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Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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New Member Curt Lile Inducted into Club



At the January 19, 2007 meeting of the Optimist Club of Monaco South, **Curt Lile** was officially inducted into the Club. Past District Governor **Ron Cisco** conducted the induction ceremony. Curt, who was sponsored by **Donlie Smith** and **Russ Paul**, pledged to be an active member of "The Finest Club in Colorado." Every year the Club loses members through job changes, moves, etc., and we can only maintain a vital Club by inviting others to join the fun!

Immediate Past President Donlie Smith presents an Optimist pin to new member Curt Lile after his swearing-in on January 19.

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

Proceedings of the Meeting of January 19, 2007

Invocation & Pledge

Former District Governor **Jimmy Brown** led us in an invocation in which he urged us to keep the dream of Martin Luther King, Jr. alive.

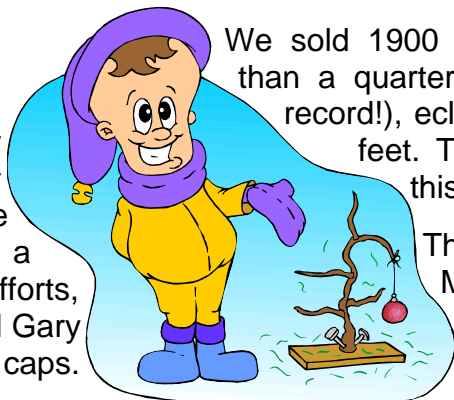
Guests & New Members

Ed Collins brought guest **Les Larson**. Les visited some months ago and filled out a membership application, but claims his wife hid it (that's a least a little more believable than saying his dog ate it). Fortunately, we have plenty of application forms, so Les now has more.

Bill Jaynes inexplicably came to a meeting for the second week in a row and apparently wrested his application from his wife and turned it in! Assuming he can survive the rigorous scrutiny of the Board at its next meeting, he will soon all the rest of our Bills as an MSOCer.

Rookie Recognition

New member **Gary Miller** received special mention for putting in numerous hours at the Tree Lot before even becoming a member of the Club. For his efforts, President **Paul Bernard** awarded Gary one of our coveted Monaco South caps.



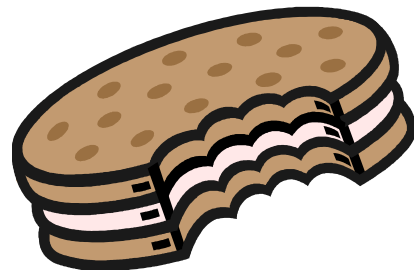
Other Recognition

MSOC President **Paul Bernard** conferred Optimist International District pins on four Club veterans who have headed up projects in the first quarter: **Bill Wells** (Membership Chair), **Bill Walters** (Thanksgiving dinner at Boys & Girls Club), **Don St. John** (Christmas baskets) and **Kent Gloor** (Goblins Calling). We couldn't be the Club we are without those willing to organize our many events, so we thank you!

Girls in Brown

Don Iley brought one of his daughters, **Amy**

Grace, all decked out in her Brownie uniform. Don said "If you believe in the hereafter, you know what she is here after." Yes, it's Girl Scout cookie time, and Amy Grace went through the room spreading the good news about



Tagalongs, Thin Mints, and that greatest of all cookies, the Samoa. Those who missed the meeting will just miss out, because she passes this way but once a year!

Tree Lot has Record Year

Tree Lot Kahuna **Joe Marci** reported that the Club sold a total of 1421 trees in 2006, with Noble Firs being the top seller at 575. Our least popular tree was the Scotch Pine with 59 sold, while the White Pines were barely ahead with 60. This was Monaco South's second best year, trailing only 1999 when 1454 trees were sold.

We sold 1900 feet of garland (that's more than a quarter mile of garland - - a Club record!), eclipsing last years' total by 500 feet. There were 368 wreaths sold this year, 19 more than last year.

Thanks to all the help from MSOCer and their friends and families, as well as student volunteers from Thomas Jefferson High School, the

2006 Tree Lot had the best financial results in the Club's history!

Denver Golf Expo

Optimist Junior Golf will have a booth at this year's Denver Golf Expo. The event, at the Denver Merchandise Mart, runs from Friday, February 9 through Sunday, February 11. Look for sign-up sheets at future meetings, because the Club needs volunteers to staff the



booth in shifts from 10 a.m. to noon, noon to 2 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on each day plus 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday to tell Expo attendees about the Junior Golf program. Volunteers get free admission (a \$10 value) and will be able to enjoy the displays, demonstrations, seminars and hourly prize drawings offered at the Expo (last year, Ron Cisco won golf for two in Cancún). Go to denvergolfexpo.com for more information about what's at the Expo this year.

Contact **Joe Marci** at 303-71-3748 or **Ron Cisco** at 303-794-0749 if you can help with this fun project.

Wives & Friends to Breakfast

Space is limited at our annual Wives and Friends to Breakfast on February 9, so sign up now.

Your editor got some flack for saying in the last issue of *GUMS* that you should bring your

wife or girlfriend but preferably not both. So what the heck - - bring 'em both! The Club picks up your friend's breakfast, so the cost is only \$15 per couple for a great meal prepared by the students of the DU Restaurant Management School.

King Soopers

According to the King of the Soopers Coupons, **Cy Regan**, we sold \$1200 worth at the meeting, netting the Club \$60. keep up the good work!

Super Citizen Schedule

Fri, Jan. 26 9:00 @ Holm	Fred Pasternack
Fri, Jan. 26 3:00 @ Bradley	Karl Geil
Fri, Feb. 2 1:30 @ McMeen	Joe Marci
Thu, Feb.15 2:30 @ MPB	Jack Rife
Fri, Feb. 23, 9:00 @Holm	-- open --
Fri, Feb. 23 3:00 @ Bradley	-- open --

Monaco South Calendar

Fri, Jan. 26, 7 a.m.	Regular meeting, American Legion Hall. Doug Morton, "My Father, Mush Morton, Commander, USS Wahoo."
Sat, Jan. 27, 9 - 11 a.m.	Brain Bowl Reader Training, North Arvada Middle School, 7285 Pierce St., Arvada.
Fri, Feb. 2, 7 a.m.	Regular meeting, American Legion Hall. Dan Perlman, M.D., "Infectious Diseases."
Sat, Feb. 3, 7 a.m.	Brain Bowl, Thomas Jefferson High School, 3950 S. Holly Street, Denver.
Fri, Feb. 9, 7 a.m.	Wives & Friends to Breakfast, DU Restaurant School.
Fri, Feb. 9 — Sun, Feb. 11	Denver Golf Expo, Denver Merchandise Mart. MSOC staffs Junior Golf booth. Contact Ron Cisco (303-794-0749) or Joe Marci (303-771-3748) to volunteer.
Fri, Feb. 16, 7 a.m.	Regular meeting, American Legion Hall. Jennifer Auen, "Starbucks Community."
Fri, Feb. 23, 7 a.m.	Regular meeting, American Legion Hall. Nate Baldwin, "Adult Sports."