



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Serving Youth and the Community for 34 Years

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### Happy Halloween Weekend



#### Good Morning Optimists!

After two days of snow, it was warming to see **George Vassilaros** and **Phil Perington** greeting us. Our greeters start us off on the right foot for meetings every Friday. Thanks guys, and good job!

#### Invocation and Pledge

**President Ron** prayed for international accord, one of Optimist International's goals. "Break down barriers between nations," he implored of the God of All Peoples. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the U.S. of America followed, "with justice for all."

#### Guests

**Don StJohn** had a guest but almost forgot, his wife **Char**! Nice to see you Char, and we enjoyed the pancake breakfast at Appleby's put on by the Tamarac Club. Now we will look forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Homespun Craft Sale on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Lt. Governor **Abigail Nicolas** joined us today, and gave a short pep talk. First, however, she told a blond joke on herself. We

were commended for leading the way with new members, and she reminded us of the oratorical and essay contests coming up as well as the Brain Bowl. Then the BIGGIE: The Optimist International Convention here in DENVER, July 8-10, 2010. Get ready to participate. Thanks for coming, Abigail!

#### Speaking of the Tamarac Club...

Here is a note of thanks from **Ruth Horton**, *The Ladies of the Tamarac Optimist Club would like to THANK the Monaco South members for their support in helping make our Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser such a success. We especially want to give a BIG THANKS to Bryce Slaby. Without his help, we would never have sold as many tickets. He deserves a huge recognition. We also, would like to thank John Young for his generous gratuity. It was greatly appreciated and such a pleasant surprise. We hope everyone had as much fun as we did serving, busing, and hosting the event. Thanks again to all of you for your participation.*

#### OI 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention Planner

See the OI International Convention Planner at <http://www.optimist.org/>.



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

### Thanksgiving Dinner for Boys and Girls Clubs

**Donlie Smith** asked us to get ready for service. The annual Thanksgiving Dinner will take place at 3480 W. Kentucky Avenue, on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Be there by 4:00 pm; we start serving at 5:00pm.

### Thanksgiving Baskets

**Bob Avery** made the announcement that we will distribute baskets of food consisting of a full meal to unfortunate families chosen by Social Workers at the various elementary schools in our community. Details forthcoming.

### Meals on Wheels

**Joe Marci** and **Dick Cohen** are recruiting for drivers to deliver meals to home bound people on Thanksgiving Day, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>. See Joe or call 303-771-3748. Cell 303-847-7844 or email: [marcifrog@aol.com](mailto:marcifrog@aol.com).

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Homespun Craft Sale

**Doug Morton** announced this event on behalf of the Tamarac Optimist Club. Doug and his wife Marilyn are hosting the craft sale at their home, 8 Cherry Hills Drive, Englewood, CO. All proceeds benefit local children's projects. Items will include Holiday decorations, centerpieces, baked goods, food and drink mixes, photos, paintings, and gifts to treasure. Cash or checks only. For more info call 303-761-6983, or email [marilyn1441@comcast.net](mailto:marilyn1441@comcast.net).

### Entertainment Books

**Joe Marci** has a few books left at \$30 each. They are packed with deals at restaurants, car care, skiing, travel, groceries, etc. Sales benefit the Sullivan Scholarships, helping graduating high school seniors with tuition for college. A former member, **Robert Sullivan**, left a legacy for this purpose. Joe also oversees the scholarship program

### New Membership Roster

**Craig Eley** put together our updated directory again, including the photos. **Doug Morton** donated the paper, but apparently not enough, as **Dick Zolman** was left off at the very end. Sorry, Dick, but Craig said you could have your directory free of charge, and the next one also.



**Craig** reported, *Too Many New Members? The new Club Directory has been published, and it is so crowded with new member listings that the perennial last entry, **Dick Zolman**, got squeezed out and ended up on the cutting room floor. We figure that is still a 99.3% accuracy rate, way above par for Monaco South. Despite this slight, we all know Dick is a valued member of the Club, so to add his listing to your new directory, either cut it out of the old directory, or cut out the listing below out, and staple it*

into the new directory. If everyone uses the listing below, we will make it up to Dick by him being the only one in the directory with a color photo.

**ZOLMAN, Richard** (Dick and Lyn)

Joined 8-92

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Centennial CO 80112-1117

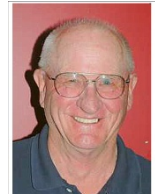
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(Retired -- U S Navy)

B Day: 10-26 Sponsor: Cliff Maumanee



### Tree Cutting Excursion

**Ed Collins** is again inviting members to come up to his mountain property to cut trees for sale at the Christmas tree lot. Call Ed to get details. Home: 303-759-4799, Business: 303-692-8668, x303, and Cell Phone: 303-905-7572.

### Perfect Attendance

**Bob Avery**, who takes attendance, supplied a list of members with perfect attendance for October. They are Mssrs. **Bernard, Chavez, Cisco, Finkelmeier, Geil, Johnson, Kady, Kitchell, OC Larson, Marci, Marinos, Mauro, Gary Miller, Russ Paul, Pedersen, Perington, Regan, Slaby, Donlie Smith, Sorensen, St. John, Strong, Strowbridge, Vassilaros, Yockey, Greg Young, and John Young.** Congratulations fellas!

### Supermarket Sales

**Cy Regan** gave a super report today: King Soopers \$875, Safeway \$1,100, total \$1,975. If only I, your editor, had bought a \$25 card. Sorry Cy!

### Gone Crazy—Back Soon, from Ralph

Have a fantastic day, and keep smiling and counting those blessings! I would be unstoppable, if I could just get started. My wild oats have turned into prunes and All-Bran.

### From the Editors of GUMS

If you are leading an event or project and want to get it announced in GUMS accurately, please provide or email a note to the monthly editor or to **Bob Finkelmeier**, who coordinates the weekly newsletter at [rfinkelmeier@comcast.net](mailto:rfinkelmeier@comcast.net). Please provide the Five Ws and one H.

- ◆ Who? Who or whom was involved?
- ◆ What? What or will happened (the story)?
- ◆ When? When will it take place?
- ◆ Where? Where will it take place?
- ◆ Or Why & How? How did it happen?
- ◆ Also provide contact information.

## Our Program This Morning

**Donlie Smith** provided a DVD produced by Baxter Black, Cowboy, Poet, and Humorist—Baxter Black's first DVD. Mr. Black, I was a former large animal veterinarian. My personal advice: keep your day job. There were three vignettes: *Vegetarian's Nightmare*, *The Accident*, and *The Oyster*. The funniest for me was *The Oyster*, where the cowboy and a young beautiful woman sat down to lunch at a Western restaurant. She looked at the menu and was surprised that they had oysters. The ensuing conversation about oysters was a howl, the lady talking about how she eats New England oysters and the cowboy cringing at the thought of.... More humorous clips of Baxter Black can be found on his website at <http://www.baxterblack.com/>.



## 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 Neway
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

## Get Involved Be A Super Citizen Presenter

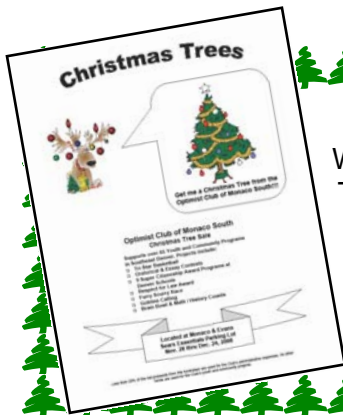
If interested see **Joe Marci** or **Don Thomson**.



File photos by Don StJohn taken at McMeen Elementary School in October

## Miscellaneous

**Greg Young** drew the free breakfast. And, **Abigail** led us in The Optimist Creed.



## Help Boost Christmas Tree Sales

Would you like to share the word regarding our Christmas Tree lot? Do you have an office or neighborhood newsletter that you can share the word? If so, see **Bob Finkelmeier**, he has a number of half and full page ads just for this purpose. Or, should it be necessary to have it tailored for your audience, he can do that as well.



## Monaco South Calendar

Nov 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Nov 6	Fri		Wine Tasting, Flemings Restaurant, \$30 per person
Nov 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Mike Coffman, US Congressional Representative
Nov 14	Sat	9-3:00pm	Tamarac Optimist Club 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Homespun Craft Sale
Nov 20	Fri	7:00 am	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	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - John Young, Thank God I'm an Optimist
<b>Nov 27</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Christmas Tree Lot Setup</b>



**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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