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Optimists Bring Out the
Best in Children



The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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President's Corner

**NOW IS THE TIME!
EACH MEMBER SHOULD:**



Member get a member. A simple concept, but so powerful. If each member asks just one or two people he knows to join us at a meeting, we can be successful in recruiting the new members we all would like to see in our club. Talk to the people you see at the Tree Lot, at school, at work, at play, next door that you know would be valuable Optimist members, and ask them to come to a meeting. Let them know we offer free breakfast for guests. Let them know:
It's for the Children!!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



**Best Wishes for a bountiful
THANKSGIVING!**

Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

Good Morning Optimists!

What Time Is It? It's a great time to be an Optimist! Today is CAMARADERIE DAY!

President GREG YOUNG began the meeting by welcoming all. PAUL BERNARD gave the invocation. In it, he recited the hope to become the dependable, capable and to cherish the ability to help others. He then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greg Young quoted Will Rogers, "I don't make jokes, I just watch the government, and repeat the facts."

President Greg Young announced birthdays for the month and the serenade began.

Your editor enjoyed the opportunity to talk with members on various topics of interest.

RALPH PEDERSON talked about his patch from the US Army of Alaska, he earned during the Korean War. He wore it on a recent cruise to Alaska and was asked about it by people familiar with the design.

DICK COHEN discussed business trips to China he has taken. The industrial age has exploded there and Dick has had personal experience with many cities along the pacific shore of that country. An example of the global economy interacting locally.

KEN (Rock) RAAK raved about the fun at last year's Boys and Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner. I am looking forward to it this year.

Announcements:

Guests: No guests were announced today. The busy holiday season ahead still holds opportunity for new members to join the club!

Tree Lot — Please sign up for the tree lot for the weekend of Nov. 24th & 25th and the following week. We have a lot of slots to fill. Please also come lend a hand on FRIDAY, Nov. 23rd, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to help with set up. We need people to help with cleaning the trailer, drilling and setting up trees, moving equipment from storage to the lot, and many other activities. Many hands make the work go faster. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

Saturday the 17th looks to be a busy day for the club. ED COLLINS appealed for additional help in cutting trees on his property near Squaw Pass. He doesn't believe his wife would ok the trip into the

hills with power equipment and only FREDDIE PASTERNAK. A dangerous combination. ☺

BOB AVERY rejoiced in the democratic nature of the club and its ability to adapt to members requests. Announcing the 9:00 am departure for delivery of food baskets, he was met with nods of approval.

RUSS PAUL reminded members who had signed up for parking detail at the TJ Kraft Fair.

The club looks forward to positive feedback on this flurry of activity.

Yes, we will have **Thanksgiving Dinners at the Boys and Girls Club, and Girls, Inc.** again this year. We will need 30 plus members and folks to help out with this big event. The date is Nov. 20th, be at the Boys and Girls Club, **3840 W. Kentucky** by 5:00 pm, those that will help setup, be there by 4:00 pm. Food will be delivered by 3:00pm.

Those working at **Girls, Inc.** need to pick up the food between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

Help is needed serving, cleaning, and delivering all the items, food, plates, cups, hot boxes, etc. A big job and we will need all the help we can get. If you have a van or truck, we will need you too!

Please see DONLIE SMITH for specific jobs that need to be done or call him, 303-759-0380.

WYATT McCALLIE announced his daughter was in labor for 24 hours and delivered a healthy 7lb 10oz baby girl. He was having breakfast at the club before a 10 o'clock flight back to Maryland.

CY REGAN tallied \$1,375 for grocery card sales this week. This continues a strong trend from recent weeks!

RON GUSTUS, Club Treasurer, reminded those in arrears that invoices have been sent and thanked those already having paid dues.

DON THOMSON reported on another positive ceremony for the Super Citizen at McMean Elementary, featuring RON CISCO as presenter.

PAUL BENARD says the photo from 100% day turned out great and are available from MARC GOODBODY for \$3. See page 3 for a sample.

Thought for the day ***It's easy to make a buck, it's a lot tougher to make a difference.*** – Tom Brokaw





Tips on Pumping Gas

Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening...your gallon is not exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role. A 1°degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business.

When you're filling up do NOT squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. If you look you will see that the trigger has three stages: low, middle, and high. In slow mode you should be pumping on low speed, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are

being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL or HALF EMPTY. The reason for this is, the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks typically have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, every truck is temperature compensated so that every gallon is actually the exact amount. Another reminder, if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, DO NOT fill up — most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom.

Hope this will help you get the most for your money!

Monaco South Calendar

Nov 20	Tue	5:00 pm	Boys & Girls Clubs Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Chad Slaby, Rugby
Nov 23	Fri	9:00 am	Tree Lot Setup—Come to the Tree Lot to Assist
Nov 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Pappy Ryan, <i>Critters on Film</i>
Dec 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Donna Aazira, <i>Breathing for Life</i>
Dec 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Craig Ross, <i>Stop the Elephant in the Office</i>
Dec 18	Tue	6:30 pm	MSOC Board Meeting—Eley's Office
Dec 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Camaraderie Day, <i>Holiday White Elephant Exchange</i>
Dec 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Kids to Breakfast

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
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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
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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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