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Good Morning Optimists!

Friday the 13th...and no one got repossessed.

We were greeted this Friday the 13th by **Steve Yates** and **Gary Strowbridge**, who avidly passed out sets of advertising flyers to everyone coming in the door. There are 5 per set. Please hand them out to anyone or business you might think would like to visit the tree lot. Thanks guys! Good idea!

All those enjoying the outstandingly delicious smothered breakfast burritos this morning now know why we sold 300 burritos and “Egg McMuttins” at the Furry Scurry this year. Thanks **John Marinos!**

Utterings President Cisco

President Ron rang the bell at exactly 7:00am. Past Governor **George Busick** presented the Invocation reciting, *Making Your Optimism Come True*. Ron then commenced everyone to enjoin in a Celebrate the Services singing chorale featuring the Army, Navy, Marine, and Air Force marching songs. **Eldon Strong** wore his Army dress jacket, **John Stoffel** jump-ed up like a Marine ready for action and startled a few with his catlike agility and the Navy guys tried to pick a fight with whomever wanted to rumble. There was a cosmic fly-over by the Zoomies. The singing was robust and determined and a great moment of celebration for all our members who served in the Military. Thank you gentlemen for your service! America is grateful for you all.

Prez Ron then gave a big “good to see you again” to **Peter Dimond** and **Steve Yates**. **Mike Snipes** was very smart looking in his buttoned down royal purple CDOE shirt. You can tell it’s Tree Lot time when **Mike Miller** starts prowling around. Good to see ya Mike!

Guests: **Prez Ron** introduced Governor-elect **Ron Benson** the “say yes” guy who thanked everyone for their energy and was asked to explain the Benson name difference between the Swedes and the Danes. The Swedes are “on” and the Danes are “en,” but he had no idea who the Norwegians were. There was no trouble and a sense of relief wafted through the crowd. **Jack Kitchell** introduced visiting Past Governor **Michael Weston** and the conversation was short and sweet. Thanks Gov!



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

Don Thomson reported the first Super Citizen Awards were held last week at University Park Elementary. **Nick Newey** acted as emcee and **Eldon Strong** helped with the presentations. New member **Ron Roth** was there to observe and will lead the ceremonies at McMeen Elementary. **Woody Thibodeau** and **Jim Easton** are board members of Academy Highline Charter School (Highline Academy is a K-8, tuition-free, DPS Charter School) and were instrumental in getting MSOC involved with our Super Citizen Program.

Bob Avery reminded everyone of the up-coming Super Saturday events: Thanksgiving Baskets, TJ Craft Fair, and Tree Cutting. If you are helping with baskets please be at the Club at 8:00am on Saturday, November 21st.

Craig Eley reaffirmed the TJ Craft Fair beginning at 7:00am and ending around 9:00am. The Rosters are now a "brilliant green."

Ed Collins requested everyone cutting trees on Saturday meet at the Club by 7:00am. He also announced an intriguing upcoming travel tour to Ireland for 6 days at a 5-star hotel for \$499 per person, from NYC. Comments regarding the Irish 5-star designation generated a few laughs. Anyone interested please see Ed.

Treasurer **Greg Young** informed the gathered that the Master Calendar Tree Lot Sign Up would be here on Friday the 20th. It takes 12 hours to get the 50% discount on your personal tree. All members are urged to sign up and help. We need everyone's help and it is a tremendous amount of fun and goodwill.

Joe Marci still has some Entertainment Books. They are only \$20 each for a ton of savings.

Karl Geil made reference to an unknown brain surgeon who apparently rear ended his car and forgot to leave a note. No description is available. Anyone who has had recent brain surgery is asked to please contact Karl if you feel you have a possible suspect.

Dick Cohen is looking for more Welcome Greeters and is continuing with the program of pairing up seasoned members with newer members. He is also looking for Meals on Wheels volunteers to deliver hot meals on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Donlie Smith, who noted that he too was on the shores of Tripoli but gave no further details, needs Boys & Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner volunteers. The setup shift begins at 4:00pm. with prep and serving commencing at 5:00 until about 9:30pm. Clean-up runs until 10pm. We will have between 600-700 kids and family members. The location is at Federal and West Kentucky Avenue. The big day is Tuesday, the 24th.

MSOC Job Opening: We are still looking for a *Director of Publicity*. If you are interested please contact a Board Member or **President Ron**.

Call for Dues: Everyone should have received their invoice for dues. If not, please call **Greg Young** at 303-759-3921 or email at gndyoung@msn.com.

Treasurer Greg would appreciate your payment by the end of November, or contact him if you need more time. You can also pay a small amount by paying quarterly dues only as detailed on the invoice. Second notices will be sent in early December.

Weekly Drawing: \$90.00 was waiting to be had. No winners for drawing the Ace of diamonds. Of note however, we had two double-downs with **Karl Geil** and **Ron Carlson** both winning two draws from the silver commode. Next time mix-up those tickets.

Chips: New member **Dave Erickson** was the lucky winner of the second chance drawing. But there is still \$90 in the pot!

Cy Regan reported sales of \$1,425.00 for the Super Market Sales. King Soopers came in at \$1,100.00 and Safeway at \$325.00. That's another \$71.25 for the general fund. Thanks Cy! Please don't forget those gift cards work for fuel. **Greg Young** was the winner of the drawing and is getting a free breakfast next week.

Past Governor **Mike Weston** led us in the Creed, "*too be noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.*"

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mum is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is on Grandpa's lap.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
 - 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
 - 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
 - 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
 - 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
 - 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not for the toy.
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Speaker for Today

Paul Simon made a fascinating and educational presentation on the Internet and Social Networking. He covered topics that included access and utilization of the “big three sites” used by millions of people for both business and social purposes.



LinkedIn (<http://www.linkedin.com/>) is basically a site for business and non-profit interests. You join a group and become active in the interest of that group. Paul stated he was a member of 39 groups. There is site for Optimists, which Club member **Randy Marcos** has been active with. See the related story below.

Twitter (<http://twitter.com/>) is where you “tweet and twitter” with millions of people around the world. You sign up and create a profile and create a “brand” for yourself or business. Webinars are a by-product of Twitter. Paul explained that they were a much easier and cost effective way to conduct meetings. The down side with tweeting is that anyone can follow your activities without making their presence known. Best to remember the saying, “If you put it on the Net it ain’t ever coming back (or going away for that matter).”

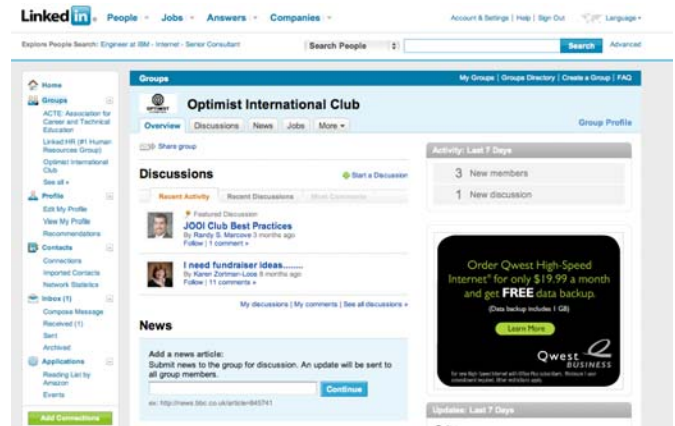
Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/>) is more of a social contact site that is used to interact with other people and future friends. You create your own site and profile, complete with pictures and personal logs, better known as “blogs.” In fact, even dogs can have their own blog. Paul’s dog has a site known as “What my dog nose.”

There is a ton of information regarding this aspect of the Internet and Paul has been successful in networking with new business associates around the world. Contact Paul if you have any questions or

want more information on this new and intriguing world of the web.

Join the LinkedIn Optimist group

LinkedIn (a professional networking group) where Randy is hosting a Optimist networking group where you can connect with other Optimist members (currently over 150 have connected from across the United States), socialize, share ideas, network professionally, etc. You can join LinkedIn @ <http://www.linkedin.com/> and once you create your personal profile you can join the Optimist International Club by clicking GROUPS.



Super Citizen Presenters for November

| Day | School | Presenter |
|--------------------|------------|----------------|
| 5 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm | Lowry | John Greene |
| 6 @ 2:45 & 3:15 pm | Univ. Park | Nick Newey |
| 18 @ 2:05 pm | McMeen | Ron Roth |
| 18 @ 2:30 pm | MPB | Gary Miller |
| 20 @ 9:10 am | Holm | Phil Perington |
| 20 @ 3:00 pm | Bradley | Howard Fry |

Monaco South Calendar

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| Nov 18 | Wed 6:30pm | Board Meeting, Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102 |
| NOTE: Board Meetings have changed to the 3 rd Wednesday of each month | | |
| Nov 20 | Fri 7:00am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day, Joe Marci on Tree Lot |
| Nov 21 | Sat 8:00am | Thanksgiving Basket Delivery |
| Nov 24 | Tue 4:00pm | Thanksgiving Dinners at Boys & Girls Club and Girls, Inc. |
| Nov 26 | Thu | Thanksgiving Day |
| Nov 27 | Fri 7:00am | Meeting, Legion Hall - John Young, Thank God I'm an Optimist |
| Nov 27 | Fri 9:00am | Christmas Tree Lot Setup |
| Dec 4 | Fri 7:00am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim Johnson, National Renewable Energy Laboratory |
| Dec 11 | Fri 7:00am | Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker TBA |
| Dec 16 | Wed 6:30pm | Board Meeting, Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102 |

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

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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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