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Good Morning Optimists!

The morning began with an extraordinary sunrise of blazing Bronco orange and blue followed by an interesting potpourri of the usual Optimist energy and camaraderie. Our smiling Greeters were old-timer **Howard "Howdy" Fry** and new buckaroo **Brian Williams**. Quite a few guys showed up wearing Optimist shirts, jackets, and pins. The only disappointment was **Fred Pasternack** donning a Steelers Terrible Towel (compliments of **Ron Carlson's** brother). However, Fred did let us know the Nuggets still had a perfect record and the Barrel-Man Tim McKearney was hurting.

Breakfast was a smash. **John Marinos** skillfully prepared fluffy scrambled eggs, lightly sautéed sliced polish sausages, golden brown waffles, warm maple syrup, fresh cantaloupe, and strawberry fruit salad, orange juice and assorted pastries. YUM! This has gotta be the best breakfast deal in Denver!

Invocation and Pledge

President **Ron Cisco** called the meeting to order and **Mike Snipes** presented a very appropriate Veterans Day invocation. Guests were introduced and we were happy to see **Fred Pasternack's** pals the "Hearing Doc's" plus One, sitting amongst us. You think they came back for the entertainment and food?

Utterings President Cisco

President **Ron** greeted members **Bob Hugo**, definitely lookin' good, and feeling frisky, Past Secretary extraordinaire **Rich Wagner**, **Rich Mahony**, who is vying for the Baxter Black mustache of the year award and lonesome **Bob DeSpain**. Ron also reminded members that the monthly Board Meetings are open to all members and now meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at a secret location. (Secretary **Robert Wardlaw** knows the address—3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102.)

Kent Gloor, **John Young**, **Les Larson**, and **Mike Snipes** were honored by the reading of a letter of commendation from OI President **Mark Shriver** for their sponsorship of a new member. Continued next page.



Kent Gloor, John Young, President Ron Cisco, Les Larson, and Mike Snipes displaying their new member pin.

Photo by Don StJohn

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

Prez Utterings Continued

All four gentlemen received a new membership pin and personal letter for their efforts. Past President **Phil Perington** presented outgoing Secretary **Rich Wagner** from 2007-2009. New members **David Erickson** and **Keith Gallaway** received their real Optimist Member badges...tomorrow the world gentlemen!



Announcements

Lowry Super Citizen Program: **Paul Stratton** announced the Lowry Super Citizen Awards were presented last week with the assistance of **John Greene** and **John Young**. Paul also proudly stated that the *Jimmie Brown Perfect Attendance Award* was alive and well and there are 90 candidates as of the first-term. **Randy Marcove** and **Jim Easton** are also working diligently to make sure this new program is a success.

New Membership Directory: **Craig Eley** handed out the new "sickly green" colored directories and had no comment regarding the new color. He mentioned that a membership supplement, find attached, would be sent out with this weeks directory since some names dropped out during the final editing process.



TJ Craft Fair: **Craig** also remind us of the need for volunteers for the TJ Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 21st, beginning at 7:00am and ending at 9:00pm. Free donuts. Don't miss out!

Colorado-Wyoming District Magazine: Editor, **Mike Snipes** presented the nicely colored version of the revitalized *Colorado-Wyoming District Magazine* and reminded everyone of the opportunity to purchase advertising to keep the magazine alive.

Membership Dues: New Treasurer **Greg Young** requested everyone to please pay dues by the end of November to take advantage of the \$5.00 discount.

Christmas Tree Cutting: **Ed Collins** will be leading the tree cutting adventure into the wilderness along with **Fred Pasternack**, **Kale Smith** and **Brian Williams** next weekend. He needs an additional 3 volunteers to keep an eye on Fred. Contact Ed to get details. Home: 303-759-4799, Business: 303-692-8668, x303, and Cell Phone: 303-905-7572.

Wine Tasting: **Tom Overton** reminded us of the wine tasting fundraiser at the Fleming Steak House on Friday the 6th. The Club will earn \$20.00 for each ticket sold. Thanks Tom!

Thanksgiving Dinner: **Donlie Smith** still needs servers and labor-hands for the *Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys & Girls Club* on the 24th. **Russ Paul** will be monitoring the food line to advise servers on the difference between KIDS portions and the hefty

ADULT portions so generously scooped out by hungry volunteers. Please sign up, you won't regret it, and the food is as good as it gets.

Once again the chefs at the *Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center* will again be preparing the turkey's, dressing, mashed potatoes, and vegetable for this event. To thank them, please consider patronizing the Hyatt DTC's Thanksgiving Denver on November 26th—see the flyer attached.

President's Advisory Council: After last weeks meeting the President's Advisory Council met with New President **Ron Cisco**. In attendance were a number of past MSOC presidents and board members. The meeting was chaired by **Phil Perington**. The very productive session involving advise, consent, and brainstorming. Here are some of the more important matters that came out and were discussed:

- ◆ A new major fundraiser will be developed to help the Club sustain and enhance the financial viability that is currently based primarily on our Tree lot sales. Looking for volunteers and ideas.
- ◆ New members will be made more active and involved in Club Programs and Events.
- ◆ A Publicity Chair will be established. Advertising in the community for tree sales and other events will be established and promulgated through local businesses and media outlets.
- ◆ The Board will reassess the Budget after the tree lot income is established and adjust as necessary.
- ◆ More one-on-one orientation with new members and follow-up with members not attending on a regular basis will be conducted.
- ◆ Financial Reports and Minutes will be made available to any member, as requested. President Ron will give a recap of each Board Meeting immediately following said meeting. Board attendance by any member is encouraged, especially for new ideas or programs.
- ◆ A long-term strategic planning session was proposed for early May or June 2010.
- ◆ A proposal for entering as many Clubs in the St. Patrick's Day Parade for the purpose of promoting Optimists and the 2010 national convention was presented. Follow-up will be forthcoming.

Minutes are available from **Phil Perington**.

From the Editors of GUMS

If you are leading an event or project and want to get it announced in GUMS accurately, please provide or email a note to the monthly editor or to **Bob Finkelmeier**, who coordinates the weekly newsletter at rfinkelmeier@comcast.net. Please provide details for the event or activity.

Speaker for Today

Our own **Paul Bernard** entertained the gathered with a walk down memory lane. In what was to be a tightly controlled Q & A session on old time TV trivia—soon to become a hysterical free for all of answers, comments, quips and sit down comedy. After a few minutes it was determined that **Craig Eley's** misspent youth was focused on “*I Love Lucy*,” “*Leave it to Beaver*,” and “*Gilligan's Island*.” The whole thing was entertaining and full of facts we'll never use again. But it was fun! Here are a few:

- ♦ Lucy's birth of Little Ricky was watched by 44 million viewers as opposed to the inauguration of Eisenhower being watched by a mere 29 million viewers.
- ♦ The only program watched by more “*I Love Lucy*” viewers was Elvis Presley's appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1956. “*You ain't nothin' but a hound dog.*”
- ♦ Ralph & Alice Cramden with Ed and Trixie Norton from “*The Honeymooners*” were the character inspirations for “*The Flintstones*.”
- ♦ The theme song of Gilligan's Island was the “*Ballad of Gilligan Isle.*”
- ♦ And Thurston J. Howell III was a character on Gilligan's Island played by Jim Backus. He also played by Mr. McGoo.

Thanks Paul, it was a great time had by all!

Super Citizen Presenters for November

Day	School	Presenter
5 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	John Greene
6 @ 2:45 & 3:15 pm	Univ. Park	Nick Neway
18 @ 2:05 pm	McMeen	Ron Roth
18 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Miller
20 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Phil Perington
20 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Howard Fry

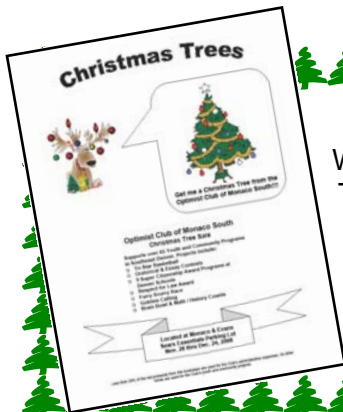
Drawings: Our Lucky Drawing had \$80.00 in the pot and the winning card was the 3 of diamonds. With two draws we had no winners!

The Poker Chip drawing had **Rich Mahony** as the lucky contestant, but he was not a winner either. The pot thickens.

Supermarket Sales: **Cy Regan** reported from the corner of his little grocery store, card sales of \$1,475. King Soopers comes in at \$1,175 and Safeway at \$300. That's another \$73.75 for the general fund. Thanks Cy!

Bill Walters led us in the group citation of the Optimist Creed...“and too happy to permit the presence of trouble!”

Mark your calendars for the 92nd Optimist International Convention in Denver, July 8-10, 2010.



Help Boost Christmas Tree Sales

Would you like to share the word regarding our Christmas Tree lot? Do you have an office or neighborhood newsletter that you can share the word? If so, see **Bob Finkelmeier**, he has a number of half and full page ads just for this purpose. Or, should it be necessary to have it tailored for your audience, he can do that as well.



Monaco South Calendar

Nov 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Mike Coffman, US Congressional Representative
Nov 14	Sat	9-3:00pm	Tamarac Optimist Club 2 nd Annual Homespun Craft Sale
Nov 18	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Board Meeting, 3540 S. Poplar, Suite 102
Nov 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day, Joe Marci on Tree Lot
Nov 21	Sat	8:00am	Thanksgiving Basket Delivery
Nov 24	Tue	4:00pm	Thanksgiving Dinners at Boys & Girls Club and Girls, Inc.
Nov 26	Thu		Thanksgiving Day
Nov 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - John Young, Thank God I'm an Optimist
Nov 27	Fri	9:00 am	Christmas Tree Lot Setup

**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
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Walters	1991-92	Phil Perington	2008-09
Kent Gloor	1992-93		

2009 - 2010 Officers

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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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