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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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Happy Chanukah / Hanukkah

December 9-16, 2012

The Jewish festival of rededication, also known as the Festival of Lights



Good Morning Optimist

A sunny, beautiful summer morning **Pat Bush** and **Bob Avery** are our greeters this morning. Pearl Harbor remembrance is observed!



Invocation & Pledge

President **Paul Simon** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m., to begin the meeting. **Mark Metevia** reads the invocation this morning, asking members to consider the effects stress can have on us and help in dealing with it. He continues to remind us of those in our community who are helping others. The club then joins in for the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Guests

Guests this morning include **Bob Butscher** guest of **Dick Zolman**. **Jesus Holquin** is guest of **Robert Wardlaw**; Jesus is a skilled laborer/carpenter and is seeking meaningful employment. **President Paul** introduces his wife, **Debbie Reinberg** and son, **Jeremy** who will be speaking to the club this morning. Welcome!

Don Thomson introduces **Shawn Mehaffey**, a recent guest who has submitted his membership application! Welcomes to the club, *Shawn, see you at the Tree Lot!*

From the Prez

Prez Paul invites members to line up for member announcements. Before he does, Paul reads a Thank You card from **Place Bridge Academy**. This school participated in the recent Operation School Supply,

spearheaded by **Oscar Sorensen**. A wonderful picture of the kids sporting the new backpacks they received. Great job Oscar!

Announcements

Annual Chili Cook-off: **Ron Cisco** announces the 20th Annual Chili Cook Off, to be held Saturday, December 22nd. Those contesting this prize among culinary wannabe's are encouraged to participate. Bring a crock-pot full and a ladle please. May the best man win!



Last Call for Holiday Party: **Frank Middleton** rings the final call on the much-anticipated Holiday Party, to be held Sunday. Frank has his money, the event goes snow or not. Dinner served at 4:30 p.m., followed by an 18-piece band for dancing. See you there, Frank!

GW Soccer Players at Tree Lot: **Jack Rife** has a note from the Girls Soccer Coach at George Washington High School. Seems the young ladies had a great time at the Tree Lot helping out. Jack stresses the need for responsible pet control for those members choosing to bring their dogs to help at the Tree Lot.



Pearl Harbor Day: **Dick Nickoloff** shares that he starts his day at the coffee shop and engaged in conversation with some school age kids who know very little about the history of Pearl Harbor and WWII. That sounds like an idea for a great new program to be offered to our affiliated schools. "*History From Those Who Lived It.*" Thanks Dick!

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****

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Announcements Continued

Get Well Cindy: Craig Eley thanks those members who sent cards and get well wishes to his wife, Cindy who recently underwent surgery. Best Wishes Cindy!

Santa Help: Craig Eley also mentioned he is in need of Santa's this weekend at the Tree Lot. For future weekends, [CLICK HERE](#). To get and idea of what it is like Craig shares this picture.



This youngster is thrilled to sit with Santa (aka Don Thomson) at our tree lot on Saturday!

Photo Craig Eley

Kids to Breakfast: Gary Laman reminds members about being "Kids to Breakfast" meeting, Friday, December 28th, and our wonderful entertainer set to perform, "Wayne and his side kick, Wingnut." If you have kids or grandkids, or even great grandkids, drag them out of bed early and come enjoy the fun. Should be a great time!



2012-2013 Optimist Brain Bowl: Karl Geil announces preliminary information on the Brain Bowl. He will need 135 volunteers for the fun. Every club in the Colorado-Wyoming District will be asked to participate in the Optimist Brain Bowl. Take a look at jobs that are available by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Dolls for Daughters: Tom Glazier is looking for those who can help distribute toys at Dolls for Daughters, that is fast approaching. He passed around the sign-up sheet, but if it missed you, give Tom a call at 303-522-5214 or send an email: tomtboy51@hotmail.com.



DOLLS FOR DAUGHTERS
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Christmas Baskets: Michael Chavez is heading up the Christmas Basket Delivery, which will take place on Saturday, December 22nd. Very similar to the delivery of Thanksgiving basket delivery, Michael needs about 30 people, so be sure to sign up.

Need a New Flag: Woody Thibodeau tells the club that one of our Super Citizen schools, Highline Academy, needs a new flag and flag pole, and asked for donations. Then he passed the hat. Later he announced that the club donated over \$150.

Highline Super Citizen Program: Speaking of Highline Academy, our own Joe Marci presented the super citizen awards on Wednesday, December 5th.



Photos John Oss

Highline SC rep Jim Easton assisted Joe by helping the recipients put on the t-shirts.



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



Tree Lot Update: Regarding the tree lot, **Joe Marci** reported sales have been good so far and we are on pace to do well. Seventy-seven (77) members so far have worked, our goal is to have 100 members participate. If you have not spent some time at the tree lot, please sign up. The lot is a great way to get to know other members and spread the word of optimism. In looking at the tree lot schedule, [CLICK HERE](#), more help is needed throughout this week and next, but most particularly on Saturday and Sunday, December 15th, 16th and 22nd 23rd. Also many evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. are open as well.

White Elephant Christmas: Oscar Sorensen looks forward to the White Elephant Christmas gift exchange coming Friday, December 21st.



Pictures from last year show our Santa (Oscar) handing out all the terrific gifts and members standing in line with anticipation showing on their faces.

Dime a Day Club: Fred Pasternack has received three checks for \$36.50, which is the Optimist International Foundation "Dime A Day" fundraiser for Childhood Cancer. Please see the form attached to the GUMS transmittal email and make checks payable to OI Foundation.

New Grandfather: Frank Middleton shared that he is a new proud grandfather. Camden is his first grandchild. Congratulations to all!

Closing Bell

At the closing we hear the words, "Do we have a drawing?" The Jack of Clubs was the card, but no lucky hands were rewarded. The Pot Continues to Grow!



Creed

Members end the meeting by reciting the creed and greeting this beautiful Friday!

Speaker, Jeremy Simon Life in Israel

Paul Simon introduces his son, Jeremy, who is here to speak about living in Israel. Jeremy graduated from CU and has lived in Israel for the past year.

Jeremy has been living in Tel Aviv, which is a secular, vibrant city similar to Denver in population but in a much more dense concentration. The city has been described as a youthful, modern metropolis with a diverse population. Jeremy speaks about how neighborhoods are split into secular and strict religious sections and the two do not mix well. This concept is an entirely different set of structure that we are accustomed to here in Denver, but in Israel, it is an established reality with the consequences covered by local and international media. Security is much more open, with soldiers carrying automatic weapons but the atmosphere is not one of tension but positive energy.

Jeremy has done much traveling in Israel and explored areas that are important is Ancient History. Cities such as Nazareth, and Jerusalem date to biblical times and the opportunity to visit should not be passed. The city of Aker, is one of the most well preserved ancient history sites he visited. Jeremy also had the

chance to travel to Jordan, where he stayed with the local Chief of Police, a man who had controlled security operations for major foreign dignitaries. The chief and Jeremy were able to discuss many of the issues specific to the Middle East with an important perspective. He did not promote the fact that he was living in Israel and was treated well in Jordan. Jeremy also visited the West Bank, the scene of so much recent tension.

As Christmas approaches, Jeremy noted the influx of tourists to visit its significant religious sites. The architecture in many locations show an influence of biblical significance, many buildings can be identified by these styles. Israel is a beautiful country and its people feel a strong solidarity to the citizens of the United States. Their interest and curiosity about aspects of religion, and race and the ability to discuss these issues were noted by Jeremy.

President Paul tells the club Jeremy will be celebrating his birthday this coming Tuesday and the club serenades him. Happy Birthday Jeremy as only our club can do.



Jeremy Simon
Photo Don StJohn

Jack Kleinheksel's Good Deed

John Oss, reporting from the tree lot said, that on Saturday two elderly ladies came to the lot by bus. One of the ladies was using her roll-a-bout walker, but they bought a tree and tree stand. So when Jack heard they came by bus, he offered to take them home. Jack says, he even carried the tree in and set it up for them. Just one more day with optimism paying dividends. Thanks Jack!



Governor **Phil Perington**, on right, recognizes Prez **Paul Simon** (on left), his son Jeremy (center), and wife Debbie (background) for all the good work of Monaco South.

Photo Don StJohn



Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
12/14/12	Terry Shroyer & Aaron Beery
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

Super Citizen Presenters for December		
Dec. 13 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Paul Bernard
Dec. 14 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Barry Barker
Dec. 14 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Mike McMahon
Dec. 17 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Miller
Dec. 20 @ 1:00 & 1:45	McMeen	Tom Hoch

Monaco South Calendar

- Dec 14 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- 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

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Safe	1995-96
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Peter Dimond	1997-98
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
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
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Paul Bernard	2006-07
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Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
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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.