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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 36 Years

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Editor for this Issue—Robert Wardlaw



### Good Morning Optimist

Late fall breaks but no sun yet as **Aaron Beery** and **Terry Schroyer** greet us this morning. Where is the snow we are needing? **Frank Middleton** also greets members this morning with a playing card to direct us to our numbered table—this is camaraderie day. Your editor draws the lucky card and shares a table with **Robert Duvall**, **Mark Goodbody**, **Frank Rowe** and **Dick Nickoloff** seated to our west. A good start to the meeting is accomplished!

### First Bell

President **Paul Simon** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. to begin the meeting. **Ron Cisco** reads the invocation this morning, asking for help from above in freeing us all from pettiness, and becoming more attuned to our own personal inspection. The club then joins in for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guest

**Jack Rife** introduces his cousin and former member **Gary Rife**, who is visiting us from Arizona. Good to see Gary again!

### Joke of the Morning

**Prez Paul** invites **Ron Carlson** to take the microphone. Ron entertains members with a humorous story about the virtues of the Windy City.

### Jack's Good Deed

As reported last week, **Jack Kleinhessel** recounts the story about two women, mother and daughter who rode the bus to get to the Tree Lot. Upon arriving and being met by Jack, deciding on two trees and some bows, the women shared with Jack their story about going home by bus. Jack was so taken back he load up the trees into his SUV and delivered both the wom-

en and the trees to their apartment. More good deeds and experiences from the Tree Lot!

### Good to See You

**Prez Paul** welcomes **Dan Hugo**, who is in attendance this morning and asks Dan's about father **Bob Hugo**. Dan reports Bob is in Clare Bridge of Highlands Ranch, a nursing home and would love visitors.

### New Member

**Prez Paul** performs a new member installation, the first of his presidency with **Tom Overton** and new member **Tom Seaman**. Tom is then presented with the much-coveted sponsor pin. Welcome aboard Tom!



### Announcements

As the call for announcements is made the line starts to grow.

**Annual Chili Cook-off:** **Ron Cisco** announces the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook Off, to be held Saturday, December 22 at the Tree Lot. Those members wishing to have their chili included in the judging should plan to have the full crock-pot ready by 11:30 for the taste test. Should be a tasty mid-day on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Photos Don StJohn

**Kids to Breakfast:** **Gary Laman** reminds members about December 28<sup>th</sup>, being *Kids to Breakfast* meeting, with a wonderful entertainer set to perform. **Wayne and Wingnut** are sure to please the kids, so make plans.

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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

**Hamilton Super Citizen:** Karl Geil recaps another successful Super Citizen presentation at Hamilton Middle School. Karl also details some specifics regarding the Brain Bowl coming soon. He will need 135 volunteers for the fun at each location. He reminds everyone to visit the [Brain Bowl webpage](#).

**Christmas Baskets:** Michael Chavez could use a couple more members to hand out Christmas Baskets; they will be delivered Saturday morning, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Michael needs about 30 people, so be sure to sign up.

**Tree Lot Update:** Joe Marci shared that 846 trees have been sold to date. So far, 86 members have worked at the tree lot, and we are 10 trees ahead of last year's pace. Our goal is to have 100 members work the lot, if you have not done so, please sign up and help the club. The fourth delivery of trees has been received and sales have been good. In addition, remember to sign your name in and to post number



New member Shawn Mehaffey repairs the trailer steps, as Al Gapuzan lends a hand.  
Photo Paul Simon

of hours worked at the end of your shift, to be sure your hours are recorded accurately. Joe also provided acknowledgment to the [Tamarac Optimist Club](#) for their help pricing trees at the lot. Students from [George Washington](#) and [Overland High Schools](#) have also been very helpful keeping pegs full during their shifts. Thanks to everyone for stepping up to make this another successful fundraiser for our club!

**White Elephant Christmas:** Oscar Sorensen looks forward to the White Elephant Christmas gift exchange coming at Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Bring a gift for exchange, wrapped, big or small, cheap or expensive. Be there, it's a hoot! Oscar says to come, even if you wake up that morning without a gift to bring.

**Dime a Day Club:** Fred Pasternack continues to receive checks for \$36.50, which is the Dime A Day fundraiser. Optimist International Foundation is the fundraising arm of Optimist International, and works to develop funds to support the endeavors of Optimist International and its mission. Please make checks payable to Optimist International Foundation, reference "Dime-A-Day" in memo section.



**King Soopers & Safeway Reloadable Card:** Cy Regan updates members on the continuing King Soopers and Safeway card programs. Wyatt McCallie interjects and helps Cy explain the program in layman's terms. This is one of the ongoing fundraisers the



## Tree Lot Sign Up

Reminders from **Jack Rife**, the *Tree Lot Wrangler* and **Craig Eley**, the *Santa Wrangler*. We need all the help we can get, so PLEASE SIGNUP TO WORK THE TREE



LOT at [www.monacosouth.org](http://www.monacosouth.org).

For **SANTA HAUS** signup, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4EA4A6283-santa2>.

club operates, with the club getting a percentage of sales. Those purchasing cards can use them and receive discount points on fuel and they make great gifts! Thanks for the update Cy!

**New Phone for Oldsters:** Paul Bernard entertains us by using an earpiece for his smart phone that looks like those used years ago. Pretty funny.



**Judges for History:** Paul then introduces **Kendra Black**, who was here to talk about the goings on at Thomas Jefferson High School. Kendra is looking for Judges for History Day coming up Saturday, May 4, 2013. The *National History Day in Colorado* program serves thousands of students around Colorado in eleven different regions. The program (and the students) rely on the time and expertise of volunteer judges at the regional and state contest. Please consider judging at one (or more) contests located around the state. Also, Kendra is asking for letters of support for **Matt Spampinato**, a TJ Teacher Extraordinaire & Director of the Award-Winning Communications Technology Magnet Program. The goal is to collect 50 letters from current & past students, parents and community members. Please address letters to: DPS Board of Education and send letters via mail or email to Kendra Black, 3500 E Floyd Dr. Denver, CO 80210 or [kendra.black@ucdenver.edu](mailto:kendra.black@ucdenver.edu). Thank you!

**Printer Cartridges Needed:** If you have used printer cartridges please don't throw them away! Give them to our Treasurer, **Greg Young**, who will recycle them for credit that the club can use at Staples for printing and office supplies.

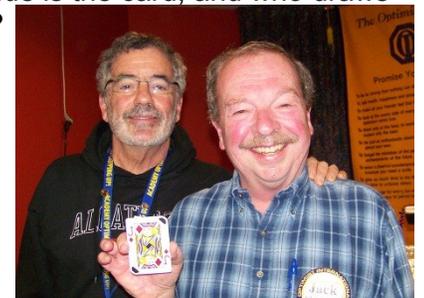


## Do We Have a Drawing?

The *Jack of Diamonds* is the card, and who draws the winning card?



Our own **Jack Kleinheksel** strolls up and calmly picks the winner. He takes away \$130 big bucks, proving once again, that when you do good for others even better comes back to you.



Jack Kleinheksel the big winner shares a smile with Prez Paul Simon.

Photos Don StJohn

## Shared Humor

### Punny Thing Happened...

- ◇ When chemists die, they barium.
- ◇ Jokes about German sausage are the worst.
- ◇ I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.
- ◇ How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
- ◇ I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- ◇ This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- ◇ I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- ◇ I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- ◇ They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.
- ◇ Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
- ◇ We're going on a class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.
- ◇ I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

- ◇ Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- ◇ Broken pencils are pointless.
- ◇ I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- ◇ What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- ◇ England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- ◇ I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- ◇ I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
- ◇ All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.
- ◇ I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- ◇ Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
- ◇ Velcro – what a rip off!
- ◇ A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.
- ◇ Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

From Ralph Petersen

### Coke vs. Pepsi Santa



There is the famous Coke Santa, now Monaco South has the Pepsi Santa!



Photos Craig Eley

### Curious Things About Colorado

**Highest Climb:** The highest vertical climb is not on a mountain but up the north side of the Black Canyon. Rising 1,700 feet, this sheer rock face is even higher than the famous Diamond on Longs Peak and was not conquered until 1969.

**Deepest Snow:** In 1899 Crested Butte recorded 254 inches of snow near the top of Kebler Pass. That year, snow buried a train near Leadville and left only stove pipes showing above cabins at many mountain towns. Usually, Wolf Creek Pass near Pagosa Springs gets the most snow in Colorado.

**Oldest Hotel:** The Peck House in the little town of Empire, near Berthoud Pass, is Colorado's oldest hotel. It was built in 1859 by James Peck. Early guests included President Ulysses S. Grant and other famous people.

<b>Weekly Greeters</b>	
Date	Greeters
12/21/12	Jack Kleinheksel & Kent Gloor
12/28/12	Russ Paul & Ron Cisco
1/4/13	Carl Brown & Jack Kitchell
1/11/13	Nick Newey & Jon Wachter

<b>Super Citizen Presenters for December</b>		
Dec. 17 @ 2:30	MPB	Gary Miller
Dec. 20 @ 1:00 & 1:45	McMeen	Tom Hoch
<b>Super Citizen Presenters for January</b>		
Jan. 9 @ 8:30	Highline	?
Jan. 11 @ 9:45 & 10:15	Samuels	?
Jan. 18 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45	Holm	?

### Monaco South Calendar

Dec 19 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

Dec 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - White Elephant Gift Exchange

Dec 25 Sun Merry Christmas

Dec 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Kids to Breakfast, entertainment by Wayne & Wingnut

#### Welcome 2013

Jan 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Brain Bowl is Coming, Karl Geil

Jan 11 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

**Past Presidents of the  
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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
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Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
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Bob Avery	1989-90	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.