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Good Morning Optimists!

Another beautiful, albeit frigid, day in “Colorful Colorado.” **George Vasillaros** and **Bill Thurman** were our greeters for the day. As a reminder, this is a great way to get to know your fellow members, so sign up at next week’s meeting. **Jim VanderKamp** gave an inspiring extemporaneous invocation, one again demonstrating the talents that our members possess.

Our Guests

There were several guests today, including **Bryce Slaby**’s son **Chad**, who is an honest to goodness Rugby player, and is in town between scrums. **Freddie Pasternack** produced the “phantom guest” from last week. **Tom Winter** is a man of many talents, being a master machinist, a photographer, and a Certified Nurse’s Assistant. We look forward to learning more of Tom’s talents, when he joins the club. Speaking of joining the club, **Paul Gleditsch**, sponsored by **Randy Marcove**, has submitted his application and was also in attendance at the meeting.

Our illustrious President **Ron Cisco** called forth the Board of Directors to congratulate them on the results of the tree lot, so far. A pair of board members is responsible for staffing

the tree lot for each day of the week. So far, 76 members have answered the call, even with the frigid temperatures. Congrats to these guys, who are the behind the scenes orchestrators of much of what our club does.



President Ron Cisco, with his 2009-2010 board of directors receive their congratulatory recognition.

Photo by Don StJohn

Happy Bucks

Most notable of the “Happy Bucks” contributors were **Bill Litchfield**, whose son just received his Masters Degree and **Pat Sullivan**, who was happy that Chief Whitman had shown up at Most Precious Blood to personally congratulate winners of the Super Citizen Award. **Bill Walters** was happy that he had

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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****

Happy Bucks Continued

been in bed with the flu (unlike Tiger Woods) and Todd Olson was happy that he was going to see his granddaughter for the first time.

Have you signed up with the TREE LOT DAY MANAGER		
MON:	GREG YOUNG TERRY SHROYER	303-886-1110 303-757-7944
TUES:	RON CISCO HOWARD FRY	303-653-7795 303-601-5088
WED:	PHIL PERINGTON JIM EASTON	303-832-4578 720-987-7684
THURS:	DON ILEY FRANK ROSS	303-840-7706 720-210-8809
FRI:	GEORGE BUZICK ROBERT WARD-	303-803-2268 303-525-2532
SAT:	OC LARSON GARY MILLER	720-939-2790 720-255-8616
SUN:	KALE SMITH RANDY MARCOVE	720-207-4363 303-667-3663

Announcements



President Ron announced that the world famous Chili Cook Off would commence at the tree lot at around Noon on Saturday, December 12th. **Greg Young** will be defending his title, with his famous 239-bean chili (if it had one more bean it would be too farty.) Don't miss it, if you can.

Paul Simon presented **George Vasillaros** with the King George I award for his perseverance and excellence as Santa during the coldest part of last week, which was very cold, indeed. Thanks to George, a relatively new, but very active member for his help in making this a Merry Christmas for a lot of kids!



Photo by Don StJohn

Super Citizenship programs were held at Samuels, Hamilton and Most Precious Blood. If you haven't participated in one of the programs, check with **Joe Marci** to find out when and where you can help out.

The Brain Bowl really is coming. **Paul Simon** will have a signup sheet for workers at next week's meeting. Paul is taking over the organizing of volunteers from **Tom Mauro**, who is one of the guiding lights of the "new" Brain Bowl, which was rescued from extinction, largely through the efforts of Monaco South members and financial resources. Thanks to Tom for a job well done for many years!

Oscar Sorensen reminded us of the White Elephant gift exchange, which will take place at next week's meeting (December 18). Tom Mauro suggested that you don't have to spend any money on a gift. Find something in your garage or basement you don't need any more. Gifts should be wrapped, but not tagged, unless there is that special someone you would like to receive a particular gift. If you don't

know how this works, give Oscar a call.

Don St. John said we need some more volunteers to deliver baskets on Saturday, December 19th. We have 42 baskets to deliver. It doesn't take a lot of time, but it means a lot to those who receive the baskets, so please take a few hours of your day to brighten someone's holidays.

Tree Lot Update

In spite of a visit by *Jack (Freeze your Fanny) Frost* this past week, tree sales were brisk. We are still on track to match last year's sales, thanks to the members of our club who have braved the sub freezing temperatures to unload, drill and price the two loads received last week. Thanks too, to the 13 members of the Tamarac Optimist Club whose able assistance and legible writing made the pricing of the trees almost painless. It seems that the ladies of Tamarac are always there to support us in our endeavors, no matter the weather. While we sometimes forget to mention it at the time, we greatly appreciate their efforts. Thanks also to the young men (and their coaches) from the George Washington Lacrosse team, who helped schlep the trees on Friday night, thus sparing the backs of those slightly older workers. Our goal is still to have at least 100 of our 134 members participate in the tree lot in some way, so come on down.

The Tree Lot is here! Please everyone, sign-up for shifts on the tree lot. We all need to help out with our biggest fundraiser of the year. The kids are counting on us.

If you haven't visited our website recently you need to stop by. **Paul Bernard** has update it and it now has a lot more information. Visit: <http://www.monacosouth.org/index.php>.

Super Citizen Presenters for December

Day	School	Presenter
9 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Don Iley
10 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Harry Fegley
14 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Jim Easton
10 @ 9:30 & 10:30 am	Samuels	Gary Strowbridge
16 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Steve Kady
18 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Bill Walters
18 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	John Young

Our Speaker Today Charlie Brown

Speaking of Christmas Trees, our speaker today was Charlie Brown, Denver City Councilman. While he did not bring Lucy or Linus with him, he did give an extremely interesting (and somewhat controversial)



Photo by Don StJohn

introduction to the topic of "Medical Marijuana Dispensaries." Mr. Brown, who is a veteran politician and currently Councilman for Denver District 6, talked about the bill he has introduced to regulate the dispensing of marijuana for medicinal use. Charlie said that, though he personally voted against the state law regarding the issue, he respected the wishes of his constituents, who voted with an overwhelming majority in the rest of the state to legalize the dispensing of marijuana for medicinal purposes. With the recently announced de-emphasis by the federal government on enforcing federal regulations (under which marijuana is still an illegal drug), there has been a proliferation of dispensaries in Denver. In a nutshell, Charlie Brown believes that the dispensing of medical marijuana must be regulated, or it will get totally out of hand. He also indicated that the legitimate dispensaries agree with regulation, but that there are a number of less law abiding establishments that oppose such rules. The theory is to tax dispensaries in an amount, which would pay for enforcement. Charlie's bill is looking at a \$2,000 application fee and a \$3,000 annual charge. This, he says would drive out the less the serious purveyors of cannabis. More information on the subject is available by contacting Mr. Brown at his office (303) 698-4908.

Milestones of Optimist International

(continued from last week)

- 1973 Optimist International changes motto to "Friend of Youth."
- 1978 Optimist Junior Golf Program Initiated.
- 1983 First official International Essay Contest.
- 1987 Women accepted as members.
- 1988 Junior Optimist Octagon International (JOOI) forms as official youth organization.
- 1993 Alpha Clubs, created for grades 1-4 become an official part of JOOI.
- 1996 Junior golf tournament move to Doral Golf Resort (Florida) and is renamed Optimist International Junior Golf Championships (OIJGC).
- 1997 OIJGC moves to PGA National Resort & Spa and becomes a premier tournament for juniors.
- 2000 Optimist Childhood Cancer Program adopted to assist children with cancer and their families.

Santa at the Tree Lot

Below is a photo of Santa with **Prez Ron**, and a picture one of our Santa coordinators taken 56 years ago. If you know who it is he'll buy you a cup of coffee next week.



Photo by Craig Eley



See all the great pictures taken with Santa Clause at the Tree lot at: <http://www.monacosouth.org>.



Monaco South Calendar

Dec 16	Wed	6:30pm	Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
			NOTE: Board Meetings have changed to the 3 rd Wednesday of each month
Dec 18	Fri	7:00am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Santa White Elephant Gift Exchange
Dec 19	Sat	8:00am	Christmas Baskets Delivery
Dec 25	Fri		Christmas Day, no meeting
Jan 1	Fri		New Year's Day, no meeting
Jan 8	Fri	7:00am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Karl Geil, Brain Bowl

**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		

2009 - 2010 Officers

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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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