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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimist Camaraderie Day!

This lightly-snowing morning's cheerful greeters were **Phil Perington** and "deal-of-the-day recipient" **Eldon Strong**—more on that on page 3! Joining them was **Frank Middleton** handing out playing cards dictating seat assignments. Yep, Camaraderie Day!

First Bell

Festively-dressed clad-in-red **President Ed Collins** whacked the bell to start our meeting right on time. Ed welcomed **John Young** to the podium to recite our morning's Invocation reminding us that the New Year is right around the corner, and how Optimism affects our daily life. John then led us in our pledge to our Stars and Stripes.

Recognition

Our Tucson, Arizona member **Gary Rife** was in town and joined us. Welcome Gary! Don't forget to sign up for a shift or two at the Christmas Tree Lot!

Guests

Kent Gloor brought returning guest Tom Wos, with check and membership application in hand! We welcome Tom as our **NEWEST MEMBER!** **Paul Simon** brought guest Larry Doute. Larry is a neighbor and returning guest of Paul's from a couple years ago. Larry asked Paul if he could be his guest this morning! Let's give him an application!

Speaking of guests, **President Ed** reminded us to ask our friends and associates at our Holiday parties to come join our MSOC meet-



ings and check us out. **Tom Hoch** added to invite our patrons at the Christmas Tree Lot as well!

Announcements

Thank You Letters: **Prez Ed** circulated two "Thank You Letters" from Roundup Fellowship—fellow member **Jim Vander Kamp** serves as their Executive Director—and the Colorado Neurological Institute for our support. Thanks to all!

Member Drops: **Ed** also shared that we had two member drops from of our club: **Paul Sauer** and **Ron Roth**. Let's hope that we can get 'em back soon! 😞

MSOC Holiday Party: **Kale Smith** made a second appeal for somebody to step up and take our MSOC Holiday Party by the reins. If you want to plan and organize our Holiday Party (with a budget!), please contact Kale ASAP, or we won't have a party.

Dues in Arrears, Lookout for Guido: A number of members have not yet paid either Annual or Quarterly Dues to our Treasurer, **Greg Young**. All members have been mailed invoices. Members are reminded that we have to pay *Optimist International* for every member on our roles as of the first day of each quarter. Please get at least a quarterly payment of \$30.50 in as soon as possible. Full year dues are \$122, through September 30, 2011, if paid now. *Anyone not paid by January is in jeopardy of being visited by a large Italian guy named Guido.* Second quarter billing will be out in early January, so be ready with your check book if you have not yet paid for the year.



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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****

Announcements Continued

December Birthdays: The birthday celebrants were serenaded today, and the only birthday-boy brave enough to raise his hand and risk his hearing was Past President **Ron Cisco** (12-28). Other December Birthdays to be recognized are: **Curt Boell** (12-18), **Bob DeSpain** (12-3), and **Doug Ryan** (12-5). *Congratulations gentlemen!*



Kids to Breakfast: The annual Monaco South meeting with fun for kids, will be Friday, December 31 at 7 a.m. at our regular meeting place shared **Gary Laman**. The kids get free breakfast and will be entertained by comedian, magician, and hypnotist **Kier Royale**. Bring the kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, neighbor kids, of all ages to what is always a rollicking good time for all. To learn more about Keir Royale, go to his website at lifeismagical.com. *Photo courtesy of Denver Kid Magic © 2009.*



Boys and Girls Club: The Boys and Girls Club of Colorado need your Christmas gifts! **Tom Mauro**, sporting his 1950's Ski Sweater (or was it from the 1970s per Tom?) asked us to donated Christmas gifts at any King Soopers pick-up area, or at Channel 4, for these kids in need of holiday gifts.

Super Citizen Presentations. December is no exception to having dozens of Super Citizens be recognized at our local area schools according to Chair **Don Thomson**. McMeen Elementary hosted two assemblies presented by **Bob Avery** on the 15th, and Most Precious Blood was presented by **Nick Newey** as well. The December 17th Slavens Elementary Super Citizen awards was presented by **Doug Morton**, and Bradley International's was presented by **Fred Pasternack**, and joined by **Don Thomson** and **Jon Wachter**. Thanks also go out to the school's representatives **Don Thomson**, **Pat Sullivan**, **Tom Hoch**, and **Randy Marcove** respectively.



Christmas Tree Lot Update: "The Tree Lot will remain open for the week," said **Joe Marci**. The 2010 Tree Lot has been another successful fund raiser for our club. We will be open through the 24th to sell the remaining trees after the weekend sales. So far, *84 different members have worked* and with a week to go, we still can break 100. The **TJ Cheerleaders** will fill

pegs, tie trees on cars, and help our customers on Saturday the 18th. For everyone who purchased a tree, wreath, etc., your bill we be delivered next week with the payments due by the end of January. Remember, you will get your tree at cost if you *work a minimum of 12 hours* at the lot. Thanks to all who have made this another great tree lot.



Thanks also to **Neil Atkinson** for plugging for our lot in his *Chase Carpet Care Company Holiday newsletter!* **Frank Middleton** and **Paul Simon** have noticed that Saturdays and Sundays are pretty well staffed

until about 4:00. Please sign up and stay in the afternoons and evenings. We need you there! Likewise, **Craig Eley** mentioned that there are still openings for Santa shifts this weekend. Sign up on line! Lastly, the generously donated Tuff Shed (The Santa House) will be picked up Tuesday the 21st. It will need to be cleaned out before then. Please help if you can!

The Brain Bowl is Coming: The Brain Bowl is Coming! Worthy of repeating, **Karl Geil** reiterated and defined the Brain Bowl as the old GE College Bowl for 6-8th graders, like a Jeopardy with teams. This event will be conducted on January 22 at Monarch High School to the north, Overland High School on February 5 for the central area, and on February 26th at Harrison High School in Colorado Springs. Each event requires 135 volunteers, so please SIGN UP. It's a BLAST!

White Elephant Gift Exchange: *This Friday the 24th will be our White Elephant Gift Exchange day.* **Oscar Sorensen** reminded us to bring a gift, and that we will have tons of fun while Oscar plays Santa and hands out the gifts. Don't blink—we will only have anywhere from ten- to sixty-seconds per gift to laugh!



Christmas Food Baskets: Co-Chairs **Don St. John** and **Bob Avery** directed the Christmas Baskets operations and distribution on Saturday the 18th. Helping spread the 35 baskets of holiday food and cheer were **Bob Avery, Jim Easton, Harry Fegley, Paul Gleditsch, Kent Gloor, Tom Hoch, Les Larson, Randy Marcove, Tom Mauro, Gary Miller, Nick Newey, Fred Pasternack, Russ Paul, Phil Perington, Allen Pierce, Terry Shroyer, Oscar Sorensen, Don St. John, and Gary Strowbridge.** All the families receiving baskets have children attending schools where we conduct our Super Citizen program.



Photo Don StJohn

Lost Camera: If anybody finds a Panasonic Lumix digital camera, please return it to photographer **Marc Goodbody** at 303-842-1506 or email, mlgoodbody@gmail.com. Thank you!

Announcements Continued

Chili Cook Off: The 25th annual Chili Cook Off was held last Saturday at the Christmas Tree Lot reported **Ron Cisco**. There were six entries, but unfortunately, there could only be one winner. The contestants were: **Fred Pasternack, John Marinos, OC Larson, Kent Gloor, Phil Perington, and Curt Jefferies**. And the winner was... **Kent Gloor!** *Congratulations Kent!* We will be glad to publish your recipe in the next newsletter if you care to share?



Call for Speakers: January's agenda is full, but there are opportunities for Guest Speakers in February reported **Paul Bernard**. If you come across anybody that has an interesting story, occupation, or organization that you think may be of, please provide Paul with their contact information.

Call for Greeters: Greeter coordinator **OC Larson** is looking for 2011 weekly meeting greeters. Please see OC or give him as call at 720-939-2790.



Thank You John Marinos: Do you know what makes MSOC a breakfast club? It's our fantastic breakfasts! **Frank Middleton** passed the hat today to collect tips for our own **John Marinos** for the hard work, dedication, and terrific breakfasts that we all love and appreciate.

Vintage Arnie: For auction today was a beautiful Scott Medlock Golf Art portrait of Arnold Palmer, titled, *Vintage Arnie*, and was donated to the club by **Fred Pasternack** with a \$100 reserve. It was noted that the

frame was still sporting the original price tag of \$450! **Eldon Strong** received the *Deal-of-the-Day* as he handed **President Ed** a crisp \$Ben Franklin and now has one great looking piece of art. *Thank you Fred and Eldon!*



Drawing: Today's winning card was the Ace of Clubs. In honor of our first cup winner, **Gary Rife**, this old playing card features Mission San Xavier of Tucson, AZ. Gary also won two shifts at the Tree Lot this weekend! The other cup winners were **Frank Middleton, John Stoffel, Terry Shroyer, Ron Carlson, and Gary Strowbridge**. Nobody won the \$20 pot, but **George Buzick** drew the King of Clubs, **Robert Duvall** drew the King of Hearts, and **Oscar Sorensen** (wearing his name-badge!) drew the 7 of Spades as they did their best to get rich quick! Close!

Gift Ideas: Today's grocery card sales totaled \$1,150. If you are in need of some quick, easy, and useful gifts, please consider buying King Soopers or Safeway grocery gift cards. They come in \$25, \$50, and \$100 increments. **Donlie Smith** will be glad to take your cash or check in exchange. You can even buy other gift cards sold at the grocery stores with them, along with gas for your car! I want one!



Closing: Led in the Creed A joyful **Fred Pasternack** led us in the Optimist Creed to finish a great day of camaraderie.

Have a good week!

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
12/24/10	Randy Marcove & Woody Thibodeau
12/31/10	Paul Gleditsch & "Father Time"
1/7/11	Jim VanderKamp & Gary Laman

Super Citizen Presenters for January

12 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Lynn Jones
19 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	George Buzick
21 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Phil Perington
26 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Ed Collins
28 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Joe Marci

Monaco South Calendar

Dec 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Santa Claus Gift Exchange
Dec 25 Sat CHRISTMAS DAY 🎄
 Dec 31 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Kids to Breakfast
Jan 1 Wed HAPPY NEW YEAR! 🎉
 Jan 7 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Ed Reinhardt, former CU football player
 Jan 14 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Monica Villa Lobos, Girls Inc.
 Jan 19 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Jan 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Jan 22 Sat 7:00 am North Region Brain Bowl, Monarch High School, Louisville, CO

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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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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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.