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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist

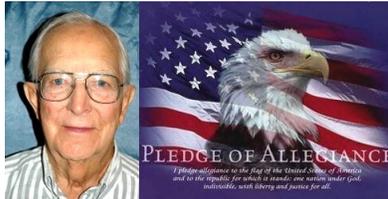
It is snowing and still dark as **Nick Newey** and **Jeff Johnston** greet us this autumn morning.

First Bell

Prez Jon Wachter rings the bell promptly at 7:00 a.m. Jon has begun a great tradition to start our meetings and asks us to greet our fellow members enthusiastically; this starts the meeting with positive feelings.

Invocation & Pledge

Bob Coulson reads the invocation this morning in remembrance of **Harry Johnson**, seen at right, a valued member of our club who we all remember with a smile, and World War II veteran. He then leads us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.



Welcome Back

No guests this morning but we have members in attendance this morning who we have not seen in a while including **Doug Morton**. Additionally, **Cy Regan** is back from his trip and is ready to sell grocery cards to anyone needing to buy food from King Soopers or Safeway. President Jon reads a congratulatory card sent from **Windsor Gardens Optimist Club**, congratulating OCMS for the club's recent recognition as a club of distinction from OI.

Board Meeting

President Jon mentions that the first Board meeting of his administration was held this past Wednesday, October 16th. The Board was able to pass a balanced budget for the New Year. New member **Bob Fries**' application was approved. **President Jon** asks **Bob Coulson** to address the members. Bob talks about a new program he has introduced to help youth. The *Congressional Youth Award* whose mission is to help young people set and achieve per-

sonally challenging goals. The program involves setting goals in four program areas; Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration. Bob is looking for members interested in helping start this program and starts by passing around the sign-up sheet.

Club Announcements

Christmas Tree Lot Update: **Joe Marci** gives an update on the location of the Tree Lot for this year. Kmart has a companywide policy that prohibits the use of its parking lot for any locations that are closed; therefore, we will not be using our normal space for this year. Possible locations for this year include using the space in front of the new Walmart Food Market located across from the old location on S. Monaco Parkway, or just south of the old lot near or behind the Car Wash at 2200 S Monaco Parkway. **Steve Kady** reports he is confident he can again secure the large lighted sign we used last year to alert drivers of the Tree Lot. Joe will report when details are confirmed.



Photo Steve Kady

Holiday Party

Frank Middleton says,
Save The Date, Saturday, December 7th
at

Aurora Golf Course Club House
50 S Peoria St.

Details forth coming

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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

Hamilton Middle School Super Citizen: Tom Mauro reported that the first Super Citizen assembly this year at Hamilton Middle School went very well with Paul Bernard presenting.

New Club Directory: Tom Mauro also shared, the new directories are out and being passed out this morning. A big **THANK YOU!** to Doug Morton who paid for and printed these.



Looking for Super Citizen Presenters: Rob Gardner has a number of spots to fill for the upcoming Super Citizen presentations. He will be passing around the sign-up sheet and encouraging new members to become involved in this program. In his first year with our Club, Rob has stepped up and already done one assembly, in addition to his overseeing the job of securing speakers. Well done Rob!

Thanksgiving Baskets: Bob Avery needs a minimum of 20 volunteers to help handout Thanksgiving baskets, taking place next month, Saturday, November 23rd. More details to follow.

Correctional Industries Visit: While he had the floor, Bob Avery also asked about those being interested in another tour of the correctional industries facilities in Canon City. He hopes to put something together soon and will keep everyone informed.

Wine Tasting & Silent Auction: Mike McMahon announces an upcoming *Wine Tasting & Silent Auction* event on Friday, November 15, from 6 - 10 p.m., to benefit Bradley International Elementary. The event will take place at the Wellshire Event Center, 3333 S. Colorado Blvd., and will feature 50 different wines to taste, appetizers, cash bar, and many great items to bid on. Live music will be provided, You can purchase tickets @

www.bradleypto.com.

Sullivan Scholarships: Joe Marci reports the Sullivan Scholarship program is alive and well and he has just received 20 more Entertainment Books he is looking to sell. See Joe to support this program and then enjoy getting your money back with all of the discounts on food, events, and skiing.

MSOC Shirts: Tom Glazier tells members again that these fine looking shirts, available in blue or white, are available for members to order in the size of their choice. See Tom to order.

Monaco South Dues are Due: Greg Young reminds us that membership dues are due and you can receive a \$5 discount if you pay a full year at one time. If for some reason you did not receive an invoice, please call him at 303-759-3921 or email.

Optimist Club of Monaco South Playground: Greg also took the opportunity to ask us to please turn in the Schlessman YMCA pledge forms even if you do not decide to donate, he wants to make sure everyone has received them. So far, pledges have totaled over

\$35,000. Keep in mind, members who pledge over \$1,000 (\$200 per year for 5-years) will have their name on the plaque that will be adjacent to the entrance to the playground on the inside of the YMCA.



Signage Example: Optimist Club of Monaco South Playground

If you did not get a pledge form you can find one attached to the GUMS distribution email or contact Greg at 303-759-3921 or gndyoung@comcast.net.

Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner: Donlie Smith announces the upcoming Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, November 26 at the Boys & Girls Club, and Girls Inc. For those new members not familiar with this event, the club feeds over 600 boys and girls and their families and the evening requires lots of help to set-up, serve, and clean-up. So mark your calendars. More details will be coming.

Tree Lot Santa Haus: Craig Eley talks about the Santa Haus part of the Tree Lot and passes around the sign-up sheet for volunteers. Two-hour shifts are booked and kids get a chance to meet and talk with Santa, plus a free picture, like the one at right.



National Homeless Youth Awareness: Bob Coulson talks about a couple events coming in November, associated with the *National Homeless Youth Awareness Month*. First, on November 1, Denver Art Society at 734 Santa Fe Blvd, will host an evening of video, speakers, art unveiling and more which starts at 6 p.m. That same evening from 6-9 p.m., Colorado Heart Gallery Annual Opening at 878 Santa Fe Drive will take place. An event to help honor and celebrate all those who are a part of bringing kids and families together.

Reminder About Announcements: Paul Bernard reminded us to make quick announcements during our regular meetings when we have speakers. Please keep your notes short and concise to give our speakers the time they need to make their presentations. Our speakers have made an effort to get up early and come here to make to talk with us, so please give them the courtesy of our time and attention. Keep the jokes and frivolity for Camaraderie Day – like today – to entertain us. Thanks much!



Photo Don StJohn

Announcements Continued

MSOC Mentoring Program: Ron Cisco talks about the mentor program and announces the pairing of new members with a more experienced person to help them. This is a great program to help answer questions, and get new members involved in the clubs' activities.

From OI website here are some ideas to enhance the mentoring experience:

- ◇ Prepare to meet New Member
- ◇ Explain your role as mentor
- ◇ Meet and introduce to others before meeting
- ◇ Sit with New Member during meeting and be resource person
- ◇ Obtain best time to call to arrange First Mentoring Session
- ◇ Get to know each other: Discuss family, work responsibilities, hobbies and other community service experience.
- ◇ Get a sense of where the individual might be best suited in the Club's activities.
- ◇ Go over items in the New Member Packet and add following information:
 - * Current copy of Club Newsletters
 - * Club By-Laws and Policies
 - * Club Member Roster or Directory
- ◇ Encourage New Member to ask questions, give sug-

gestions and participate in all Club activities.

- ◇ Arrange to meet either before or after each Club meeting to update the Checklists and exchange information.
- ◇ Meet New Member at all meetings and regular Club events
- ◇ Introduce New Member to specific Club chairpersons when interest is expressed
- ◇ Be looking for new ideas and suggestions from New Member
- ◇ Encourage to attend 2 Club events, outside of regular meetings, during the 8 week program (e.g. Board meeting, Club project, Club fundraiser, Zone meeting)
- ◇ Always end session with expectation of meeting at next Club function or event
- ◇ New Member to choose committee or project to serve (if not done so already)
- ◇ Encourage New Member to call on you as a source of information

Do we have a drawing?

Yes and there is \$40 in the pot with a slightly less than full deck to choose from. Lucky ticket holders this morning include **Terry Schroyer**, **Jack Kleinheksel** (again?) and **George Buzick** but no winning card is drawn.

The sun is shining, in parts of the sky, so go out and spread the message of Optimism.

Aphorisms for the Year

We have enough "youth".
How about a fountain of "smart"?

It's not whether you win or lose,
but how you place the blame.

When blondes have more fun, do they know it?

LEARN FROM YOUR PARENTS' MISTAKES
USE BIRTH CONTROL

If at first you don't succeed
skydiving is not for you

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS NO MATCH
FOR NATURAL STUPIDITY**

Super Citizen Presenters for October

Date	Presenter	Topic
Oct 22 @ 1:30	Samuels	Gary Strowbridge
Oct 23 @ 8:00	Highline	Pat Bush
Oct 25 @ 9:30	Holm	Ron Cisco
Oct 25 @ 12:45	McMeen	?

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
10/25/13	Bob Coulson & Karl Geil
11/1/13	Tom Hock & Rob Gardner
11/8/13	Bob Avery & Greg Young
11/15/13	Keith Gallaway & ?

Monaco South Calendar

Oct 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Barbara O'Brian, Former Lt. Gov. of Colorado, Candidate DPS School Board
Nov 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Randy Gambian, SarahCare Adult Care Centers
Nov 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - George Brauchler, Arapahoe County District Attorney
Nov 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Nov 16	Sat	6:30 am	TJ Craft Fair, S. Holly & Happy Canyon Road - See Craig Eley
Nov 20	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

**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
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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 Strowbridge	1993-94	Paul Simon	2012-13
Mark Metevia	1994-95		

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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.