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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for November—Greg Young



### GOOD MORNING OPTIMISTS!!

#### Today's Greeters

Today's greeters were one of our newest members, **Steve Yates**, who was partnered with **Harry Johnson**.

#### Invocation and Pledge

**Doug Morton** gave the invocation, with a prayer for Thanksgiving and encouraging us to be thankful for all we have, especially the children. Doug then guided us in our pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

#### Opening Bell(s)

**President Phil Perington** once again demonstrated and amazing knowledge of dates and history. Do you know who the first Pope was and when? If not, you have to attend meetings to learn this. Apparently it is open to debate. Other tidbits:

- 1520—Magellen reaches the Pacific
- 1795—Somalian pirates got \$800,000 for some ship
- 1948—Hopalong Cassidy premiered on TV

Phil then reminded us that, "Talk is cheap because the supply always exceeds the demand," and this gem: "The only perfect science we have is hindsight."

### Guests

Our only guest today was **Bob Cornall**, who is soon to become a member—he submitted his application to our membership chair, **Bill Wells!!** Bob's sponsor is **Eldon Strong**. Welcome Bob!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### NOTICE: Brent's Place—Postponed

**Don Thomson** informs us that Brent's Place has had to postpone their move in date due to some last minute hitch. They will let us know when to show up to help with the move in.

#### TJ Craft Fair a Rousing Success

**Gary Laman** reported for chair **Craig Eley** that the event helping TJ with traffic control was a great success. Thanks to the controllers, who were: **Steve Kady, Rich Mahony, Donlie Smith, Harry Fegley, Cy Regan, Gary Miller, Tom Hoch, John Young, Ron Carlson, Gary Strowbridge, Russ Paul, Oscar Sorensen, Tom Mauro**, and of course **Gary**. Most of these guys then proceeded to help deliver Thanksgiving baskets.

#### Thank You!

We got a nice thank you from a young lady, **Jocelyn Thompson**, in Ft. Collins for sponsoring her in the Optimist Junior Golf Tournament of Champions.

Meeting Place  
American Legion Hall Post 1  
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado  
Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTINUED

### Thanksgiving Baskets Grows to 30 Families

**Bob Avery** headed up the annual distribution of turkey and all the fixin's this year. There were 30 Thanksgiving baskets given out on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, to needy families from the schools we support through Super Citizen. Reports came from members that the baskets were greatly appreciated from the recipients, through expressions of words, tears, and hugs. One large gift to Monaco South was that **Greg Burke**, the manager of Safeway at Monaco and Yale went above and beyond the call by not only getting us reasonably priced turkeys, but also having the food baskets already pre-assembled!!

Thank you to the club for allocating additional funds; for more basket; however, we came in well under budget. Those that were on the food patrol were,



Photo by Don St. John

**Ed Collins, Jim Easton, Ron Cisco, Gary Strowbridge, Russ Paul, Joe Marci, Don Thomson, Nick Newey, Terry Shroyer, John Greene, Greg Young, Ron Gustas, Phil Perington, Donlie Smith, Gary Miller, Paul Stratton and son, Wyatt McCallie, Oscar Sorensen, Les Larson (twice), Cy Regan, Tom Mauro, Karl Geil, Dick Daly and son Greg, Jim and Elaine Vander Kamp, Al Gapuzan, Coy Horton, Bob Finkelmeier, Steve Kady, and Fred Pasternack** (who brought toys for the baskets). **Special thanks** to **Don St. John, Eldon Strong and Kent Gloor** for coming early to Safeway to help



Photo by Don St. John

transport food. **See you all for Christmas baskets on December 20<sup>th</sup>.**

### Holiday Party

The Monaco South Holiday Party is scheduled for Friday evening, January 9<sup>th</sup>. If you know of a party room that we could use that fits 100, please let **Craig Eley** know: [craig@eley.net](mailto:craig@eley.net) or 303-758-9499.

### Christmas Dinner

There may be some of you without family during Christmas that would like to get together for Christmas Dinner. Please see or call **Leo Hagele** who is getting a group together.

### The Tree Lot is Here!

A special thanks to all our members who helped open the tree lot this Friday (too many to list). We are so fortunate to have so many members who give of their time and talents (including **Tamarac Club**) to make this a successful project. Highlights this week include the tree cutting expedition led by **Ed Collins** and his merry band including, **Oscar Sorensen, Bryce Slaby, Tom Mauro, Russ Paul, Don St. John, Al Gapuzan, Jack Rife, and Bill Litchfield**. The GUMS team including **Ralph Pedersen, Marlin Kent, Dick Zolman, Jim Piccinelli, and Joe Marci,**

#### Chili Cook-Off



The annual chili cook-off will be held at the tree lot trailer on two weekends this year, by popular demand. Dust off your best recipe and get HOT. Dates will be Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.



Photo by Greg Young

who addressed and stamped 1600 post card ads to our past customers. You can do your part by getting over to the lot and getting your time slots signed up. **DO IT NOW!**

### Speakers Needed

If you know of speakers or want to explore a new area, call or email **Paul Bernard** with ideas at 720-339-8025 or [pxbernard@yahoo.com](mailto:pxbernard@yahoo.com).

### Supermarket Gift Card Sales

Cy announced we sold \$1,775 today, mainly due to a big benefactor who expects a lot of out of town company this year.

### Closing Bell (s)



No one won! The pot next week will be \$110. Sign up for 5 shifts at the tree lot for an extra chance at the pot!! **Greg Young** led us in the Creed.

## Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys and Girls Club and Girls, Inc. a BIG HIT!

Monaco South pulled off another successful Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys and Girls Clubs and at Girls Inc. Everybody had turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, cranberries, green beans, buttered bread, and we served over 60 gallons of lemonade. It was estimated that we served over 870 people.

**Donlie Smith** was this year's chairman and he and his committee are to be commended for an outstanding job.

Thirty members and their families fed the biggest turnout ever at the Owens Branch of the Boys and Girls Club. Members taking part at the Boys & Girls Club were: **Bob Avery, Jeff Carter, Ron Cisco, Ed Collins, Dick Daly, Peter Dimond, Jim Easton, Bob Finkelmeier, Howard Fry, Kent Gloor, John Green, Greg Hurd, Don Iley, Tom Mauro, Nick Newey, Russ Paul, Ralph Pedersen, Phil Perington, Cy Regan, Frank Ross, Terry Shroyer, Paul Simon, Bryce Slaby, Donlie Smith, Kale Smith, Mike Snipes, Oscar Sorensen, Gary Strowbridge, Pat Sullivan, Don Thomson, Robert Wardlaw, and Greg Young.** Members who brought their family with them included **Paul Simon** had wife Debbie and daughter Stephanie and her boyfriend Duztazo; **Don Iley** had daughters Emily, Molly, and Amy Grace; **Kent Gloor** had daughters Jennifer and Natalie and son in law Matt; **John Greene** had his wife Verlee; **Pat Sullivan** had his wife Mary Jean, **Greg Hurd** had his son Andrew and a

friend of Andrew's; and **Jim Easton** had his son Evan and daughter Emily; **Dick Daly** had his son Greg and his friend Leon Tarman.

At Girls, Inc, the event was coordinated by **John Stoffel** who was supported by **Paul Bernard, Dick and Terri Cohen** and their son Brian, Pat Moore (Brian's mom-in-law), **Al Gapuzan, Marc Goodbody, Coy Horton, Steve Kady, O.C. and Pat Larson, Don St. John, Eldon Strong, and Bill Walters.**

Special thanks also go out to the **Hyatt Regency Tech Center** who prepared 1,000 pounds of turkey, dressing, potatoes, and green beans. Also THANKS to the clean up crew!



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### Monaco South Calendar

Dec 05	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Melinda Arnold, Inner City Health
Dec 05	Fri	10:30 am	Super Citizen, Slavens Elementary School - John Young
Dec 06	Sat	11:00 am	Chili Cook off begins at Christmas Tree Lot
Dec 10	Wed	1:15 pm	Super Citizen, Samuels Elementary School - Paul Simon
Dec 11	Thu	5:30 pm	Super Citizen, Hamilton Middle School - Jim Easton
Dec 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Russell Dains, Celebrate Life International
Dec 12	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International School - Tom Hoch
Dec 13	Sat	11:00 am	Chili Cook-off final day at Christmas Tree Lot
Dec 17	Wed	1:15 pm	Super Citizen, McMeen Elementary School - John Stoffel
Dec 17	Wed	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood - Don Iley
Dec 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Santa's Gift Exchange, bring a white elephant
Dec 20	Sat	8:30 am	Christmas Basket Distribution - Legion Hall
Dec 25	Thu		<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>

## Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bob Safe	1995-96
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Tom Overton	1996-97
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Pat Bush	1983-84	Cy Regan	1999-00
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Jack Rife	2002-03
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Karl Geil	2003-04
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Avery	1989-90	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bill Walters	1991-92	Greg Young	2007-08

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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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