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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—George Buzick



Good Morning Optimist

A cold and dreary morning for the last Friday of October could not dampen the spirits of our Optimistic greeters: **George Buzick** (aka this weeks editor) and **Aaron Barry**. President **Paul Simon** called the meeting to order at precisely 7:00 a.m. The invocation spoke to our right and responsibility to ensure that we preserve the freedom many have fought and died for



John Marinus, I, and Paul Stratton, r.

by exercising our right to vote in upcoming election. After an apology to Master Chef **John Marinus**, for not informing him of the onslaught of guests last week and thereby causing him to, once again work his magic in creating something out of nothing in order to feed them all, President Paul called upon **Paul Stratton** for a “moment of mirth.” Paul’s joke was brief and to the point, an example (perhaps) for members who may be selected in the future for this important part of President Paul’s agenda for Friday mornings.

Announcements

Cookbook Recipes: **Jim VanderKamp** reminds us that he is still waiting for recipes for his “*Roundup Fellowship Cookbook*.” Either bring them in or email to Jim at jvanderkamp@rup.org.

HEAR Halloween: **John Wachter** thanked those that helped set up for the HEAR Halloween event last week at Cheesman Park. Eight volunteers were there to help with this annual event which allows the deaf and hard of hearing to participate in Halloween activities in a safe, controlled environment.

2013 Rockies Tickets: **Tom Mauro** suggested that there appeared to be a lack of interest in Rockies tick-

ets for next season, but that he was, nevertheless, confident that the Rockies would be improved next year and that the seats along the third base line would give an excellent vantage point to watch them in their bid for the National League Championship and World Series. (Editor: *Overheard in Rockies dugout from one of the coaches: “We can’t seem to win at home, or on the road. Where else can we play?”*)

Will Rogers Quotes: **John Young** read some quotes from Will Rogers apropos the current political climate, none of which were complimentary to our friends in Washington. However, here are a couple John didn’t share:

- ◇ *We elect our Presidents, be they Republican or Democrat, then start daring ‘em to make good.*
- ◇ *We shouldn’t elect a President. We should elect a magician.*
- ◇ *There is people so excited over this election that they think the President has something to do with running this country.*

Need a Santa: Tamarac Optimists are having a holiday event on December 4 and have asked **Craig Eley** to line up a Santa for them. Craig has everything needed to outfit a Santa, except a body. If you are available on December 4 and are in the holiday spirit, check with Craig at craigceley@gmail.com.

5th Annual Homespun Holiday Market:



Speaking of Tamarac Optimist Club, see the flyer attached to the GUMS distribution email regarding their holiday market on Saturday, November 10th, at 8 Cherry Hills Drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wardrobe/Storage Cabinet: The Santa Haus at the Tree Lot is in need of a wardrobe to store the Santa the Santa Suits and accessories. If



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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

anyone has one they want to get rid of, contact **Craig Eley** at craigceley@gmail.com.

TJ Craft Fair: The annual Thomas Jefferson High School Craft Fair will be held November 10th. We need 10-12 guys to help the crafters unload and set up starting at 6 a.m. until about 8 a.m. Check with **Joe Marci** or sign up at next week's meeting.

Winter Holiday Party: It's Coming! It's Coming! No, not the Brain Bowl, but the annual extravaganza holiday party presented to you by none other than **Frank Middleton** and his committee. Frank promises that a great time will be had by all. The extravaganza, to be held at the fabulous Cop-perfield's Event Center, will feature an 18 piece band for your listening (and dancing) enjoyment. Festivities will commence at 4:30 p.m. and run until around 9:30 p.m. on December 9th. So, put this on your calendar now!

Brain Bowl: But it really is coming! This from **Karl Geil**, the town crier; advanced warning to mark your calendar for this premier event for the Colorado/Wyoming Optimist District, which is always strongly supported by Monaco South.

The Brain Bowl is Coming; The Brain Bowl is coming!!! The Optimist Brain Bowl is an academic contest for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students modeled after the old G.E. College Bowl TV show (for our younger members, think of Jeopardy with teams) put on by the Optimist Clubs of the Colorado-Wyoming District, and Monaco South always leads the way in terms of volunteers. This year we will again have about 1,500 kids competing in our 4 tournaments. The time commitment involved for most volunteers is one-half day at each tournament; although, we do need several volunteers for the full day. This year's tournaments will be: (1) North Region, January 12 at Monarch High School in Louisville; (2) Central Region, January 26 at Heritage High School in Littleton; (3) South Region, February 9 at Carson Middle on the Ft. Carson U.S. Army Base in Colorado Springs; and (4) District Championship Tournament, February 2 at Douglas County High School in Castle Rock. We need at least 135 volunteers at each tournament in order for the event to run smoothly and have a number of different jobs available. For more information, see www.optimistbrainbowl.org.

Boys and Girls Clubs Thanksgiving Dinner: Once again, **Donley Smith** has done a masterful job of planning Thanksgiving Dinner for the Boys and Girls Clubs. Now all he needs are gobs of volunteers.

- ⇒ Date: November 20 (The Tuesday before Thanksgiving)
- ⇒ Time: 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Locations: Boys & Girls Club, 3480 West Kentucky Ave. and Girls Inc., 1499 Julian St.

Donlie also needs some help picking up and delivering Turkeys. Check with Donlie 303-759-0380 for details.

Correctional Industries Visit: **Bob Avery** led another great tour of the Correctional Industries facility last week and says that he is quite willing to put together another tour next spring. If you haven't had the opportunity to see some of the things this group of incarcerated individuals can accomplish, you're missing a fascinating excursion.

Academy Optimist Club Santa Train: Prez Paul men-

tioned that he will be working with the Colorado Springs Academy Club on their "Santa Train" on December 3rd. If you have some extra time on your hands during weekends starting November 17th, you might want to volunteer. While it is a little bit of a drive, but you get to ride the cog rail up Pikes Peak to Four Mile Siding. It is a great experience. Check with Paul for volunteer information. See other details @ <http://cograilway.com>.

Tree Lot Opening: Also coming is the grand opening of the famous Monaco South Christmas Tree Lot! Signup sheets will be forthcoming, but reserve some time, especially on the weekends, to volunteer for the tree lot, which is our major source of funding. There are jobs for everyone, many of which require no heavy lifting, so there is no excuse for not spending some time to ensure another banner year for the tree lot. **Joe Marci**, Tree Lot Chair, will be telling us more details at our meeting November 16th.

Super Citizenship Presenter Openings: In December there are four available slots for being a presenter at one of the schools in December. They are as follows:

- ⇒ Wednesday 5th Highline at 8:30 a.m.
- ⇒ Friday 14th University Park 8:30 a.m.
- ⇒ Monday 17th MPB 2:30PM
- ⇒ Thursday 20th McMeen 1:00 & 1:45 p.m.

Any member interested in being a presenter should let Joe Marci know by calling 303-771-3748 or emailing at marci-frog@aol.com or telling him at a future meeting. Check the schedule for November if you want to see a presentation this month before doing your first one. There will be over 25 presentations at schools in the first four months of next year if December doesn't fit with your available schedule.

Don't Throw Them Out: **Greg Young** reminds us to bring our used printer cartridges to him for recycling. The Club can get credit from Staples to use the recycling effort for printing and office supplies.



Drawing & Closing Bell

One of the most important parts of the meeting, the **Ron Carlson/Karl Geil** giveaway, in which, inevitably, either Ron or Karl, or both, win at least one drawing, while others yell "*Shake 'em up!*" True to form, Ron did win today, but nobody claimed the big pot by drawing the lucky card, so the pot continues to grow.

Note of thanks from greeters **Aaron Beery** and **George Buzick** to **Jack Kleinhessel** for giving each of them a drawing ticket — even though neither won, this was a magnanimous gesture by Jack.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Where is our October editor? **John Oss** and his wife Ruth were call out of town this week. It seems Ruth's mother was suddenly hospitalized, due to congestive heart problems, so they left for Minnesota. Ruth, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family for "moms" recovery.

Stop the Political Ads

Even though the political ads are coming to a halt (thank goodness), our local political party representatives seem to be still enjoying the camaraderie of the meeting. Please watch them carefully after the election.



Oscar & Tom, photo Don StJohn

Speaker, Jim Saccomano, Bronco VP of Communication



Steve Kady

It's nice to have contacts like **Steve Kady!** Not only did he bring us Missy Franklin's father, he has now produced a Denver legend, **Jim Saccomano**. Jim is a Denver native who started his sports career as a statistician with the Denver Bears (The precursor to the Rockies, for those of you who are "new" to town). Jim, who is currently Vice President of Corporate Communications has been with the Broncos for over 30 years.

Jim is recognized as one of the most accomplished public relations professionals in NFL history as well as the longest tenured pro sports administrator in Colorado.

Jim has written several books about his experiences with the Broncos, including: "Denver Broncos: The Complete Illustrated History" with forward by John Elway and "Game of My Life Denver Broncos: Memorable Stories of Bronco Football."

Saccomano fielded questions from the members and was brief and forthright with his responses. Some examples:

Question: How good is Peyton Manning, really?

Answer: Calling Peyton Manning "Great" is an understatement. He will probably go down as one of the top 50 football players of all time. Peyton has a fantastic memory which allows him to recognize defenses and switch plays at the line of scrimmage, which very few quarterbacks can do well.

Question: Why do players keep getting into trouble?

Don't they have some kind of classes on how to behave?

Answer: Players have a full week session at the beginning of the season, but there are a lot of temptations out there.

Question: Who are some of the most "community active" of the Broncos?

Answer: John Elway, of course. Rich Karlis and Karl Meklenburg were very giving. Bob Griese started "Judy's House" while in Houston and supports it even after he left Houston.

Question: Was Tim Tebow overrated?

Answer: By any measure of a quarterback, he was over-rated, but he was a good guy and did a lot for the community.

Question: What happens if Peyton Manning goes down?

Answer: If Manning goes down, Broncos are in serious trouble. There is no Plan B!

You can reference Jim Saccomano's blog at https://twitter.com/broncos_sacco.



Jim Saccomano
Photos Don StJohn



Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
11/2/12	Phil Perington & Floyd Hussey
11/9/12	Mark Metevia & John Oss
11/16/12	Doc Gardner & Steve Kady
11/23/12	Ralph Petersen & Michael Chavez
11/30/12	Woody Thibodeau & ?

Super Citizen Presenters for November		
Nov. 1 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Pat Bush
Nov. 7 @ 8:30 am	Highline	Dick Cohen
Nov. 12 @ 2:30 pm	MBP	Jim Vander Kamp
Nov. 16 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45 am	Holm	Fred Pasternack
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

Monaco South Calendar

- Nov 2 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Barbara Martin-Worley, Denver District Attorney's Office
- Nov 9 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Phil Perington & George Mills, PGI Program
- Nov 14 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Nov 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day (Joe Marci on Tree Lot)
- Nov 10 Sat 7:00 am Parking for TJ Craft Fair - See Craig Eley
- Nov 17 Sat 8:00 am Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets - See Bob Avery
- Nov 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Ralph Delgrance, Know Brainer Program
- Dec 9 Sun 4:30 pm Winter Holiday Party, Copper Fields Event Chateau - See Frank Middleton

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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.