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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimist

We were welcomed with ear-to-ear smiles by the morning's Official Greeters **Jon Wachter** and **Howdy Fry**. What a great way to start a day. Thank you gentlemen!

First Bell

Resident **Ed Collins** clanged in early at 6:59 a.m. as we had a packed agenda! **Ron Carlson** delivered a meaningful Invocation, and then led us into our pledge to our nation's Flag. **President Ed** also provided a **Cy Regan** update. He is do well, and would like to hear from us. Give him a call if you can, 303-771-4662. Additionally, MSOC has received its first Holiday Card from Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann. Thank you!

Guests

We had a special guest this morning. Past President **Bill Litchfield** was back in town, visiting from his new home in the Charleston, South Carolina area. Bill was handed the microphone to impart some words of wisdom, and he shared that he is volunteering at the Charleston Optimist Tree Lot, and will soon be a member of their fine club. His parting words as he surrendered the microphone: "It's good to be back." Oh, and on Saturday, Bill even stopped by the Tree Lot—not to sell trees, but to visit. *You are always welcome Bill!*



Photo Robert Finkelmeier

Seen in the Crowd

President Ed recognized member **Al Perington**. It was good to see you again Al!

Announcements

Super Citizen Update: "Hamilton Middle School had twelve Super Citizens receive their awards last week" from presenter **Paul Bernard**, shared **Tom Mauro**. Additionally, if you are interested in sharing some fantastic Colorado Rockies season tickets with Tom, please let him know ASAP.

Help a Potential Member: **Jim Easton** announced that his past guest, Paul Trevor, has recently lost his job. Paul is a Construction Inspector, but is willing to do virtually anything. It was observed that **Don Iley** gave Jim a business card, and told him to have Paul give him a call. Way to go Don!

Santa Update: **Craig Eley** told us that we were in need of a Santa for the 3-6 shift at the Christmas Tree Lot this Sunday. Take a peek at the Santa Claus pictures at our website: <http://www.monacosouth.org/>. Craig also thanked **Bill Litchfield** for starting the tree lot Santa Claus program, and for donating his often-used Santa Suit. Thanks from all of us Bill!

Tree Lot Spreads Cheer to SE Denver: Tree Lot Chair **Joe Marci** informed us that over 500 customers have already visited the tree lot and purchased trees, wreaths, garland, and boughs. Our super salesmen have reported that no customers have left the lot unhappy. "You guys are doing great!" So far, 73 different club members have worked this year on this year's club fund raiser. We expect to sell 300 trees on our

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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

Chili Cook-off weekend, and have students from TJ and GW to help us to keep the pegs full of fresh trees.

Members who have not yet helped out have over a week to join in on the fun of seeing happy children and families seek out the perfect tree for their homes. The Santa House is a popular place with over 100 pictures taken each weekend. Thanks to all the Santa's who have greeted the kids and made their holiday season memorable.

Tree Lot Help Needed: **Greg Young** announced that we have 130 participants for this year's Christmas Tree Lot! Please continue to sign up on our webpage link at <http://www.monacosouth.org/> and click on Members Only, then on Tree Lot Signup. Type in the username: msoctress, and password: xmas2010. Shifts are available from 9 to noon, noon to 3, 3 to 6, and 6 to 9. Weekend late afternoon and evening are critical days. Please sign-up. Thanks!

March Madness Help: **Robert Wardlaw** told us that a close friend was recently diagnosed with Lung Cancer, and he would like to find March Madness tickets at the Pepsi Center for him. Please contact Robert at 303-525-2532 if you can help him.

Piano Wizard Academy: **Paul Gleditsch** announced that you're invited to the *Piano Wizard Academy Launch Party*. *Piano Wizard Academy* is an amazingly SIMPLE music video game learning system that uses real music on real instruments, that has anyone from 3 year olds to even tone deaf adults playing Beethoven in minutes, instead of months. Those of you who have never seen *Piano Wizard Academy* works its magic in a room full of people (Kids welcome, of all ages!) will be amazed at the way someone with NO music experience can play a song and even read the music, with NO trauma! Seeing is believing! When: Monday, December 13th at 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. Where: Spring Hill Suites-Westminster (Just off I-36), 6845 West 103rd Avenue, Westminster, CO. Mark the date and RSVP at 303-464-1999.

Coyote Hazing Training: **Randy Marcove** informed us that Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann is sponsoring *Coyote Hazing Training*. This free training will be on Tuesday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m. The training, conducted by Denver Wildlife Specialist Ashley DeLaup, will be held at her district office located at 3540 S. Poplar St., Ste 102. Please RSVP to Lori Grohskopf at 303-504-5781 or by emailing Lori.Grohskopf@denvergov.org.

MSOC Gift Exchange: **Oscar Sorensen** gave us a bit more detail regarding the White Elephant program at the club on December 24th. Bring a fun, wrapped gift to exchange with your fellow Optimists.

Christmas Baskets: Non-identical twins **Bob Avery** and **Don StJohn** reminded us that we are hav-



ing our Christmas Baskets program this coming Saturday, the 18th. We still need some people to make deliveries. Please sign up!

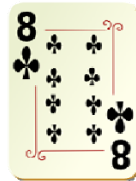


In Our Thoughts: Condolences to **Ralph Pedersen** and family. Ralph lost a brother last week. You are in our thoughts and prayers Ralph!

Camaraderie Next Week: Per **Frank Middleton**, "Next Friday is Camaraderie Day. Please publish the opportunity that members will have to sit with other Optimists because they will be carded at the door."

Final Bell

Drawing: Friday's pot was worth a big \$10, and the lucky card was the 8 of Clubs. The lucky cup winners were **Joe Marci**, **Ron Carlson**, yours truly **Randy Marcove**, **Wyatt McCallie**, **Don Iley**, and **Terry Shroyer**. Unlucky Pot-Drawers were **Ron Carlson** (6 of Hearts) and **John Greene** (8 of Spades). **Kent Gloor's** name was drawn to take a shot at the pot, but he wasn't wearing his name-tag! The honor went to **Gary Miller**, who drew the 9 of clubs! Close!



Highline Academy Super Citizen Program

New member **John Oss** shared this collection of pictures he took and also shared with the school, Super Citizen recipients, and their parents at Highline's



December 8th assembly. John was attracted to our MSOC when his grandchild was being recognized as a Super Citizen a few months back.

At this recognition, **Rick Mahoney** (upper right) was the presenter, assisted by Highline's Super Citizen coordinator, **Jim Easton** (bottom center).

Remember our Super Citizen program recognizes over 700+ students each year at ten different elementary and middle schools in southeast Denver. This program is not only a place to recognize future leaders, but a great place to find and invite future members. Get involved—be a presenter and have some fun! To get on the presenters list for upcoming presentations in 2011, see **Joe Marci**.

Speaker

Our very own **Karl Geil** was our guest speaker today to discuss the **BRAIN BOWL**. What is the Brain Bowl? According to Karl, it's similar to the old GE College Bowl (Jeopardy for teams) it's a one day event for grades 6-8. There is one written round, and 3-4 head-to-head verbal rounds in the morning.

Total points scored in the morning determines which 24 teams (8 per grade level) continue in the afternoon. The afternoon consists of single-elimination, head- to-head competitions leading up to a championship round at each grade level.

Every public and private school in Colorado and Wyoming which serves grades 6, 7, and 8th graders is invited to compete. There are 3 tournaments (4 next year), and schools are assigned to a venue based upon geographic location, and each school may register up to three teams per grade.

This is a **HUGE EVENT!** In the North Region, there are 56 teams currently registered and are expecting at least 42 more. This tournament capped at 100 teams. For the Central Region, 77 teams are currently registered, and are expecting at least 19 more. This tournament capped at 100 teams. For the South Region, there are 36 teams currently registered, and we expecting at least 6 more. This tournament capped at 60 teams.

Each Venue needs 135 Volunteers: Readers, Proctors, Time Keepers, Score Keepers, Runners, and More! Please sign-up and participate in this award-winning, fun-packed



President Ed thanks Karl for his presentation.
Photo Don StJohn

event! Readers, even veterans, must attend a mandatory training class prior to the events.

As Karl shared, "The kids who compete in this program will impress you with the things they know and amuse you with the things they don't know." The Optimist Brain Bowl has earned a reputation as a premier academic competition for middle school students and continues to grow in size. We need your help to insure that the quality of the event keeps up with the size of the event.

Contact **Karl** or **Paul Simon**, Volunteer and Fundraising Chair, or go to www.optimistbrainbowl.org, or 303-300-9940 or email at Paul4123@comcast.net, for more information, but Do Participate!

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
12/17/10	Phil Perington & Jim Vander Kamp
12/24/10	Randy Marcove & Woody Thibodeau
12/31/10	Paul Gleditsch & "Father Time"

Super Citizen Presenters for December

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

Monaco South Calendar

- 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 18 Sat 8:00 am Christmas Basket Delivery
- 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 - Ed Reinhardt, former CU football player
- Jan 14 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Pending
- Jan 19 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Jan 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Jan 22 Sat 7:00 am North Region Brain Bowl
- Jan 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Steve Wooton, Colorado Cattlemen's Association

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
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
John Young	1982-83	Cy Regan	1999-00
Pat Bush	1983-84	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Don St. John	2001-02
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Jack Rife	2002-03
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Karl Geil	2003-04
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bob Avery	1989-90	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Walters	1991-92	Phil Perington	2008-09
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ron Cisco	2009-10

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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.