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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist

Good morning Optimists on this last Friday the 13th in the year. (Editor: Did you know, Friday, November,



ushering in Act III of this year's epic Friday the 13th trilogy. We had a Friday the 13th in February and March. To cap things off, we had a Friday the 13th, exactly 39 weeks (3 x 13 weeks) after Friday, February 13, 2015.)

Greeters

Oh well, a "Greeter!" Doing the job of two men this morning was **Steve Kady**. Steve provided the good cheer and welcomed all who entered with a handshake and smile.

First Bell

President **Don lley** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. With **Craig Eley** delivering the invocation this morning

and with keeping Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11th in mind, he asks Merciful God to help those who have endured the brutalities of war. Further he thank them



for their service and sacrifices made to protect our freedom. Craig then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

From the Prez

President **Don Iley** calls us back to order and relays a "Thank You card" sent from <u>Anne Rowe</u>. Anne spoke to the club in October and was re-elected to her school board position earlier this month. Anne's commitment and hard work to better the role our schools play in kid's lives is inspiring. Thank you Anne and good luck!

Prez Don also tells the club that the book drive started by **Steve Kady** thus far, has collected over 2,000 books that will be distributed at the Thanksgiving dinner at the Boys & Girls Club and Girls Inc., on Tuesday, November 24th.

Guests

Guests this morning to the club include <u>Bob Trout</u>, who googled our club and joins us this morning. Bob is a retired Water Lawyer, who lives near Denver University and due to a disability would appreciate a ride to the meetings if you live near that area. In addition, **Jim Easton** brought his twin brother John who lives in Anchorage, Alaska. A strikingly handsome pair indeed. Welcome Bob and John!

Announcements

<u>Tree Lot Santa Haus Duty</u>: Craig Eley announces that a few slots remain for Santa duty at the Tree Lot. On Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Santa will listen to children tell him their wishes. Kids are delighted at the chance to meet Santa before Christmas, so signup and help us fill these open slots and give the kids a happy memory.

TJHS Art Fest: **Craig Eley** also announces that the TJ Art Fest, is coming up December 13 and South Monaco Optimists will again be helping with parking at the event. Show up at 6:45 a.m. and enjoy coffee, doughnuts, and parking duties. It will conclude by 8:30 a.m.

T1DOC: Ron Gustas announces support for Urban Peak. The Diabetes Optimist Club (T1DOC) is conducting a drive to benefit the Urban Peak nonprofit, which helps at risk Denver homeless and near homeless youth ages 15 to 24. Preston Dickey of Urban Peak spoke to OCMS and TIDOC about programs helping these kids and young adults. T1DOC welcomes support from OCMS members by joining in to donate the following type items: clothes (new underwear, winter socks, hats, gloves), men's and women's winter boots, rain ponchos, umbrellas, deodorant, gift cards, bus tickets, bike locks, hand/foot warmers and snacks (high protein, trail mix, beef jerky). A collection box will be at OCMS meetings from November 13 through December 11. Checks payable to the T1DOC are also welcome which will be used to purchase the above type items. For more info, please contact Ron.

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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



In addition, the T1DOC on Wednesday, November 11, chose **Greg Young**, our distinguished treasurer, as their member of the year, for all his work. Congratulations Greg! Photo Craig Eley

<u>Monaco South Board Meeting</u>: Randy Marcove wants to confirm the upcoming Board Meeting at his house on Thursday, November 19, starting at 6:30 p.m. Randy's address is 4103 S. Rosemary Way.

<u>MSOC Mentor</u>: Randy also notes that he appreciates the chance to be a mentor to new club members. Some of these new members go on to leadership roles within the club and even the district, as exampled by **Curt Merrill**. Curt joined our club in September of this year and also happens to be District Governor.

Speaking of new member mentoring, **Tom Glazier** shared he too met with his mentee for breakfast recently. He noted the program is helpful in assisting new members with the clubs many functions. Tom pointed out that **Chris Dunphy** was inducted just last week and has already made an impact in our club.

Tom Glazier also said that in conjunction with the TJHS Art Fest, he will be conducting a "Book Sale" and will need some help setting up the books for display and sale. Tom plans to begin collecting additional books and will be needing volunteers to assist.

Bicycle Donation: Lynn Jones tells us about a recent trip to the Boettcher Mansion in Golden to pick up several bicycles that will be donated to the Boys & Girls Club, and given to some lucky girl and boy. Venture Associates donated the bikes. They are a venture capital group founded in 1982 here in Denver. The group started out as a traditional venture capital group with an emphasis on financing small public companies. It has evolved into an investment banking and management consulting firm. Thank you Lynn on behalf of Monaco South for your help with these bikes!

Grand Re-Opening Schlessman YMCA: Jack Kleinheksel confirms the upcoming Open House and Grand Opening for the newly remodeled YMCA to be held Saturday, November 21, starting at 10 a.m. until noon. This free celebration is for members and the community to experience all the good things the new space has to offer, including fitness classes, sports, water activities, senior programs, and family activities.

Several MSOC members attended the donor recep-



tion for the dedication of the Club's playground area. Both **Bob Avery** and **Kent Gloor** sent pictures of the playground plaque acknowledging donners, as seen at left.

MSOC member and Executive Director of the Schlessman YMCA, **Neil Alderson**, was



congratulated by the Jim Hiner, President and CEO, YMCA of Metropolitan Denver for spearheading the \$7.3 million expansion and renovation project.

Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner: **Donlie Smith** tells us that Tuesday, November 24 will be the annual Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner at Boys and Girls Club, 3480 W. Kentucky Ave., and Girls Inc., 1499 Julian St. This event feeds over 800 kids and their families. This event will be from 4-7 p.m., with dinner served at 5 p.m. and clean-up at 7 p.m. If you have not helped with this event, get involved, this is one of the premier opportunities to directly impact kids. For information contact Donlie Smith at 303-745-3210.

<u>Thanksgiving Baskets</u>: Allen Pierce and Jim Easton remind members that Thanksgiving Baskets will be handed out November 21, starting at 8 a.m. This year the club will be passing out 120 baskets, up from the 47 baskets the club passed out last year. There is an opportunity for members to donate by "purchasing" a basket(s) and help to defray the cost for these meals. See Jim or Allen if you can help.

Bronco Update: Phil Perington with a nod to Fred Pasternack notes that despite the recent loss,



our Broncos will come back strong against a familiar opponent. He then recounts a story about Freddie traveling to Kansas City years ago and talking his way out of a speeding ticket with a Kansas State Trooper.

An Attitude of Gratitude: In the absence of Perrv Allen, treasurer Greg Young reminds us to give him your DIME-A-DAY contribution, \$36.60 to go to the Optimist International Foundation (OIF). Other options are the Century Circle (\$100) and President's Club (\$250). In addition, do not forget if you want to make a contribution to a club project of \$100 or more, you can get a tax deduction by writing your check to OIF and Greg will send it to the foundation to be processed and passed back to the club for the project of your desire. Thanks to all who have donated in the past. "Keep a fiver or two handy" for next week when we plan to do "HAPPY BUCKS" where you can express your gratitude for an event in your life and at the same time feed the spittoon with proceeds to go to OIF Childhood Cancer Campaign. Please give all checks and forms to Greg. All checks made out to the OIF will be provided a tax receipt from the foundation.

Drawing

President **Don lley** asks do we have a drawing? And yes we have a drawing, there is a pot totaling \$80. The lucky card is the 9 of Diamonds. Members who hold winning tickets include **Mike White**, **Tom Hoch**, **Eldon Strong**, **Condredge Holloway**, **Phil Perington**, and **Allen Yockey**. **Craig Eley** then draws **Jack Kleinheksel** name. Jack gets a chance to pick the lucky card, but no big winners.

Greg Young OCMS Financials & 2015-2016 Budget

First, Greg Young as our club treasurer reminds members that Dues are Due. He has a credit card processing unit with him for any members who wish to pay via that method. If you pay in full with a check, a \$5 discount is available. Also, please consider using King Soopers and Safeway cards for your grocery and gas purchases and the club will receive 5 percent of the transaction. These cards are reloadable, you can continue to use them, and the club will benefit.

Second, Greg reviewed with us specifics on the clubs financial standing as of the end of September (our fiscal year). We ended the year



Greg Young Photo Don StJohn

in good shape with a surplus, due to strong sales from the Tree Lot. The club also benefited from several donations from memorial gifts. No members attended international conventions this year, which in turn saved the club money. The total amount this club pays out for its various service projects is roughly \$30,000. This is a tribute to the club for its contribution to our community. It is also a testament to the members who participate in projects that betters the lives of kids and their families. If you have any guestions or want copies of the year-end financial reports, please contact Greq.

Paul Bernard OCMS Website

Club Event Calendar

Paul Bernard spoke about the Club's website. You will find it at http://

www.monacosouth.org/. It includes a calendar for upcoming events. Also it contains a signup sheet for the Tree Lot; the club is looking for strong support from members to help this year. There are also past copies of newsletters members can spend quality time perusing. Improvements are being made to the website and will be introduced soon. Below is the Current homepage.



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To get to the *Event Calendar*, just click on the link. To get to the Tree Lot Signup Calendar go to Members Only and login: user name = msoc76, password = xmas2015. You can also find a pdf version of the Membership Roster there as well: user name = member, password = Denver76. Should you need assistance contact Paul.

Weekly Greeters				
11/20/15 Frank Middleton & Robert Wardlav				
11/27/15 Michael Chavez & Joe Marci				
12/4/15 Paul Gibson & Bob Avery				
12/11/15	1/15 Bryce Slaby & Tom Kramis			
Help, Help, Help — we need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or jon_wachter@msn.com				

November Super Citizen Presenters					
Nov 18 @ 2:30	MPB	?			
Nov 19 @ 1:00	McMeen	?			
Nov 19 @ 2:15	Univ. Park	Phil Perington			
Nov 20 @ 3:00	Bradley	Jon Wachter			

Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 gardnerrb@gmail.com

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👌 Nov 19 Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's Home, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
🔾 Nov 20 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Joe Marci, Tree Lot Orientation
🔾 Nov 21 Sat	8:00 am	Thanksgiving Baskets - See Jim Easton or Allen Pierce
🔾 Nov 24 Tue	4:00 pm	Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner, Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc.
🔇 Nov 27 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day. Sign-up for Tree Lot
🕺 Nov 28 Sat	8:30 am	Tree Lot Setup - New Location, West Side of Monaco at 2223, in front of Walmart Market
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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.