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Good Morning Optimist

On this Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2016

Veterans Day—When we honor those who serve our country in the military, frequently putting themselves in harm's way, to protect the rights of Americans to enjoy the privileges afforded them by the Constitution of the United States. Our thanks to all veterans!



[Learn the facts and figures behind the many contributions of America's armed forces throughout the country's history via this History.com webpage at <http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/veterans-day-facts>.](http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/veterans-day-facts)

On a beautiful Autumn morning, we were greeted by the welcome handshakes and smiles of **John Oss, Dick Zolman, Russ Paul & Chris Dunphy**. It seemed like everyone was early this morning and wanted to be a "greeter."

First Bell

After the opening bell, President **Craig Eley** invited **Dick Zolman** to read the invocation asking blessings on veterans everywhere, but especially members of our club. The invocation was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Guests

Bob Avery introduced his guest, **Schuyler Cayton**, and **Steve Kady** re-introduced **Wallie Weld** who had both a check and a membership application in hand. Welcome Wallie!

From the Prez

Prez Craig announced that breakfast was free for all veterans and asked that members of the various service branches stand. The number of people standing was quite impressive.

Craig also announced that **John Young** has been recognized by the Ol Foundation as a "Benefactor" who has donated at least one thousand dollars to

the Foundation, which provides money for the various scholarship activities sponsored by Optimist International, including the Essay Contest, the Oratorical Contest and the Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH).

Santa's Needed: In his alter ego of Superintendent of Santa's (SOS) for the tree lot Craig asked for more volunteers to act as Santa on weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas and promised all kinds of perks for those who answered the call. Two-hour shifts are still available, [Click Here](#) or talk to Craig for details.

Tree Lot Day Managers Needed: We also need day managers for the lot. Two managers working together would be responsible for ensuring the lot is properly staffed on their assigned day. For math wizards, this means we would need at least fourteen (14) guys to cover the seven days a week the lot is open.

Tamarac Visitation: Members of Monaco South will be visiting the Tamarac Optimist Club on Thursday morning, December 1. Meeting starts at 7:30 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, corner of E. Hampton and S. Monaco.

TJ Art Festival: The TJ Art Festival will be on Saturday, December 10 this year, from 9 to 4. For an added twist, we will not only be helping crafters with unloading their wares and getting to the right booth, we can also promote flipping pancakes and (maybe) selling some Christmas trees. This is a great way to get to know other club members, while helping our community and spreading the word.



Announcements

Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner: **Michael Chavez** is looking for people who enjoy sharing the celebration of Thanksgiving with the kids of the Boys and Girls Club's and Girls Inc. Both events will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd and consist of feeding 800-1000 kids and their parents a Thanksgiving dinner. The event usually runs from about 4:30 until 8:00 p.m. so, you can drop by when you get off work and help serve or clean up after. Thanks to **Chris Dunphy** for playing "Let's Make a Deal" with Walmart, who will provide the turkeys at minimal cost. And, it sounds like the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center will again be preparing the food. This is another great way to get to know other members and sometimes their families.



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

CO-WY Junior Golf: Joe Marci announced that the Colorado-Wyoming District has been allotted 41 slots for next year's junior golf championships at the PGA National Resort and Spa, located in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. This means we need to raise more money to help the kids with travel costs, so we will probably be having more fund-raising events and needing more hole sponsors.



Entertainment Books: Joe Marci also shared, he still has some Entertainment books for sale in support of the Robert Sullivan Scholarship Fund. Books are \$35, see Joe.

Super Citizen Program: Paul Stratton thanked the club for sponsoring the Super Citizen Program at Lowry Elementary and asked for volunteers to help with Lowry Science Fair, which will be held on Wednesday, November 30. Volunteers are needed throughout the day to help set up, for judging and generally wrangle the kids who will be participating (90 kids in grades 3-5 have signed up). You do not have to be there all day and you do not need any special talents. The school is located at 8001 E. Cedar Avenue. Check with Paul if you are interested email Paul @ pcstratton@comcast.net.

Super Citizen Program: Bob Avery thanked Pat Bush and Don Thomson for participating in the University Park Elementary School Super Citizen Program this past week and said the kids always look forward to this program.

Super Citizen Program: Speaking of Super Citizen's John Oss shared some family orient pictures that he had taken at McMeen Elementary this year. He shares,



these photos show some evidence of how families and teachers love the this program. He states, "Serving children as an Optimist Super Citizen's is very gratifying and we need to keep supporting it."

Know Brainer: Pat Bush announced, that the Know Brainer committee is scheduled to meet for the First time this Tuesday, November 15th in their planning of the 2017 Know Brainer competition. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. and will take place at the home of Don Thomson, 7093 E Bucknell Place. The project has been conducted with the Tamarac Optimist Club for the past four years. Don Thomson, Allen Pierce, Keith Galloway, and Pat are the Monaco South members of the committee, but are looking for a few more members to help with the planning. The Know Brainer is a "Brain Bowl" style academic competition for fifth graders. Last year's competition featured 15 teams representing 8 different schools. If you would like to know more about this opportunity check with Pat Bush at 720-254-3741 or pbush@bushreese.com.

Thanksgiving Baskets: Jim Easton reminded us that delivery of Thanksgiving baskets will take place on Saturday, November 19. Baskets can be picked up at the American Legion Hall beginning at 8:00 a.m.

MSOC Shirts: Greg Young will be taking orders for the long or short sleeved shirts at the next meeting. He will have samples for you to try on if you need to check your size. Bring a check to pre-pay: \$25 for shirts with no name, \$30 for shirts with name embroidered.



New Member Installation

Two of our newer members, **Bob Leuty** and **Ken Duffy** were formally inducted into our club by CO-WY Governor **Paul Simon** and OCMS President **Craig Eley**. Bob was sponsored by **Tom Scarborough**, his son-in-law, and Ken was sponsored by **Bob Avery**. We look forward to the active participation of these new members—Welcome!



From left, Craig Eley, Paul Simon, Tom Scarborough, Bob Leuty, Ken Duffy, and Bob Avery.

Photo John Oss

Happy Bucks

With time to spare moment, **Prez Craig** calls for "Happy Bucks"; the opportunity for collecting a dollar, aka a buck, to share a happy moment and contribute to the fight on childhood cancer. Things to be happy for:



- ♦ **Jack Kleinheksel** — his son John, an Eagle Scout and Registered Advanced EMT is engaged to be married.
- ♦ **Steve Kady** — his son moved out of the basement.
- ♦ **Don St. John** — outcome of the presidential election.
- ♦ **Greg Young** — his grandson won a "Cardboard Challenge."
- ♦ **Ron Gustas** — his granddaughter Ellie, won a writing contest with the presentation taking at a Rockies game.
- ♦ **Paul Bernard** — the sun came up Wednesday morning, and it will probably come up tomorrow.
- ♦ **Robert Wardlaw** — his son is became a teen on his recent 13th birthday.
- ♦ **Tom Overton** — his shingles are getting better. (Not sure what he means with the recent July hail storm.)
- ♦ **Alan Pierce** — his new son, Jordan, will be 6 weeks old and is doing well.
- ♦ **Ed Collins** — his daughter's had a successful delivery and he is a grandfather.
- ♦ **Ron Cisco** — will become an instant grandpa, his son and his wife are adopting two children.
- ♦ **Many Members** — are happy being veterans and bring alive in our Country.



Drawing

What are the chances that two people would have their number drawn three times in one day? It happened today as both **Jack Kleinheksel**, the constant winner, and new member **Ed Leuty** were triple winners. Nobody drew the lucky Jack of Hearts, so the pot jumps to \$50 next week.



Harry Arkin

OCMS Member, Veteran, & Attorney

In honor of Veterans' Day, our speaker for today was our own Harry Arkin, a World War II veteran and a long-time pilot, who will be celebrating his 83 birthday this December. Harry started out to be a "jet jockey" in the United States Air Force, but after being kicked out of the flying program, ended up as an attorney in the Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG) and retired after 30 years of service.

While stationed at Nellis Air Force Base, an Air Force installation in southern Nevada, Harry was involved in a search for a missing airman. Since he was a trained pilot, Harry volunteered to fly a search mission. The plane provided was a two seat "spotter" plane from the Korean conflict era. Harry and his friend, Marty Green, another member of the JAG and who had never flown in a small plane, was asked to be the spotter. In their search they flew over the north rim of the Grand Canyon on their first mission, but saw no sign of the missing airman.

After refueling, at a remote airfield and calling in on a pay phone for further instructions, they started a second search



Harry Arkin, left, recognized for his service and story by Craig Eley.
Photo John Oss

and spotted an Air Force blue vehicle sitting in the middle of the desert. They also spotted a primitive landing strip which was basically a flat strip of land which had been leveled by a rancher's bull dozer.

In what Harry calls "a young and stupid decision" they decided to land. The landing gear hit a rut and Harry and his friend ended up upside down with gasoline dripping on them. They were able to extricate themselves from the plane and found the missing airman under the vehicle alive but dehydrated.

After being rescued by a group of cowboys out looking for stray cattle, Harry discovered that he had broken his back in the crash. The aftermath was constant pain to the effect that Harry was up to as much as 300 mg of OxyContin per day. Harry has since been fitted with an electrical device which anticipates and controls the pain and leads a relatively normal life. In Harry's words: "there was nothing heroic about what I did—just stupid!"

Thanks to Harry for all service to our country and thanks for the great story.

Never Bet on a Presidential Election

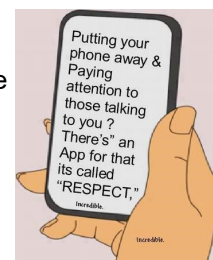


Wyatt McCallie learned a lesson about making bets and said it would not happen. But, **Tom Mauro**, although a reported Democrat, rightly predicted that **Donald Trump** would win in early 2015 and earned a \$100.

RESPECT for OTHERS & the CREED

Having respect for ourselves, others, and our Club Creed by not chatting with your neighbor or on a cell phone during a presentation and the recitation of the Optimist Creed, is always welcomed. It is disturbing to the rest of the Club members and is a bad example to our guests. We need to have better manners.

*Respect a speaker's time.
Silence cell phones.
Demonstrate good listening skills.*



Tree Lot Made Ready

The sign is up thanks to Denver Fire Department, Station 22, at 3530 S. Monaco Parkway. A shift under the leadership of Lieutenant Larry Braig managed to get our sign up in no time at all, reports **Steve Kady**. Thank you for your help!



Photo, Steve Kady

Weekly Greeters

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| 11/18/16 | John Swick & Ken Duffy |
| 11/25/16 | Pat Bush & Ralph Petersen |

November Super Citizen Presenters

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| Nov 16 @ 2:30 | MPB | Paul Gibson |
| Nov 30 @ 1:00 <small>New date</small> | McMeen | Mike White |
| Nov 18 @ 3:00 | Bradley | Jon Wachter |

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40th Year — Chartered in 1976

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| Nov 16 | Wed | 6:30 pm | Meeting, Legion Hall: Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way |
| Nov 18 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Joe Marci, Getting Ready for the Tree Lot |
| Nov 25 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Brad Montgomery, Magician and Comedian |
| Nov 25 | Fri | 8:30 am | TREE LOT SETUP — all hands are needed |
| Dec 2 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Bob Rhue, Animal Rescue & Welfare |
| Dec 9 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Karl Geil, Brain Bowl is coming, Brain Bowl is coming! |

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

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| Bob Rhue | 1976-77 | Tom Overton | 1996-97 |
| Jerry Whitlow | 1977-78 | Peter Dimond | 1997-98 |
| Bill Kosena | 1978-79 | Ralph Symalla | 1998-99 |
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| Frank Middleton | 1981-82 | Don St. John | 2001-02 |
| John Young | 1982-83 | Jack Rife | 2002-03 |
| Pat Bush | 1983-84 | Karl Geil | 2003-04 |
| Bob Hugo | 1984-85 | Bryce Slaby | 2004-05 |
| Tom Mauro | 1985-86 | Donlie Smith | 2005-06 |
| Curt Lorenzen | 1986-87 | Paul Bernard | 2006-07 |
| Oscar Sorensen | 1987-88 | Greg Young | 2007-08 |
| Lupe Salinas | 1988-89 | Phil Perington | 2008-09 |
| Bob Avery | 1989-90 | Ron Cisco | 2009-10 |
| Bill Litchfield | 1990-91 | Ed Collins | 2010-11 |
| Bill Walters | 1991-92 | Randy Marcove | 2011-12 |
| Kent Gloor | 1992-93 | Paul Simon | 2012-13 |
| Gary Stowbridge | 1993-94 | Jon Wachter | 2013-14 |
| Mark Metevia | 1994-95 | John Oss | 2014-15 |
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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.