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GOOD MORNING OPTIMISTS!!

Today's Greeters

It is a very cold December morning and members and guests today were met warmly by **Tom McKee** and **O C Larson**.

Invocation and Pledge

President **Phil Perington** calls the meeting to order. **Karl Geil** gave the invocation this morning, asking for help to concentrate on matters we can control and to not worry unnecessarily about those which we cannot. He then led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Notes from our President: As if he was leading a history class our president provide some quotes for the day.

Peace and Justice are two sides of the same coin
– Dwight D. Eisenhower.

On this day (December 5, 2008) in 1933 Prohibition was repealed after 13 years. In 1945 five Navy bombers flying through the Bermuda Triangle disappeared never to be seen again.

Birthdays on this day include Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who died in Vienna, Austria at the age of 35. Little Richard also turns 76 and President Phil reports having seen the singer and showman and was impressed.

Announcements

Tree Lot: The business of the day starts off with a call to all members for help this weekend with the Tree Lot. It will be a warm weekend and with the recent snow and cold temperatures, people are beginning to get that Christmas feeling. It should be sizing up to be a banner weekend for sales and to turn around the slow initial start. Your editor noticed a banner on University Boulevard advertising 6 foot trees for \$25 at another tree lot. The competition is fierce!



New Member Orientation: This past week the Orientation meeting for new members was held at **Jack Rife's** University Hills Animal Hospital. Past President **Greg Young** organized the program and **Frank Middleton** attended as a representative of the mentoring committee (more on this later), and new members were given information on the history of the club and its activities. Having attended this orientation in the past, I (your editor) found it helpful in learning more about the mission and goals for the Optimist Club of Monaco South.

Boys and Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner: Joe **Marci** has a tape from Channel 4 that captured some of our work at the Thanksgiving dinner at the Boys and Girls Club put on by the club. Look for this and more feedback on that event at the next camaraderie day meeting.

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

Guests today: Our own sharp-eyed **Fred Pasternack** reported having seen **Lew Lerner** in the audience as a guest and he is back again, to which Lou reported having cut a check for his annual membership. All in attendance reacted positively. Welcome back Lew!

Chili Cook-Off: **Ron Cisco** announced that two dates have been set for the chili cook-off at the Tree Lot. Those working the lot will be treated to great chili tastes on the 6th and the 13th. Don't be intimidated by Ron's past success in winning chili entries as he has been named chef emeritus and will be content to just sample all styles.



Kids to Breakfast: **Gary Laman** speaks about the kids and grandkids breakfast set for Friday morning January 2nd. Gary promises great entertainment for the little ones.

Brain Bowl: **Karl Geil** discussed the upcoming Brain Bowl Competition on Saturday, January 24th at Fairview High School in Boulder, and Saturday, February 7th at Overland High School. The third installment will be Saturday, April 11th at University of the Rockies in Colorado Springs. Reader training for this event is mandatory, but there is a fast track available for veterans. Training sessions are set for:

- Saturday, January 17th @ 9 am, Valmont Church in Boulder
- Thursday, January 22nd @ 6:30 pm, Overland High School, and
- Saturday, January 31st @ 9 am at Overland High School.

Back to the Tree Lot: **Joe Marci** reported that the Tree Lot opens for the 31st year! Monaco South can be proud of its 61 members who have already worked the Tree Lot this year. Our goal is 100 members helping make 2008 our best year ever and we know we will do it! We look forward to having help from students of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson High Schools. We also want to recognize and welcome other volunteers from numerous organizations. With the support of customers, we look forward to raising the funds we need to support all our youth and community projects through 2009.

Christmas Baskets: **Don St. John** needs help with the Christmas baskets on Saturday, December 20th as he will be in Iowa attending his granddaughter's recital.

Santa's Gift Exchange: **Oscar Sorensen** announced the Friday morning of 19th of this month will be the traditional gift exchange—**bring a white elephant.**



More on Mentoring: **Frank Middleton** talked more about the mentoring committee and its mission for the 22 new members who have joined the club this year. Take the time to invite a new member to lunch or breakfast and then invite them to a Friday morning meeting. Help them get involved and invest in their participation in club activities.



MSOC Holiday Party: **Craig Eley** spoke about the upcoming Holiday Party and the need to locate a venue for this annual event. Any ideas please contact Craig, craig@eley.net or 303-758-9499.

Bronco Tickets: **Fred Pasternack** announced that he has 4 Broncos playoff tickets for sale. If interested call Fred at 303-758-3754.

Closing Bell

Grocery Card Sales: The renowned **Cy Regan**, king of the Grocery/Gas Card Sales, reported \$1,475 for this weeks King Sooper and Safeway card sales. **Doug Morton** won the drawing for the free breakfast from these sales. Keep in mind everyone who purchases grocery cards gets their name in the drawing for a free breakfast.

Bed Pan Weekly Drawing: No winners for this weeks drawing. The big pot was at \$110 this week; show up next week to play!

Wit and Wisdom from the Military

"If the Enemy is in range, so are you." - Infantry Journal

"It is generally inadvisable to eject over the area you just bombed." - U.S. Air Force Manual

"Aim towards the Enemy" - Instructions printed on U.S. Rocket Launcher

"When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend." - U.S. Marine Corps

"Cluster bombing from B-52s is very, very accurate. The bombs are guaranteed always to hit the ground." - USAF Ammo Troop

"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons." - General MacArthur

"Try to look unimportant; they may be low on ammo." - Infantry Journal

"You, you, and you. Panic. The rest of you come with me." - U.S. Marine Gunnery Sgt.

"Tracers work both ways." - U.S. Army Ordnance

"Five second fuses only last three seconds" - Infantry Journal

"Don't ever be the first, don't ever be the last, and don't ever volunteer to do anything." - U.S. Navy Swabbie

"Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid." - David Hackworth

"If your attack is going too well, you're walking into an ambush." - Infantry Journal

"No combat-ready unit has ever passed inspection." - Joe Gay

Speaker for Today From Inner City Health Center

The speakers today were Melinda Arnold, Development Associate/Campaign Coordinator (daughter of our own Kent Gloor), and Pam Krotchko, Director of Resource Development, from the Inner City Health Center. ICHC is a private, non-profit, volunteer based health care facility committed to improve the health of low income and medically uninsured families. They desire to provide total health care for the whole person through Adult Medical Care, Prenatal Services, Pediatrics, Dental Services, Counseling and Congregational Health Ministry.

Funding for ICHC comes from individuals, churches, patients' fees, private foundations, corporations and public grants. Patients are charged on a sliding fee basis, depending on income. Roughly one-third of their patients come the Center's neighborhood, one third come from Denver County, and the rest from surrounding counties and throughout Colorado. The center is currently in the process of preparing for a move to a larger facility at 38th and York. Ninety-two percent of the \$5 million goal for the new location has been raised and they hope to have the balance secured by spring of '09.

The center currently is seeing an increase in the need for care in all areas. They hope to open doors at the new location January 13th. Volunteer opportunities are available in community outreach, working with children in various capacities. A Community Kids Fair in the spring works with kids to provide bicycles, helmets and supplies in a carnival atmosphere.



Melinda Arnold, Development Associate/Campaign Coordinator of ICHC.



Pam Krotchko, Director of Resource Development, from the Inner City Health Center.

Photos by Don StJohn

Monaco South Calendar

Dec 10	Wed	9:00 am & 1:30 pm	Super Citizen, Samuels Elementary School - Paul Simon <i>Note time change</i>
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 16	Tue	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
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		CHRISTMAS DAY
Dec 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Dec 31	Wed		New Year's Eve

**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
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T H E O P T I M I S T C R E E D — 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.