



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimist

On this cold and foggy morning we were greeted by **Craig Eley** and **Woody Thibodeau** with either a *good morning, howdy, welcome, how are ya doing, good to see you,* and a warm handshake.



Opening Bell

President **Ed Collins** called our meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. and Charter Member **John Young** gave the Monaco South Optimist invocation and lead the pledge to the Flag.

Guests

Jim Easton brought a guest this morning, Paul Trevor. Paul is a tree lot product, having checked Monaco South out on our website and emailed Jim wanting more information on our club. Looks like Paul would make a great member, sign him up Jim!

Utterings from the Prez

Prez Ed announced that he has added another responsibly of our Sergeant of Arms. They have the responsibility to see that all project signup sheets get passed around from member-to-member and are placed on the bar counter next to the name badges at the conclusion of our meetings. He indicated that with this process we will all have a chance to signup if missed during the meeting.

Prez Ed also highlighted some of the agenda items from the November Board meeting. Some of the items discussed include:

- Assignments of daily Tree Lot coordinators. The list

will be forthcoming.

- Making the MSOC website a place to sign up for working at the Tree Lot and establishing the ability to gather email addresses from customers.
- Our focus on the next month is to make the Tree Lot a success. To that end, over 400+ postcards will be sent to last years customers and advertisements have been made available and distributed.
- Seeking a chair for the MSOC Holiday Party.
- A proposal to get 50 new "Friends of Optimist" this fiscal year.
- Getting members to complete their project/event reports before our speaker begins their talk so we are courteous to our speakers and can give them our full attention.

Based on the last discussion item came this policy:

The Board of Directors discussed on November 17th activities that distract from our guest speaker at the regular Friday meetings. It was agreed that announcements should be limited to information and requests that deal with Optimist Activities or Projects. Any members wishing to tell jokes or present skits should hold those presentations for camaraderie day. Any member who wants to request an exception to this policy should bring their request to the president prior to the meeting so he might insure there is enough time in the meeting schedule as to not distract from our guest presenter.

Announcements

Thanksgiving Baskets: **Bob Avery** said we will have 35 Thanksgiving baskets to deliver on Saturday morning. Meet here at the Legion, 8:00am. The baskets will all be made up and ready to be delivered.

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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

Parallel District Conference: Greg Young reported on the meetings he attended at the Sheraton Hotel, Dallas, Texas on November 12-14, 2010. He said everybody was saying, "It's a great time to be an Optimist," and it was great camaraderie. He then spoiled the fun and said there are still some outstanding dues to be paid. So pay up, you know who you are!

Colorado-Wyoming District Website: If you haven't visited the Colorado-Wyoming District website for a while go to: <http://www.optimistcowy.org/>. There you will also find the *Districts Newsletter* should you have missed it. As Ron Benson, Colo/Wyo Governor says, "I want to enthusiastically invite all of our nearly 1,800 Colo/Wyo District Optimists to get involved and to say YES for the KIDS!"

Colorado Rockies Baseball: Tom Mauro reported that Rockies Baseball is coming in 2011. See Tom if you are interested in purchasing season tickets. There is a minimum of 10 seats and the cost is \$35 each.

Boys & Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner: Donlie Smith reported that the Thanksgiving Dinner is Tuesday, November 23rd from 4:00 -7:00pm. The location is Boys and Girls Club, 3840 W. Kentucky and the Denver Girls Club, 1499 Julian. We will serve about 700 to 900 dinners.

Christmas Tree Lot: Joe Marci reported that the Trailer and Santa hut are set in place and that this is the 30th year that we have had the tree lot. First of the trees will be delivered at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 25th. Members are need after our regular Friday meeting to set-up and organize the lot. Sales start on Saturday.

The Tamarac Optimist Club ladies will be there to help in pricing trees. Joe suggests that new members who have not worked the tree lot should team up with a member who has. It's not that hard. Gary Miller will have the electrical wiring done this weekend. We only have to have customers make out their checks to "Optimist Club." Add sales tax to the cost of the tree. We will send out 1000 fliers advertising our tree sale. He encouraged members to share out ad with friends, relatives, neighbors, work associates, and any other sources you may have. If you work 15 hours or more you will get to buy a tree at cost. December 11th will be the famous chili cook off.

Santa's Needed: Craig Eley announced that he needs volunteers to man the Santa hut at our Christmas tree lot. Three-hour shifts counts the same as selling trees. See Craig for signing up and instructions. He said you will not only make the kids happy, but



please all the parents. The pictures of the kids with Santa will again be available to download from our website, thanks to webmaster Paul Bernard.

And last he prompted all that the 21st Annual TJ Holiday Market, Craft Fair & Book Sale will be on Saturday from 7-9 am. So if you ever wanted to direct traffic, show up!

Christmas Tree Gathers: Ed Collins remained us that the annual Christmas Tree gathers are to meet at the American Legion Hall at 9:00 a.m., after the Thanksgiving basket deliveries, to go look for that perfect Charlie Brown tree!



Holiday Party: Kale Smith is looking for a "party animal" to head up the chairmanship for our Holiday Party. Don't be shy jump on this annual opportunity and make everyone happy!

Tree Selling Guide: Brice Slaby tried to convince the members he knew how to sell trees. He and Paul Simon have developed *The Optimist's Guide to Selling Trees: A Must-read for all Optimists and Other Volunteers*. This award winning piece is attached for all to comprehend. Bryce and Paul will be quizzing us this important information during the month of December.

Today's Drawing Winners: Ron Carlson, John Oss, Harry Fegley, Karl Geil, George Buzick, and Gary Strowbridge were cup winners. Lucky name badge winner was Terry Shroyer.

Final Bell: Meeting concluded with the reciting of the Optimist Creed. *Promise yourself...*

Thanksgiving Questions

Share by Phil Perington

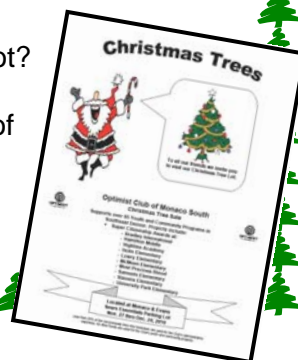
Use the following quiz during Thanksgiving dinner to test the knowledge of your friends and family. It's a great way to get everyone talking, and to add to the fun and excitement of this special day.

1. What year did the Pilgrims have their first Thanksgiving feast? (1619 1620 1621 1335)
2. The first department store to hold a Thanksgiving parade was? (Montgomery Wards JC Penney's Gimbels Macy's)
3. What president didn't like the idea of having a national Thanksgiving Day? (Washington Nixon Truman Jefferson)
4. Who is credited with leading the crusade to establish Thanksgiving Day? (Sarah Jessica Parker Sarah Lee Sarah Hale Sarah Ferguson)
5. Which president was the first to establish the date of Thanksgiving as a national holiday to be held on the 4th Thursday of November? (Jefferson Adams Lincoln F.D. Roosevelt)
6. In what year did the first Macy's Thanksgiving parade take place? (1864 1894 1924 1904)
7. Every year a turkey is pardoned. Which president is believed to be the first to pardon a turkey and start this annual tradition? (Andrew Jackson Harry Truman Millard Fillmore)
8. When was Thanksgiving finally sanctioned as a legal holiday? (1904 1924 1958 1941)

See answers on next page

Help Boost Christmas Tree Sales

Would you like to share the word regarding our Christmas Tree lot? Do you have an office or neighborhood newsletter that you can share the word? If so, see **Bob Finkelmeier**, he has a number of half and full page ads just for this purpose. Or, should it be necessary to have it tailored for your audience, he can do that as well. A half-page ad is attached for your use.



Super Citizen Presenters for November

Day	School	Presenter
23 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Jim Vander Kamp

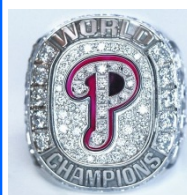
Super Citizen Presenters for December

8 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Rich Mahoney
9 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Paul Bernard
15 @ 2:30 pm	McMeen	Bob Avery
15 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Nick Newey
17 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Doug Morton
17 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Fred Pasternack

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
11/2610	Rich Mahoney & Steve Kady
12/3/10	Paul Stratton & Keith Gallaway
12/10/10	Howard Fry & Jon Wachter
12/17/10	Phil Perington & Jim Vander Kamp
12/24/10	Randy Marcove & Woody Thibodeau
12/31/10	Paul Gleditsch & "Father Time"

Some sports "World Championship rings" are so diamond-encrusted, they're worth more than your house. Here are a few examples of championship rings from baseball, football, and hockey...



Philadelphia Phillies



Pittsburg Steelers



Pittsburgh Penguins



Chicago White Sox



Your Team!

ANSWERS

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| 1. 1621 | 6. 1924 |
| 2. Gimbel's in 1920 in Philadelphia | 7. President Harry Truman |
| 3. President Thomas Jefferson | 8. In 1941, Thanksgiving was sanctioned by Congress as holiday |
| 4. Sarah Hale | |
| 5. Franklin D. Roosevelt | |

Monaco South Calendar

Nov 23	Tue	4:00 pm	Boys & Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov 25	Thu		Thanksgiving Day 🦃
Nov 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Nov 26	Fri	9:00 am	Christmas Tree Lot Setup 🌲
Dec 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Emma Whitehead, Up With People
Dec 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Karl Geil, Brain Bowl
Dec 15	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Dec 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Dec 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Santa Claus Gift Exchange
Dec 25	Sat		CHRISTMAS DAY 🎄
Dec 31	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Kids to Breakfast
Jan 1	Wed		HAPPY NEW YEAR! 🎉
Jan 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - First Meeting of 2011

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bob Safe	1995-96
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Tom Overton	1996-97
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bob Avery	1989-90	Paul Bernard	2006-07
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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.

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