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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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### Good Morning Optimist

Today was Camaraderie Day! **Frank Middleton**, the inventor of shuffle the cards and shuffle the people was standing with our Official Greeters, **Doc Gardner** and **Steve Kady**, and assisted by **Phil Perington** to ensure that everyone got a card with a table number on it and then to enforce the seating arrangements. This really is a good way to get to talk to members other than those in the “usual seating arrangements.”

### Invocation & Pledge

**John Young** gave a great personal invocation, recognizing how much each of us receives from being a member of Monaco South Optimist Club, followed by the pledge.

### November Birthdays

Once assembled Prez **Paul Simon** and **John Young** led us in another rousing rendition of “Happy Birthday” recognizing those with November Birthdays, which include: **Mark Andringa, Michael Chavez, Jack Kitchell, Mike McMahon, Nick Newey, Tom Overton, Jack Rife, Steve Wera, and Brian Williams.**



### CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

Due to a need to catch a flight our Christmas Tree Lot chairman and tree lot extraordinaire, **Joe Marci**, was asked to give us the scoop on the Tree Lot.

Joe started by saying, “If you have driven by Monaco and Evans lately, you should have seen that the trailer and the Santa Haus are now on site—except there is no power.” Apparently, according to Joe, “the powers that be” at Xcel Energy are dragging their feet in getting the connection made. Even with the tremen-

dous amount of influence that **Mike and Gary Miller**, have, we are still in the dark. Hopefully this will be remedied shortly as both Joe and **Greg Young** insist that we have paid last year’s electric bill.

Joe also asked for all the help he can get on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, as they will be delivering the trees to the lot around 10:00 a.m. All trees must be priced (Tamarac ladies will help with this) and put on pegs for display. Joe said that we would also be donating fifty trees to *Dolls for Daughters*, but at minimal cost to the club, since our supplier is providing some “special trees” for this effort.



Another load of Christmas trees gets unloaded. File photo 2011.

**Bryce Slaby** said that we should appreciate the efforts that Tuff Shed has put into supporting us by providing, delivering and setting up the Santa Haus.



### Sign-up to Work

**Jack Rife**, fresh from hip replacement surgery, will be the Staffing Manager for the tree lot this year and asks each of us to please sign-up (as opposed to just showing up) for your fair share of work at the lot. According to Jack, there are three (3) easy ways to sign-up:



You can still **Sign-up Manually** at the weekly meetings. Sign-up sheet will normally be on the bar at the back of the room. Jack will enter those into the computer scheduling format.

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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2 You can **sign-up on the Monaco South website**, just go to [www.monacosouth.org](http://www.monacosouth.org) and click on the “**Tree Lot Schedule**” on the left side of the page. You can check the schedule for a particular date by clicking on the magnifying glass, or schedule yourself by clicking on the pencil icon. Do not forget to hit “**SAVE**” at the bottom of the page after you make an entry, or you will have accomplished nothing.

3 You can **Call Jack** at 303-349-1280 and he will put you into the system.

## Important to Sign-up for Tree Lot

Jack reiterated that is very important that you are signed up, so we can ensure that we have the right number of people to handle the work at hand and that we particularly need help on weekends during the day, so please sign up as soon as possible.

Also with respect to the tree lot, **Ron Cisco** is the “**Food Guy**” and he is the only one authorized to spend Club funds on food. Everyone is welcome to donate whatever food they choose, but you will not be reimbursed unless the circumstances are dire. Also **Greg Young** has yard signs that he would like placed at strategic locations, especially corner lots, to get the word out about the fabulous Christmas Trees we are selling. Plus **Don Thomson** has fliers to hand out to Super Citizen meetings, etc. And, **Bob Finkelmeier** can provide you with an ad to be shared at your place of work or in your community.

Last, **Craig Eley** could use some Santa volunteers, in addition to **Tom ho! ho! Hoch** for the weekends only. He needs Santa’s to staff the Tree Lot Santa Haus for 2-hour shifts beginning Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. And to fill shifts from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday before Christmas. The suit, beard, wig and training is provided. It is the most fun you can have at the Tree Lot, and a real way to be a *Friend of Youth!* If you can help, you can sign up online at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080E4EA4A6283-santa2](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080E4EA4A6283-santa2). Or contact **Craig Eley** at [craigceley@gmail.com](mailto:craigceley@gmail.com).



## Announcements

**Thank You Note:** Prez Paul read a Thank You Note from the Tamarac Optimist Club, thanking MSOC for their monetary support of the “*I Like Me*” book program.

**New Board Member:** Prez Paul announced that **Michael Chavez** had graciously volunteered to serve on the Board of Directors taking the place of **Steve Kady** who need to drop off due a work commitment.

**Know Brainer Program:** Prez Paul also asked for a volunteer to lead our effort to start a “Know Brainer” program. A prototype of this program was successful last year in the Littleton Schools. This program is essentially a “Brain Bowl” for elementary school kids. While several were interested in participating as members of a committee, no leader stepped forward. If this is your thing, please contact **Paul Simon** at 303-300-9940 or via email at [paul4123@comcast.net](mailto:paul4123@comcast.net).

**Thanksgiving Baskets:** **Bob Avery** said that it appeared that the delivery of the Thanksgiving baskets was under control and that we have 27 people to deliver 33 baskets on Saturday morning.

**New Member Mentors:** **Mike McMahon** requested that those who would be willing to mentors for new members get in touch with him. He can provide materials and coaching for those of you who may not feel totally comfortable in this role, but it is really just a matter of sharing what you know about Optimism with the newer members. You can reach Mike at [m\\_kcmahon@yahoo.com](mailto:m_kcmahon@yahoo.com). Mike also requested that if anyone has extra name badge holders, he would be happy to take them off your hands.

**Model Train Show:** **Greg Hurd**, our resident expert on model trains brought various pieces of “rolling stock” i.e., model train cars, mostly from eastern Europe (Poland, Russia, Italian, etc.) to advertise the upcoming Model Train Show, which will be held at the Merchandise Mart from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. See <http://rockymountaintoytrainshow.com/> for further details.

**Boys & Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner:** **Donlie Smith** reminded us that it is not too late to sign-up, or just show up, at the Boys and Girls Club, 3480 W. Kentucky Ave., or Girls Inc., 1499 Julian St. on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Be there at 4 p.m. to set up or any time thereafter until about 9 p.m. to help serve and clean up. Any last minute questions should be addressed to Donlie at 303-759-0380.



**Dolls for Daughters:** **John Wachter** circulated a signup sheet for members to assist distributing toys for the Dolls for Daughters program on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact John at 303-204-5645 for details.



**Three New Members:** Three new members were inducted by Past President **Cy Regan**. They are: **David Telpner**, **Sterling Crowe** and **David Folsom**. All were recruited by **Allen Pierce**, who was given his three-member pin honoring these new members at last week’s meeting.



Cy Regan, at right, conducts the new member induction. Prez Paul Simon, on left looks on.

Photo Don StJohn

## Announcements Continued

**Holiday Party:** Frank Middleton made yet another plea for attendance at the Holiday Party to be Held at Copper Fields Events Chateau, 4901 Marshall St. Wheat Ridge, beginning at 3:30 p.m., Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>. **George Buzick** put in a plug for Copper Fields and **Ron Carlson** said that he had heard "Zing the Band" and that they sounded exactly like Count Basie and Duke Ellington, so plan on spending this holiday evening with your fellow members and your significant other!

**Clorox, Favorite School Program: Tom Overton** asks for your assistance in helping his granddaughter's school win a \$50,000 grant from Clorox. You can vote daily by texting 2646pbf to 95248 or by voting



online at <https://powerabrightfuture.clorox.com/nominees/detail/?nid=2646>. Voting opened November 11 and runs through December 19, 2012. Tom will be forever grateful! More information can be

found about this grant program at <https://powerabrightfuture.clorox.com/>.

**New JDRF Optimist Club: Ron Gustas** announced that a new Optimist Club is being organized to work in conjunction with JDRF in supporting research to cure, treat and prevent type 1 diabetes (T1D). Between 7,000 and 10,000 kids in Colorado

have this lifelong autoimmune disease. OCMS members should encourage any of their contacts affected by T1D to attend an initial club organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at the JDRF Tech Center office, 8055 E. Tufts Avenue, Suite 770. Please email contact information of interested potential members to **Ron Gustas** or **Dick Cohen** for their follow-up with additional details about the new Club.

**Harry Johnson Presentation:** President Paul apologized to **Harry Johnson**, World War II veteran for running out of time and promised that we would make time in a future meeting to have Harry talk a little about his experiences in the Army Air Corps during the war.

## Drawing

With \$90 on the line, not one of those who tried could pull the lucky card. Once again, **Ron Carlson** was a winner! At this rate he will recover the money he has spent on tickets at about the same time that the U.S. Congress balances the budget.

## Closing Bell

Best wishes to **Kent Gloor** on recovery from his knee replacement surgery. Hope to see you back soon Kent! We will attempt to carry off Thanksgiving at Girls and Boys club without benefit of your usual fine assistance at the pie table.

### Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
11/23/12	Ralph Petersen & Michael Chavez
11/30/12	Woody Thibodeau & Frank Middleton
12/7/12	Pat Bush & Bob Avery
12/14/12	Terry Shroyer & Aaron Beery
12/21/12	Jack Kleinheksel & Kent Gloor
12/28/12	Russ Paul & Ron Cisco

### Super Citizen Presenters for November

Nov. 20 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	Univ. Park	Jack Kitchell
Nov. 27 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Les Larson
Nov. 30 @ 1:00 & 1:45 pm	McMeen	Michael Chavez
Nov. 30 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Doc Gardner

### Super Citizen Presenters for December

Dec. 5 @ 8:30 am	Highline	?
Dec. 13 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	?

### Monaco South Calendar

Nov 20 Tue 4:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner Boys & Girls Club & Girls, Inc. - See Donlie Smith  
 Nov 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Ralph Dergance, Know Brainer Program  
 Nov 23 Fri 6:00 am Tree Lot Set-up - need help ALL day  
 Nov 24 Sat 9:00 am Tree Lot Opens - need help ALL day (Jack Rife, Tree Lot Scheduler)  
 Nov 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA  
 Dec 7 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA  
 Dec 9 Sun 3:30 pm Holiday Party, Copper Fields Event Chateau - See Frank Middleton  
 Dec 14 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA  
 Dec 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

**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
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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
Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
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.