work clothes, as we will be unloading trees, tagging and setting up racks, as well as preparing the trailer for sales.

Members are also needed for the 3-9 shifts for selling trees.

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.

To end Joe's presentation, **Jack** (Mr. Lucky) **Kleinheksel** told a story of committed salesmanship and outreach he performed last year (see Jack for the details). Additionally, see *The Optimist Guide to Selling Trees* attached to the GUMS distribution email.

From the Prez

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thank you to **Jim Easton** and **Allen Pierce** for lining up the Thanksgiving turkey meal distribution. Getting names and locations for recipients together with delivery teams and turkeys came off very nicely. As Optimists, we are privileged with extending the generosity of many who contribute in many ways. **Brian Williams** brought help. His wife Karen and their first grade daughter Ellie pitched right in to help. My mother, granddaughter, **Ron Gustas** granddaughter, and now Ellie Williams. I am surrounded by Ellie's. We can certainly be thankful in this season.



Tree Lot Sign Up

We had 92 members of record work on the tree lot last year. Get in on the action. You make friends in the community and within the club. Our tree lot customers refer other people to us. An email sent to me this morning read, "Can you give me a ballpark price of what a 10 to 12 foot tree would cost?" We can justly thank our customers for the word of mouth advertising.

I wish you great joy for this Thanksgiving. :-)

Drawing

The card to select was the Jack of Diamonds. **Cap Hermann**, **Nick Newey**, **Don Thomson**, **Bryce Slaby**, **Terry Shroyer**, **O.C. Larson** were cup winners. **Karl Geil** and **Jack Kleinheksel** took the draw and came up empty. Sorry guys. **Don St.John** was the Chips winner but he too had no luck.

Creed

Led by all, the Creed was recited, "Press on to the great achievements of the future...."

Joe Marci
Christmas Tree Lot Program Director

Our speaker today was Joe Marci, Christmas Tree Lot overseer provided a detailed update on the TREE LOT OPENING THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY. Please read carefully and with laser focused attention.

Empirical Data: This is our 37th year of operation. Last year we sold 1106 trees, which was the fewest in 10 years going back to 2003 when we sold 1006. The best year for sales was 1999 with 1454 trees sold. Last year we had only 25 selling days and will have the same scenario this year. The 95 members working 1943 hours in 2014 was a good turnout but we are striving for 100+ members and additional hours this year. The Tamarac Ladies worked 42 hours, GW High School students worked 9 hours and 2 other youth organizations provided 35 working hours. This year MSOC members need to work a minimum of 15-hours to get a discount.



Joe Marci
 Photo Don StJohn

Basic Information: **O.C. Larson** has provided the layout and **John Stoffel** is acquiring City Permits. **Gary Miller** is taking care of electrical needs. There will be an on site generator with its own power panel providing easy to read outlet information. It will run 24/7. New overhead lights that were broken have been replaced at a cost of \$40 each, so please be careful when handling the light poles. District 3 will patrol on a regular basis during the night. *Please leave fresh donuts under the trees.* There will also be overnight lighting from a parking lot light-pole.

Marketing: **Curt Jefferies** is mailing 1500 postcards detailing prices, location, product availability, and delivery options. Flyers are being made available to our SC Schools, YMCA and to businesses. You can obtain an ad for distributed, to be placed in your place of work, included in newslet-

ters, etc., from **Bob Finkelmeier.**

Tree Pricing: All trees will be pre-priced (with help from the Tamarac ladies), and we will have mistletoe, wreaths, tree freshener, bags and stands, garland, and boughs. Free cookies and popcorn for our customers is also available.

Handling Money: Please collect all Sales Tax. There is a chart on the wall for easy computation. The designated Cashier may never leave his post. Additionally, he needs to be sure a sales ticket is written for every transaction that includes all products purchased. *TIPS belong to the Club.* No money handling by youth volunteers or non-members. Money pick-up will be conducted on a regular basis. If a check is tendered, please get a telephone number and confirm address. Do not forget to give the customer our information package about our club and various projects.

Santa: The Santa Haus will be open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Bryce Slaby** shared our friends and supporters from TUFF-SHED will again deliver the Santa House and **Craig Eley** and Bryce will coordinate decorating. Sing up online at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080E4EA4A6283-santa2/6577885. If you have trouble with that, contact Club Santa Wrangler Craig Eley at craigceley@gmail.com.

Food for the Crew: There will be a stocked refrigerator, chips, dips, liquids, and bakery items are on tap. Please make sure that coffee and popcorn is available. Also, when using the restroom please make sure to return the key. This is very important stuff. Food and drinks should be consumed in the confines of the trailer.

Have Fun: Always have fun, be helpful, make our customers glad they came to our tree lot and enjoy the camaraderie. Continued on page 2.



Weekly Greeters	
11/28/14	Barry Barker & Dave Peck
12/5/14	Jack Kleinheksel & Kevin Koalenz
12/12/14	Ralph Petersen & ?
12/19/14	Al Gapuzan & ?
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		

Nov 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Joe Marci, Tree Lot Signup & Setup after the meeting
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 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Kids to Breakfast

**Past Presidents of the
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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.