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Christmas Day
12/25/2009



Kwanzaa
12/26/09-1/1/10



Boxing Day
12/26/09



Hanukkah
12/11/09-12/19/09



**Happy Holidays
and Happy New Year!**



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****

Reminder

Because the next Friday, January 1st, New Year's Day the next regular meeting will be January 8, 2010. Let's start the New Year off right by having a great turnout for this first meeting of 2010!

Announcements

No Meeting Next Week

Even though we won't have another meeting until January 8th we need to stay optimistic! So here is this weeks newsletter.

It has been a long time sine we have missed two meetings in a row, so enjoy your Friday's. The next time that the Christmas and New Year days fall on a Friday again is in 2015.

Newsletter Announcements

Do you have an announcement that you would like to share? If so, send it to **Bob Finkelmeier** at bfinkelmeier@comcast.net, to get it in the January 1st newsletter—first newsletter for 2010.

Christmas Baskets

It was reported that a good number of Monaco South Optimist and volunteers turned out on Saturday, December 19th to deliver Christmas food baskets to more than 40 plus needy families. Thanks again to the staff and management at the Safeway store located at the corners of Monaco and East Yale for supporting this community outreach project.



MSOC Updates

Abigail Nicholas, Colorado/Wyoming Lt. Governor Denver Southeast and wife of **Kent Gloor**, lost her mother Dorothy Clark on Saturday, December 19, 2009. Kent reports that she lived a full and long life. There will be a memorial service at the Fairmont Chapel (Alameda and Quebec Streets) on Friday, January 8th at 1:30 pm followed by a gathering at their home.

Wyatt McCallie and his wife Joanie, became grandparents on December 12th with the birth of John Wyatt Robinson. Wyatt mentions that John was supposedly due on Christmas day, and his early arrival on Allison's birthday is undoubtedly the best birthday gift she ever received! John Wyatt is named after his two grandfathers and will be called Whitt. Brian, Allison and Whitt are all doing fine. Charleigh (2) has been saying "big sister" for weeks, and will soon be meeting her brother.

Kathy Anderson let us know via their Christmas letter that **Bill Anderson** had a skiing accident earlier this month by skiing in the trees and tripping on something and falling on a tree stump. Oops! He broke seven ribs. It probably isn't a good time to share some funny stories with Bill right now.

Tree Lot Closes Early Due To Snow

By Joe Marci

The tree lot closed for business on Wednesday the 23rd at 10:00 am with the white stuff falling from the sky. President **Ron Cisco** alerted the radio and TV stations that the **Monaco South Optimists** had free trees available at Monaco & Evans. At Noon Santa (**Oscar Sorensen**) and two Elves (**Dick Cohen & Gary Strowbridge**) appeared at the lot and proceeded to help needy families get a tree for their homes. By Christmas day there was only one tree remaining at the lot so the word did get out to those in need.

We are thankful for the 92 MSOC members who helped make this year a successful fundraiser for our club. We also appreciate the wonderful support we received from the community as we sold 1,304 trees an increase of 114 over 2008.

The tree lot clean up will be scheduled and helpers will be needed to return the cinder blocks and material to the warehouse. An email will be sent out with the time and date for the clean up.

NOTE: All members who purchased a tree for their home will receive an invoice in early January. Christmas tree payments should be made to Treasurer **Greg Young** by the end of January.



Oscar Sorensen, climbing on the railing, and Bryce Slaby ready to provide support are doing their thing at the tree lot.

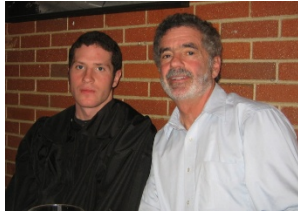
Photo by Steve Kady



Announcements Continued

Email from Paul Simon

Paul Simon apologized for missing the MSOC meeting Friday the 18th but you can see he was putting his time to good use. Paul attended graduation and a lunch to celebrate his son Jeremy's graduation from the School of Psychology and Neuroscience at CU in Boulder.



Volunteer Needed

Karl Geil reports that Hamilton Middle School, one of our Super Citizen partner schools, is looking for a *Community Representative for its Collaborative School Committee*. Principal Reina Gutierrez would love it if a member of our Club assumed that role. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Gutierrez at 720-423-9501 or by email at, reina_gutierrez@dpsk12.org.

Super Citizen Programs

On December 9th **Gerald Whitman** participated in the Most Precious Blood Catholic School Super Citizen Program. And on December 14th the first Super Citizen program took place at Highline



Photo by Greg Young

Academy. Two students were recognized for their outstanding leadership and social skills. **Jim Easton** and **Woody Thibodeau** were instrumental in bring them into our great youth recognition program. As always, should you like to be a presenter at an upcoming Super Citizen program, please see **Joe Marci** to get on the schedule. Thanks goes out **Don Thomson** and all of his school representatives that participate.

Super Citizen Presenters for January

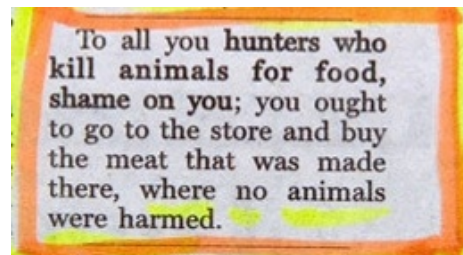
Day	School	Presenter
20 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Ed Collins
22 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Ron Cisco
28 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Joe Marci
29 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Paul Bernard

To share the rewards of this great program below are some recent recipients' as captured by **Don StJohn**, one of the photographers who helps out.



Humorous Classified Ad

Shared by Bill Walters



Monaco South Calendar

Jan 1	Fri		New Year's Day, no meeting
Jan 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Karl Geil, <i>Brain Bowl</i>
Jan 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Jan 16	Sat	9:00 am	Brain Bowl Training - Valmont Presbyterian Church, 3262 North 61 st Street, Boulder
Jan 19	Tue	6:30 pm	Brain Bowl Training - Overland High School, 12400 East Jewel Ave., Aurora
Jan 20	Wed	6:30pm	Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102

**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
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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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