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Holiday Party A Success!

By Paul Simon

Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, EmmyLou Harris and Judy Collins all in one place? If you'd closed your



Derek Evilsizor, Megan Burt, and our own Frank Ross. Photo by Steve Kady

eyes at the MSOC Holiday Party on Jan. 9th, that's what you'd have heard. Frank (Derek Evilsizor, EmmyLou/Megan Burt and Elvis (our own **Frank Ross**) filled the community room at the Most Precious Blood

church with superb entertainment for more than two hours. Derek has the look, sound and mannerisms of a young Sinatra down cold, although maybe he jokes between songs more than the late crooner. Megan's father was the Scout leader of **Steve Kady's** son Alex, who became an Eagle Scout at MPB Church. Megan's passion is music and her clear voice and comments to her rapt audience clearly demonstrated that. And Frank made sure the 75th anniversary of Elvis' birth wouldn't pass unrecognized with his usual great Rock 'N Roll music.

"Thumper" Kady did a bang-up job organizing the party and emceeing it as well, but it was his wife **Susan** who sealed the deal. She hustled and bustled through the entire evening, organizing the potluck,

filling coffee pots and making everyone feel right at home. She commanded a crack team of Optimists who set up the room, managed the food and drink and cleaned up afterward. In keeping with the holiday theme, Sue even herded everyone into a collaborative rendition of "Jingle Bells" – each person holding a card with a different word or phrase from the song. It was sort of like doing the wave at a Rockies game.

The party even had its own version of "Dancing with the Stars" led by those great swing dancers **Karl and Lesley Geil, Greg and Diane Young, and Ron and Ann Louise Carlson.**

Oh, and the potluck food was great, with the main entree of a wonderful tasting turkey and roast beef donated by Rick Dire of the **Bonnie Brae Tavern**. The Bonnie Brae Tavern has been in business over 75 years, having opened in 1934.

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Recycle Your Tennies project

Donate your old tennis shoes! They will be recycled into a playground surface.

No shoes should:

- Contain metal
- Have cleats
- Be wet or muddy



Bring your old tennis shoes in on January 22nd and give to **Don St. John**. Learn more about this recycling process at: <http://www.nikereuseashoe.com/>.

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

Good Morning Optimist

As always, we had another great meeting this past Friday. Our greeters this week were “Frank from the Bank,” **Frank Middleton** and **George Vassilaros** who surprised us all with a change. They decided to hand out cards and make the meeting a “sit in a different place” Camaraderie Day. This is great way to get to know fellow club members. As a result, it makes it a bit harder for the editor to come up with some “words of wisdom.” Thanks Frank!

Welcome Guests

After the Invocation and Pledge **President Ron** welcomed all new comers. **Randy Marcove** brought John Goldberg. John learned about our group from the Tree Lot. He is an attorney and works in real estate. **Russ Paul** brought Doug Stedmen and **Gary Strowbridge** introduced Jim Tapp. This was Jim’s second visit. Get him signed up!

Utterings from Prez Ron

Shame on Ron Cisco! He forgot to give **Bryce Slaby** a hat for his contributions to the Tree Lot. Bryce gave enough hours to be on the Top 10 list. Thanks Bryce!

Photo by Don StJohn



We received a “thank you” letter from Thomas Jefferson High School for our contributions as a TJ Partner and our involvement to the TJ Craft Fair.

Tom Overton brought to our attention that an article was written in the December 10th edition of the Villager about the Tree Lot. Please talk to Tom if you would like to see a copy of it.

Prez Ron mentioned he was doing some “housecleaning” in our backroom storage shelf and he found some Optimist Club history. Your editor thought since everyone laughed when he asked if anyone wanted a copy of a 1996 newsletter that I would put a few pieces of history in this edition.

- In 1976 we were chartered with 43 members and Bob Rhue was President.
- In 1977 the Evening Optimist Club of Denver was started.
- In 1978, anyone remember the “Spring Bash”?
- In 1979 we were ranked in the Top 15% of 3,400 and received Honor Club status.
- In 1980 we were showcased on Channel 2 news for the Tree Lot.
- In 1981, who participated in “chug a lug”?
- From 1982-1983, **John Young** was President and we had 78 members.
- In 1984 the infamous “Happy Birthday” celebration was born.
- In 1985, anyone remember the 10th Anniversary of the Hawaiian Luau?
- 1986-1987, who were Hoeckel and Joeckel?
- 1987-1988, who were the three amigos in a

picture labeled “Trouble”?

- In 1989, Russ Campen became our 100th member.
- 1989-1990, **Robert Avery** was President.
- In 1991, who received a book titled “The Art of Kissing” award?
- 1992-1993, **Kent Gloor** was at the helm.
- In 1994, **Cy Regan** and the Sugar Plum Fairy.
- 1995-1996 was our 20th Anniversary and **Bob Safe** was our president.

Thanks Ron for sharing memories!

Announcements


Thanks to our Chef: **Frank Middleton** thanked our Chef and member **John Marinis** for all his hard work over the years getting us breakfast. Frank presented him with an envelope of “tips.”

The “Brain Bowl” is coming! Karl Geil has 50 volunteers already signed up. We have 35 readers; need 60 more people to volunteer. We need people to setup next Friday at 3:30pm the 22nd at Monarch High School in Louisville, CO. Call Karl with any questions. In a email Karl mentioned, “*I missed spoke, we need Brain Bowl volunteers to be in place and ready for training to start at 7:00am the day of the tournament(s)—first one is Jan. 23rd.*” Please arrive a little earlier to sign in and grab a donut and some coffee, so we can start promptly at 7:00 am.

Bronco reporter: Freddie Pasternack, having returned from his cruise, reminded us that we need to support the Haiti efforts!

Ski Day: Howard Fry reminded us of the Ski Day that is planned for January 20th. Meet at the Colorado Arlberg Club, 1930 Mary Jane Road, Winter Park, CO for breakfast before hitting the slopes. If you are interested, **Jack Rife** offered to have people stay at his place on the evening of January 19th. Please see Howard or Jack if you are interested.

MSOC Valentine Breakfast: The Valentine Breakfast will be held on February 12th at 7:00am.

 The cost will be \$12 per person. It will be held at Park Hill Golf Club. Please signup by February 5th. Direct all questions to **Tom Overton** at 303-617-4476 or 720-323-9935.

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Super Citizen Presenters for January

Day	School	Presenter
20 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Ed Collins
22 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Ron Cisco
28 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Joe Marci
29 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Paul Bernard

Announcements Continued

Girl Scout Cookies: Jim Easton mentioned that his daughter Emily is selling cookies if anyone is interested. Her troop #1207 and will drop off the cookies in person at the club. Each box is \$3.25. If interested contact Jim or Emily at 303-300-2431.



Christmas Basket Project: Don StJohn reported that the annual Optimist Club of Monaco South Christmas Basket project was held on December 12, 2009. Our club delivered 42 Christmas Baskets to needy families. 36 of the baskets went to families with children in the elementary schools of Bradley, Samuels, Southmoor, Holm, McMeen, Lowry and Slavens. In addition to these schools, 6 Baskets went to families of children who are members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Denver. 24 Monaco South members participated in this project, they were **Ron Cisco, Les Larson, Gary Strowbridge, Russ Paul, Phil Perington, Greg Young, Terry Shroyer, Kent Gloor** and his daughter & Son-in-law, **Donlie Smith, Joe Marci, Oscar Sorensen, John Young, Scott Walker, Nick Newey, Randy Marcove** and 2 kids, Eldon Strong, **Karl Geil, Bill Litchfield, Bob Avery, Paul Bernard, Tom Mauro** and family, **Bob Finkelmeier, Ron Gustas** and Don.

Once again Greg Burke, at the Safeway on Monaco and Yale, had the food baskets prepared by his crew and gave us a very good price on all of the goods. Thanks Greg! If you are a Safeway shopper, please make an effort to shop at this Safeway to show them our appreciation for all they do for us. Kudos goes out to **Bob Avery, Eldon Strong** and **Kent Gloor** for braving the elements at 7:30 am and delivering the food to the American Legion Hall

Opera Colorado: Bill Litchfield is looking for a few good men to be "extras" in Opera Colorado's production of TOSCA. These are non-singing parts. Performances are at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House. Parking is provided, as well as tickets for the

dress rehearsal and half price tickets for regular performances. No experience necessary for this fun event, which needs a total of 44 extras.



Attached with the email version of GUMS is the schedule. Please note that you are only scheduled on the dates

marked "procession supers" and "all supers." Have a friend? Let him know about this opportunity. Contact Bill at 303-782-0465.

Happy Bucks Day: Prez Ron passed the Happy Bucks jar around today. What are you happy for?

Super Market Sales: Cy Regan announced that King Soopers sale this week were \$1,125.00, while Safeway was at \$550. Remember, at each weekly meeting, gift cards usable at King Soopers and Safeway are available for sale to members. These are available in multiples of \$25.00, with no maximum. The member uses the card like a debit card for groceries and gasoline at dozens of stores associated with King Soopers or Safeway (see the list on the back of the card). The member gets full value for the card, but the club buys them for 95% of face value, thereby earning 5% of the face value as a fundraiser for Monaco South. King Soopers and Safeway have some of the best-discounted gasoline around, and everyone buys groceries each week, so it's a win-win proposition for the club and the members. Buy yours today!

Mark Your Calendar: 92nd Optimist International Convention, July 8-10, 2010 here in Denver. More information to follow.



Editors Quote of the Week: "If you always do what you've done, you will always get what you've always got." Ed Foreman

Monaco South Calendar

Jan 19	Tue	6:30 pm	Brain Bowl Training, Overland High School, 12400 East Jewell Ave., Aurora
Jan 20	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Jan 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Robin Finegan, Director of Consumer Services, Denver DA's Office
Jan 23	Sat	8:00 am	North Regional Brain Bowl, Monarch High School in Louisville, CO
Jan 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Paul Gleditsch, Bring On the Music: Musical instruments for those in need.
Jan 30	Sat	9:00 am	Brain Bowl Training, Overland High School, 12400 East Jewell Ave., Aurora

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		

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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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