



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Welcome Optimist Let the Meeting Begin

One of the Club's most prolific comedians, the one, and only **Tom Hoch** merrily greeted shivering and stamping Monaco South Optimists. Standing with Tom is new member **Bob Winterfield**. It is always a fun adventure having MSOC Members at the ready to greet us.

New Caterer's

The first thing to notice was the magnificent breakfast buffet set up by our new caterer's Natalie Patron and Kathryn Birdwell. A beautiful table of white linen, chaffing dishes, and fresh fruit compote (fruits on a stick) along with juice and fresh coffee. For the really hungry, a spinach and ham quiche, plus sausage, biscuits, and gravy with hash brown potatoes. Everyone had full plates and a very pleasant dining experience. It looks like this is going to be a great breakfast relationship.

Starting Comaraderie

John Stoffel and **Joe Marci** were busy discussing the tree lot layout, provided by **O.C.**



File photo, tree lot setup
November, 2013.

Mr. Baseball, **Tom Mauro** was seen prowling tables looking for Rockies Season Ticket renewals. **Scotty Walker** reported Hunter, his pal and beloved dog who can add, subtract count out John Elway's number, is not doing so well.

First Bell

Prez **John Oss** gaveled the session to attention at

7:01 and the meeting began. John introduced the new breakfast ladies and we all gave a round of applause. There were no guests but Governor-Elect and new member **Curt Merrill** said howdy and thanked us for being so nice to him. Editor, It is a trap Curt.



Prez John introduces one of the new catering ladies.

Photo Don StJohn

Announcements

Heather Gardens Optimist Pancake Breakfast:

Donlie Smith thanked everyone, especially Lt. Gov. **Michael Chavez**, for their participation in the Heather Gardens Pancake Breakfast fundraiser and reminded us of the soon approaching Thanksgiving Dinner's on November 25th starting at 4 p.m.

Bill Walter's Thanksgiving Dinners: Donlie

Smith is coordinating the Thanksgiving dinner for the Denver Metro Boys and Girls Clubs held at the Owen's Branch, 3480 West Kentucky Avenue. **Don St. John** is coordinating the dinner at Girls Inc., 1499 Julian Street. Let Don know if you want to help out there.



We need your help, with dinner included, on the serving line, drinks, pies, bread, setup, and clean up. At the Boys and Girls Clubs key staff include, **Russ Paul**, serving line; **Keith Gallaway**, drinks; **Kent Gloor**, pies; **Phil Perington**, cleanup; **John Swick**, bread; **Don Thomson**, photos; and **Barry Barker**, **Steve Kady**, **Greg Young**, and **Carl Brown** handling varies transportation jobs.

Call Donlie at 303-745-3210 if you have questions. Additionally, at the Owen's Branch parking is available on the West side of the building and on the street.

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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

Highlighting Optimist Activities: LT. Gov. **Paul**



Simon popped up on the stage sporting an L.A. Dodgers hat holding a bag with other hats as a reminder of all the other events Optimists are involved in including the Brain Bowl, N.O.W. meetings (New Optimists Welcome), Toys for

God's Kids, Santa Train in Colorado Springs, Rebuilding the District Web-site, Dime-a-Day Foundation, Intra-club visitations, Tri-Star Basketball and Super Citizen.

Thanksgiving Baskets: Thanksgiving Basket Chairs, **Jim Easton**, and **Allen Pierce** explained how important it is to be part of the crew that delivers food baskets this Saturday, November 22, with great assistance from SAFEWAY. Please plan on being at the Legion Hall by 7:30 a.m. Each two person crew will deliver two or three baskets. Maps will be provided for locating the recipients.

Meeting with Other Optimist Clubs: **Bob Avery** reflected upon running into the South Denver Optimist Club at Perkins Restaurant during a meeting with **Donlie Smith** and **Jack Kleinhessel**. Bob shared it was nice to see other Clubs in action. He suggests that we should be doing more of this visitation activity.

Toys for God's Kids: **Ron Gustas** announced *Toys for God's Kids* would be meeting with the TI-DOC Club on Saturday evening along with members from the Car Club and hopefully MSOC to assemble more cars for underprivileged kids across the world, especially in Central and South America. *(Below are some pictures the editor took at this event.)*



Super Citizen Program Update: **Robert Wardlaw** thanked **Donlie Smith** for the Super Citizen Awards program at Holm and declared he still has frames and t-shirts for upcoming award ceremonies including McMeen's on Thursday, November 20, and Bradley

International's on Friday, November 21.

To be a Super Citizen presenter, see Rob Garner to sign up. In the month of December we will have eight presentations to support our SC Schools.

White Elephant Gift Exchange: Again this year



we will see Santa **Oscar Sorensen** overseeing the White Elephant Meeting which will be in the house on Friday, December 19th. There is no limit as to how much or how little you wish to spend on the gift. You should bring it gift wrapped for Christmas. However, there will be some extras gifts so do not miss the party if you show without a present in hand. Oscar reflected that this might be the only thing you get for Christmas, so make it worthwhile. The max on spending should be no more than \$300 dollars. Sure Oscar!

Be a Salvation Army Bell Ringer: **Curt Merrill**

requested volunteers for the upcoming Salvation Army Bell-Ringers at Arapahoe Crossings located at Peoria and South Parker Rd. If interested contact Curt at 303-589-3000 or c_merrill@comcast.net.

Good Breakfast, But Don't Forget to Pay: MSOC

Treasurer **Greg Young** got up, and gave a big "Hooray for the Breakfast Ladies," and then reminded everyone not to "forget" to pay for a complete breakfast, or coffee, juice, and/or roll. See **Don StJohn** to pay up.

We Need Santa's: Make it a special Christmas

for kids by being a Santa at our Tree Lot this year! Our customers have come to expect a resident Santa, and so more and more are bringing their children and grandchildren. It's the one place with no charge, no waiting, and a free photo of the youngsters with Santa. Shifts are for 2 hours each, we supply the suit, hat, boots and beard. All you provide is the Ho, Ho, Ho!

Sing up online at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080E4EA4A6283-santa2/6577885. If you have trouble with that, contact Club Santa Wrangler **Craig Eley** at craigceley@gmail.com.

From Prez John Oss

1. A big thank you to **Ron Cisco** for holding a new member orientation last Tuesday. Ron called everyone except **Tom Graumann**. Tom is in the middle of a three-month stay in the Czech Republic, a bit far to come for an orientation. Three of the eleven candidates for orientation braved the weather, and benefited from the briefing.
2. In addition, thanks to **Greg Young** for keeping close tabs on who are the candidates for orientation?
3. We can also be thankful for the use of Denver District 4 City Council Member Peggy Lehmann for use of her offices.
4. There are many opportunities to give with Thanksgiving, and holiday food distributions. Enjoy the bounty.
5. Our container of wooden nickels has reappeared; therefore, be sure to wear your badge.



Greg Young MSOC Treasurer

Greg Young presented the current MSOC budget and a compilation of last year's spending as opposed to the 2014-15 Budget. Last year we were at a deficit spending level of \$3,400, due in part to Christmas tree revenues \$5,000 below the preceding year. Member donations of \$6,000 helped offset any further losses. Meal Sales were down as was revenue but \$1,100 was added to the reserve account. The Club distributed \$31,000 to all our service projects and came within \$300 of budget. The Club continues to maintain a Reserve Account of \$40,000 and is in solid financial condition. Excellent job everyone!

It was noted that this year we will have one extra day of sales for the Tree Lot. Through the hard work of **Cy Regan**, our Super Grocery Salesman we bring in \$200-300 per month, with the majority from King Soppers cards. It was pointed out that tips donated at the tree lot are for the Club Only and to that, **Tom**



Greg Young
Photo Don StJohn

Hoch admitted he probably owed the Club \$300. Postage costs are up 100% from \$46 to \$92 and **Ron Cisco** was speechless. He did say however, that he mailed his dues and that is probably why it has not arrived yet. Greg being ever the gentleman did not disclose who has yet to pay their dues, but stated Guido is lurking about just in case. There is a link on the GUMS email distribution page to the full financial report.

New Board member **Tom Glazier** made a sincere statement reflecting how impressed he was with the quality and expertise of the work Greg performs for the Club and the District. A hearty round of applause followed. Greg was ever the grateful guy, and proudly reported he has passed four out of his last five lie detector tests.

We all are eternally grateful to Greg for his dedication and attention to watching over the Clubs and the Districts finances.

Weekly Greeters

11/21/14	Dick Zolman & Greg Young
11/28/14	Barry Barker & Dave Peck
12/5/14	Jack Kleinheksel & ?
Need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or jon_wachter@msn.com	

Super Citizen Presenters Nov.

Nov 19 @ 2:30	MPB	Harry Fegley
Nov 20 @ 1:30	McMeen	Elton Strong
Nov 21 @ 3:00	Bradley	Phil Perington
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 gardnerrb@gmail.com		

Today's Drawing

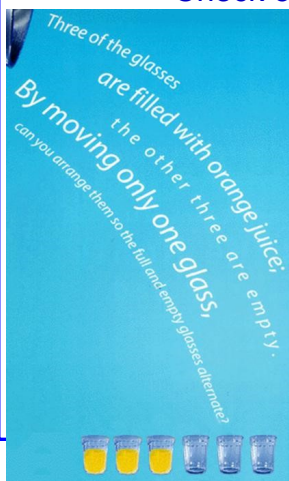
The Jack of Clubs (I think) was the card to find. There were no big pot winners among **Alan Malask, Bryce Slaby, Jack Kleinheksel, Wyatt McCallie, Bob (THAT'S ME! THAT'S ME!) Avery, Robert Duval, and Lynn Jones. Nick Newey** was the lucky chip winner for wearing his name badge, but no cigar.



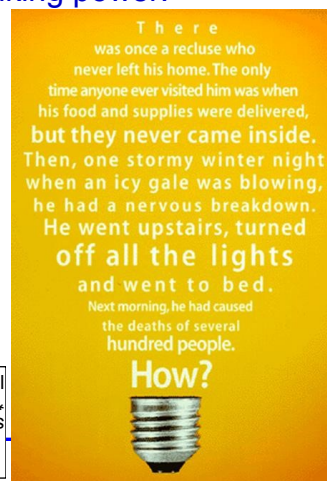
Closing Bell

The Creed was led by newer member Bob Winterfield. Promise Yourself

Check out your lateral thinking power!



ANSWERS
* Pour the juice from the second glass into the fifth.
* The recluse lived in a lighthouse.



Nov 20	Thur	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Nov 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Joe Marci, Tree Training & Operating Procedures
Nov 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Joe Marci, Tree Lot Signup & Setup after the meeting
Dec 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Dec 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Dec 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - MSOC Santa's Gift Exchange
Dec 20	Sat	6:00 pm	Holiday Party, Glenmoor Country Club, Dinner & Entertainment
Dec 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Kids to Breakfast

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
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John Young	1982-83	Don St. John	2001-02
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Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Greg Young	2007-08
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Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
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Mark Metevia	1994-95	Jon Wachter	2013-14

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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.