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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist

President **Jon Wachter**, with coffee mug in hand, called the meeting to order promptly at 6:59 a.m. on this beautiful Friday morning. Rev. **Bob Coulson** delivered a fine invocation, calling on all of us to rededicate ourselves to the service of our youth during this month of awareness of youth runaways and youth homelessness.



Today is Camaraderie Day, so we took some time to recognize the November BD's: **Mark Andringa, Jack Bensard, Michael Chavez, Jack Kitchell, Mike McMahon, Nick Newey, Tom Overton, Jack Rife,**

Steve Wera, and Brian Williams as this month's birthday boys. Of course, the membership could not pass on a chance to sing the *Happy Birthday* song in harmony. Editor, we were in especially fine form this morning, I might add.



Guests

Fred Pasternack was in his yard and met Bentley who was out walking his owner **Mark Gallegos**. While Bentley declined Freddy's invitation to come to breakfast, because of the early hour, Fred did manage to talk Mark into attending the meeting today. **Jeff Johnston** also introduced **Bruce Hanlon** who was visiting for the second time. Welcome Mark and Bruce; we hope who make a habit of joining us for breakfast!

CO-WY Governor

District Governor **Bob Hartwig** and his wife **Carolyn** were also in attendance this morning. Governor Bob took the opportunity to officially induct **Michael Chavez** as the Lt. Governor for Zone 9. Congratulations Michael. Thanks Michael for stepping up!

CO-WY District Governor **Bob Hartwig**, on left, traveled down from Loveland to recognize and install **Michael Chavez** as Lt. Governor of Zone 9. Zone 9 includes the Aurora Rangeview, Gateway, and Heather Gardens Optimist Clubs.

Photos Don StJohn



Announcements

Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner: The final preparations for the Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinners at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver, and Girls Inc., are underway. **Donlie Smith** announced that he needs a volunteer to help transport equipment and food to the dinner sites. The dinners will be served on Tuesday, November 26th but it will be difficult to serve them unless we can get the food and equipment to the sites. If you are available to help with the transportation, please contact Donlie at 303-745-3210.

⇒ Set Up: 4 p.m.

⇒ Serving: 5 p.m.

Everyone is welcome ... A Job for Everyone!

Missing Coffee Mugs: **Russ Paul** announced that he has been collecting coffee mugs that members have been leaving behind on Friday morning. If you are going to the coffee pot with nothing but your hand to pour the coffee into, one of these mugs may be yours. Check to see if Russ Paul has your mug. I am sure it beats getting blisters on your palms.



Holiday Party

Frank Middleton says,
Save The Date, Saturday, December 7th at
Aurora Golf Course Club House
50 S Peoria St.

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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

Thanksgiving Baskets: Jim Easton announced that the Thanksgiving Baskets will be delivered next Saturday, November 23rd. Those members interested in helping with the delivery of these baskets should meet at the American Legion Hall at 8 a.m. and plan to help until about 10.

It's Time to Party: The Holiday party is rapidly approaching. Frank Middleton reminded the membership that it will be at the Aurora Hills Golf Course clubhouse on the evening of Saturday, December 7th. If you have not signed up to attend this year's event, you might want to do so soon—spaces are filling fast.

Christmas Tree Lot Finalized: The Christmas Tree Lot location has been chosen. Joe Marci announced that the tree lot will be at 2200 South Monaco (just south of our regular location, behind the Monaco Parkway Car Wash). This was Joe's number one preference. Joe will need plenty of help with the lot setup. Joe is on the agenda next week to give his annual *Tree Lot Education* course so that you can renew your Tree Lot certification.



Christmas Tree Pre-order: Ed Collins said he canvassed his neighborhood taking pre-orders for the Christmas trees, wreaths, garland and boughs. He estimates that over 50% of his contacts ordered something from the lot. Fred Pasternack took two orders while he was at the barbershop. You can get order forms from Ed if you would like to make some pre-sales to help us get started.

Super Citizen Awards: Rob Gardner was looking for a last minute replacement for the Holm Elementary Super Citizen presentation this morning. All three of the members set to present had to cancel. Nevertheless, not to worry, John Oss stepped up and volunteered to cover today's presentation. Thank you John. Later on it was learned that the Super Citizen assemblies at Bradley, McMeen, and Holm, are not until next Friday, November 22nd. However, Rob and John you're still super in our eyes.

Liberty Day: Andy McKean announced that Attorney General John Suthers is allowing his staff paid time from work to go out and talk with fifth grade students about the constitution as part of the Liberty Day project. You can help by State government officials.

Don't Forget Your Daily Walk: Rod Winget said he read an article in the *Denver Post* that indicated studies found that the daily walk would help fight Dementia. He then reminded us that we could meet in the parking lot right after the meeting to participate in the weekly membership walk. Editor, now if I can just remember to show up in the parking lot.

Monaco South Shirts: This morning is the last chance to order a Monaco South golf shirt. Tom Glazier announced that they are making one last order this weekend. He has sold 56 shirts to date.

Teen Runaway Month: Rev. Bob Coulson asked if we have put a green light in front of our house or worn green socks to the meeting this morning. Editor,

"Heck, I'm lucky to be wearing socks this early in the morning." Bob says we still have two weeks to



put on the socks or turn on the light. Doing this helps spread awareness of the 921 young people who spend the night on the



streets in Denver. The thing we only get one shot at is to bring some of the items on the priority items list (see attached on the GUMS distribution email) to the next membership meeting. Bob will be collecting these items and deliver them to Urban Peak for their work with runaway and homeless youth. Speaking of Youth Runaway Month, Craig Eley said he had been working on his kids all month and hasn't been able to get them to runaway yet.

Youth Congressional Awards: The Youth Congressional Awards is a program that youth can get involved in and be rewarded for their activities. They set goals in areas of personal development, community service, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration and then work to achieve those goals. They are awarded bronze, silver, and gold metal for their progress. The award was started by the U.S. Congress in 1979 to recognize initiative, achievement, and service of young people. It is public-private partnership funded entirely from the private sector. To find out more about the award and Monaco South's participation in the program, you can attend a meeting at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. this Sunday, November 24th at the American Legion Hall.

Call for Santa Haus: While he had the bully pulpit, Craig Eley announced that there were only a few shifts available for you, if you "want to be a Santa." He would like to get them filled up this week. If you can Ho Ho Ho, please help Craig and volunteer to stand or sit in for Santa at this year's Santa Haus.

Dime-A-Day: Fred Pasternack said he received three more checks for the Dime-A-Day project. This project raises money for the Optimist International Foundation. All donations are tax deductible so either Washington DC or the Optimists get your money. Who do you trust to spend it wisely? Get your check of \$36.50 to Fred before the end of the year.

Classic Car Optimist Club: The brand new Classic Car Optimist Club is meeting at the American Legion Hall this Wednesday evening, November, 20th. Phil Perington invited all members who have an interest in classic cars to attend this meeting. They are planning their projects for this upcoming year.

The Brain Bowl is Coming: Karl Geil announced that the reader training sessions have now been schedule. If you would like to serve as a reader in this year's competitions, you must attend one of the reader training sessions. This included past readers as the procedures change from year to year. The reader training is:

- ◇ January 4, @ 9:00 a.m. Valmont Presbyterian Church in Boulder
- ◇ January 7 @ 6:30 p.m. Heritage High School in Littleton

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- ◇ January 18 @ 9:00 a.m. Carson Middle School in Colorado Springs
- ◇ January 25 @ 9:00 a.m. Hamilton Middle School in S.E. Denver

The Tournaments will be held on January 11th at Stanley Lake High School for the North Region; February 1st at Heritage High School for the Central Region; February 8th at Carson Middle School for the South Region; and on February 22nd at Hamilton Middle School for the District Championship. More can be learned at www.optimistbrainbowl.org/.

Christmas is Coming: Do you need a great gift for Christmas for the barber, mail carrier, cleaning person, gardener, etc.? Not to mention family, friends and coworkers or employees. **Cy Regan** has \$10 reloadable *King Soopers Gift Cards* available. If you need some in different denominations or need more than a couple, then give a note to **Greg Young** on what you need, along with a check to Optimist Club, and he will get them for you within a week. Denominations up to \$500 are available, and cards are reloadable and reusable for a long time. Remember: *Members and Gift Recipients full value on the card and King Soopers gives 5% back to our club, including any reloads!* Get yours today from Cy, "The King Sooper Guy!"



Happy Bucks

Happy Bucks is a fundraiser for the fight against childhood cancer. A member can toss a dollar bill into the spittoon for a chance to announce a happy thought. Some of the participants this morning included:



- **John Green**, Happy about taking a walk in the grass rather than being under the grass.
- **Fred Pasternack**, Happy he has tickets to the Bronco - Chiefs game.
- **Greg Young**, Happy that Freddy is happy.
- **Jack Kleinhessel**, Happy about many things. He was peeling dollar bills off of a roll so fast he looked like a guy with his grandkids at a candy store.
- **Don St. John**, Happy for the birth of the fourth great granddaughter.
- **Jack Kitchell**, Happy his son-in-law completed treatment and is now cancer free.

- **Jim Easton**, Happy his son did not break his foot, just a bad sprain.
- **Tom Glazier**, Happy the shirt orders are nearly complete.
- **Tom Overton**, Happy his car was not stolen while he was in Mexico.
- **Paul Stratton**, Happy he got the chance to celebrate Harry Johnson's life last Saturday at his memorial service.
- **Gary Strowbridge**, Happy of the birth of this grandson.
- **Michael Chavez**, Happy about being a Lt. Governor.
- **Robert Wardlaw**, Happy to see so much happiness. Treasurer **Greg Young** reports that \$46 was collected for Childhood cancer from the Happy Bucks donations in the spittoon.

Closing Bell Drawing

The winners this week were **O.C. Larson, Eldon Strong, George Buzick, Bob Coulson, Karl Geil, and Paul Stratton** won cash cups. **Cy Regan, Bob Coulson, and Jim Easton** won chances to draw the card for the big pot but no luck—the pot keeps growing.



Email from the Prez

Gentlemen;

Former Governor **Donna Priester** will be presenting the **OI JOOI Program** to the kids at Bradley International this Wednesday at 3:15 pm! They have never had a JOOI program at Bradley, and I believe this will be just the first of several JOOI club launches in the coming year.

Around of recognition to **Randy Marcove, George Mills and Aaron Beery** who got us to this point with presenting the program information to the IB PYP Coordinator **Melissa Capozza** in early October. Needless to say - she loved it.

Donna Priester has launched several successful JOOI clubs in Colorado Springs. Her skill at connecting with and enthusing the kids is an honor to watch and learn from.

Please let me know if you can attend to support Donna and the kids for this important hour.

****Do we have a club videographer? Who do you suggest can video record this for training purposes?**

Info: JOOI program introduction to 4 and 5 graders at Bradley International School, Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013 @ 3:15 p.m. Please report to the school at 2:45 pm to assist.

Location: Bradley International School, 3051 S Elm St, Denver, CO 80222

Super Citizen Presenters for November

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| Nov 21 @ 12:45 | McMeen | Mark Metevia |
| Nov 22 @ 9:30 | Holm | Fred Pasternack |
| Nov 22 @ 3:00 | Bradley | John Stoffel |
| Dec 11 @ 2:30 | MPB | ? |
| Dec 13 @ 8:30 | Slavens | ? |

Weekly Greeters

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| 11/22/13 | Fred Pasternack & Dave Peck |
| 11/29/13 | Barry Barker & Curt Boell |
| 12/6/13 | Terry Shroyer & Rod Winget |
| 12/13/13 | Don Thomson & Cap Hermann |
| 12/20/13 | Ron Carlson & Steve Kady |

Monaco South Calendar

- Nov 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Nov 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Joe Marci, Tree Lot Education
- Nov 23 Sat 8:00 am Thanksgiving Basket Delivery - See Jim Easton
- Nov 26 Tues 4:00 pm Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner @ Boys & Girls Clubs and Girls, Inc.
- Nov 29 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Tree Lot Sign Up, Set Up, for Saturday Opening

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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.