

Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)

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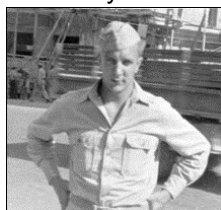


Good Morning Optimist

Greeters today were **Les Larson** and **John Wachter**, neither of whom were actually scheduled, but stepped in to save the day!

Invocation & Pledge

The invocation was presented by Specialist 5 (US Army-Retired) **Eldon Strong**, who reminded us that freedom is not free and that we should thank a veteran for helping retain that freedom. The fact that both Eldon and "Sergeant" **Jack Rife** were both able to get into their old uniform jackets was judged amazing by this observer. While Eldon did his best to avoid the traditional singing of the various service branch themes, he was overruled by **John** (I love to sing!) **Young** who, by the way, was the only one in the room who knew the words beyond the first stanza of all the songs. **Harry Johnson** (pictured below) did the Air Force proud by singing the Full Air Force Song, originally the Army Air Corps song, commonly called the "Wild Blue Yonder."



VETERANS DAY



Growth and Involvement Program (PGI) announcements got off to an early start.

Holiday Party: **Frank Middleton** announced that the price of the Holiday Party was on a sliding scale and that the more people signed up, the cheaper the price. At that, **Karl Geil** gave a plug for "Zing the Big Band," saying that it is an 18-piece dance band which plays excellent music for both dancing and listening. From surveying the sign up sheet, it looks like we will have a great turnout. Still time to sign up, so mark your calendar for Sunday, December 9th, from 3:30 to 9:30 at Copper Fields Events Chateau.

Brain Bowl Update: **Karl Geil** announced that, due to scheduling conflicts, the Central Brain Bowl has been moved from Heritage High School to Littleton High School on Saturday, January 26, 2013. For the full schedule of events, visit www.optimistbrainbowl.org.

Tree Lot Marketing: Greg Young gave a heads up that we will need some people to display yard signs advertising the Christmas Tree lot in the not too distant future. Greg has the signs but could use more holders, so if you have any political yard sign holders left over, let Greg know.

Boys & Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner: The "General for a Day" **Donlie Smith** was recruiting volunteers for the annual Thanksgiving bash at the Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc., the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, November 20th. We serve anywhere from 600-800 boys and girls and family members, so can use all the help we can get. We start preparing at 4:00 p.m., but for those of you who are still trying to earn a paycheck, come on by after work to help greet and clean up. The address Boys & Girls Club is, 3480 West Kentucky (go west from Federal on Kentucky) and for Girls, Inc., 1499 Julian. Help to server turkey, drinks, pies, and clean up.



Hoch with Joke

Just when you thought the jokes could not get any worse, our very own **Tom Hoch** brought the level to a new low with his story of gynecologist turned auto mechanic.

Announcements

Since our own **Phil Perington** and **George Mills** were going to be sharing insight into the Optimist Personal

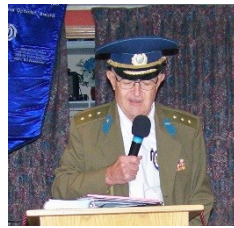
Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am
****INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN****

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Announcements Continued

Join with these committee members to *Help the Kids* have a wonderful Thanksgiving:

- Set Up: Russ Paul @ BGC
- Pies: Kent Gloor @ BGC
- Drinks: Keith Gallaway
- Cleanup: Phil Perington
- Bread: Bob Wardlaw
- Sign: Greg Hurd
- Transportation: Jack Kitchell, Don St. John, Gary Laman, Greg Young, & Steve Kady
- Photos: John Oss



General Donlie Smith delivers the orders for Thanksgiving Dinner.
Photo Don StJohn

TJ Craft Fair: **Craig Eley** reminded those working the TJ Craft Fair that we will be starting a bit earlier this year, at 6:00 a.m. and should be finished no later than 9 a.m. In a follow-up email Craig reports, eleven MSOCers convened by dawn's early light at Thomas Jefferson High School Saturday to help with its annual Craft Fair. Although it was 6 a.m., it was unusually warm in the face of weather reports that had predicted a cold day. TJ parents had coffee and donuts awaiting us, and we took up our task of directing crafters where to park their vehicles for unloading their goods to take into the school gym. By 8 a.m., most of the exhibitors had arrived and unloaded, so we left a skeleton crew to deal with the stragglers and most of us left just in time for the arrival of cold wind and a touch of snow. Those working on this project were **John Young, Gary Laman, Russ Paul, Gary Strowbridge, Don Thomson, George Buzick, Gary Miller, Joe Marci, Tom Hoch, Oscar Sorensen and Craig Eley**.



In photo (L to R) Tom Hoch, Oscar Sorensen, Gary Laman, & Gary Miller.

Photo Craig Eley

Tree Lot Marketing: Always thinking, **Steve Kady** suggested we hand out fliers for the Christmas tree lot when the National Christmas Tree, which is on its way from Meeker Colorado to Washington D.C., is being displayed in Denver. Prez Paul said he would bring it up at the Board meeting. However, it was later learned that it would be going through Colorado Springs and Denver on Sunday.

Member Recognition: Governor **Phil Perington** recog-



In photo (L to R) George Mills, Allen Pierce, George Buzick & Phil Perington.

Photo Don StJohn

nized **Allen Pierce** for having brought in three new members by presenting him with the Optimist International 3-Member Pin. **George Buzick**, District Membership Chair and this month's GUMS editor, "pinned" Allen and thanked

him for his efforts.

2012 100% Day Photo Available: **Marc Goodbody** has reminded us that the 2012 photos is still available. See Marc for details.



100% DAY 2012, photo Marc Goodbody

Highline Academy SC Program: The Super Citizen program at Highline Academy was presented on Wednesday, November 7th to three deserving students. Presenters were **Dick Cohen** and **Jim Easton**, with **Greg Young** taking photos. The school assembly consisted of about 100 students who clapped, cheered and roared their approval. Dick Cohen talked about how Tuesday's election reflects on what super citizens can do in a democracy by running for office.



The Highline Super Citizen recipients were Hannah Mendel, Zehra Hrbatovic and Corbett Tate.

Photo Greg Young



National Philanthropy Day Presentation: On Friday, November 9th, nineteen members attended the National Philanthropy Day in Colorado awards luncheon. Monaco South Optimist was recognized as the Outstanding Service Organization for 2012. National Philanthropy Day is a special day set aside nationwide each November to recognize the thousands of generous people and organizations who donate their time, talent, and financial resources to worthy causes. During the presentation past-president **Randy Marcove** was presented a glass plaque in behalf of the club. Additionally, a short video clip prepared by Comcast was shown. The clip features Randy, Karl Geil and Don Thomson talking about some of our major activities. You can see the clip by [CLICKING HERE](#).

OCMS Income / Expense Report: Treasurer, **Greg Young**, shared a copy of the 2011-2012 year-end financial statement for the club. A copy of this financial report is attached to the GUMS distribution email.

Drawing & Closing Bell

The Queen of Diamonds was the card to draw, with the pot at \$80. True to form, **Ron Carlson** was a winner today, as were a number of others, including both **Phil Perington** and **John Wachter**, both of whom attempt to draw the elusive queen and both of whom failed. Better luck next time to them and to **O.C. Larson** who was wearing his nametag, but he too was unsuccessful in the draw.

As the meeting came to a close the Optimist Creed was recited, "Promise yourself....," we all headed out for an optimistic day!



Speaker, Phil Perington & George Mills Personal Growth and Involvement Program (PGI)

Our very own **Phil Perington**, currently Governor of the Colorado/Wyoming District was joined by **George Mills**, Past Governor in presenting the Personal Growth and Involvement Program (PGI).

There are many benefits to becoming an Optimist. In addition, since "*Bringing out the Best in Kids*" is the consensus top benefit, the organization's Personal Growth & Involvement (P.G.I.) program ranks a cool second. Where else can you become a more knowledgeable volunteer? T

The P.G.I. program offers every Optimist member the opportunity to learn more about Optimism while advancing through 10 levels of involvement, leadership growth and achievement.

The P.G.I. program will make you a better volunteer. Through communication training, self-development modules and other personal growth activities, Optimist International is giving you a fantastic opportunity to continue to learn and grow into a leader.

Mr. Mills suggested we not "over think" the elements of PGI and that almost everyone can get to level 7, while levels 8-10 require some service at the District or International level. It is really just a matter of recording the thing you have done and having the certified by the appropriate person.

John Young, "Mister Membership" said he would like to be the first MSOC member to be certified as a level 10 in PGI and that in light of all his activities over the past years, could probably meet all the criteria.

For a further explanation of this program and the ten 10



Pictured L to R are George Mills and Phil Perington promoters of the Colorado/Wyoming District's involvement in the Personal Growth & Involvement Program (PGI).

Photo Don StJohn

Levels of Involvement and Recognition go to http://www.optimistleaders.org/LeadershipInfo/PersonalDevelopment/PGI_Pamphlet-2010.pdf.

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
11/16/12	Doc Gardner & Steve Kady
11/23/12	Ralph Petersen & Michael Chavez
11/30/12	Woody Thibodeau & ?
12/7/12	Pat Bush & Bob Avery
12/14/12	Terry Shroyer & Aaron Beery

Super Citizen Presenters for November		
Nov. 12 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Jim Vander Kamp
Nov. 16 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45 am	Holm	Fred Pasternack
Nov. 20 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	Univ. Park	Jack Kitchell
Nov. 27 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Les Larson
Nov. 30 @ 1:00 & 1:45 pm	McMeen	Michael Chavez
Nov. 30 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Doc Gardner

Monaco South Calendar

Nov 14 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Nov 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day (Joe Marci on Tree Lot)
 Nov 17 Sat 8:00 am Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets - See Bob Avery
 Nov 20 Tue 4:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner Boys & Girls Club & Girls, Inc. - See Donlie Smith
 Nov 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Ralph Dergance, Know Brainer Program
 Nov 23 Fri 6:00 am Tree Lot Set-up - need help ALL day
 Nov 24 Sat 9:00 am Tree Lot Opens - need help ALL day (Jack Rife, Tree Lot Scheduler)
 Nov 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
 Dec 9 Sun 3:30 pm Holiday Party, Copper Fields Event Chateau - See Frank Middleton

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Safe	1995-96
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ed Collins	2010-11
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Randy Marcove	2011-12

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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.