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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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<p>Christmas 12/25/10</p> 	<p>Boxing Day 12/26/10</p> 	<p>Kwanzaa 12/26/10-1/1/11</p> 	<p>Hanukkah 12/1/10-12/9/10</p> 
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Good Morning Optimist

The Christmas Eve morning's holiday greeters were **Woody Thibodeau** and **Randy Marcove**. They greeted 54 cheerful members, including three guests!

First Bell

President **Ed Collins** was out of town, so Vice President **Randy Marcove** stepped in to ring the morning bell promptly at 7:00 a.m. to start off the very busy and highly anticipated and humorously-filled *White Elephant Gift Exchange*. **Bubba Claus Oscar Sorensen** himself recited an Invocation from the heart, and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.



Recognition

Although it was not announced, it was great to see **Peter Dimond** this morning!

Guests

Would you believe, **Fred Pasternack** had THREE guests today, and they all showed up! It turns out that Freddy has discovered a new recruiting tool: He was spotted driving around the parking lot of the Christmas Tree lot in his old blue Porsche. All three guests, Jacques St. Pierre, James Riley, and David Romero could not recall Freddy's name, but they remembered

the old blue Porsche! Welcome gentlemen, and thank you Fred for your never-ending recruiting efforts!

Announcements

A Special Thanks: to the Optimists and **Bob Avery** from the Rhyne family. This family received food baskets for both Thanksgiving and Christmas from our club, and sent us Thank You notes in appreciation. Thanks to all for your efforts!

Another Special Thanks: from all of us was announced by **Greg Young** to **Joe Marci, Mike Miller, Ralph Pedersen, John Oss, Wyatt McCallie**, and everybody else who assured the successes of our Christmas Tree lot. Gentlemen, your efforts are sincerely appreciated!

A Great Breakfast Club: begins with a great breakfast. **Frank Middleton** recognized our very own **John Marinos** for his, "Balanced," efforts in creating delicious breakfast meals for us every Friday morning, and handed him a special holiday envelope. Thank you John!

The Brain Bowl is Still Coming! **Karl Geil** reminded us to sign up to help a terrific youth activity. There will be three different venues, and each requires at least 135 volunteers to run smoothly. You may sign up for each venue! Reminder: if you have

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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

signed up as a reader, you must attend training before the event, even if you are a veteran reader!

Christmas Tree Lot Update: "The Tree Lot Closes on Christmas Eve," said **Joe Marci**. The 2010 Tree Lot was again a great success. Over 1,200 trees were sold by 86 members who worked the past four weeks. We were assisted by the Tamarac Optimists, TJ ROTC students and the TJ Cheerleaders. Thanks to all who assisted in our club's main fundraiser. Also, cleanup on Monday the 27th at 9:00 AM. Everyone's invited! An additional reminder: To those of you that purchased trees, wreaths, etc., from the lot, you will receive an invoice if you have not already. Please mail your payment to **Greg Young**, MSOC Treasure, at 3983 South Olive Street, Denver, CO 80237, or hand deliver it to him ASAP. Thank you!

Kids to Breakfast: The annual Monaco South meeting with fun for kids, will be next Friday, December 31 at 7:00 a.m. at our regular meeting place reminded **Oscar Sorensen**. The kids get free breakfast, and will be entertained by comedian, magician, and hypnotist Kier Royale. Bring the kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews 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.



Grocery Gift Cards: Today's grocery card sales totaled \$2,950, thanks to **Doug Morton**'s purchases worth \$2,000 as employee gifts. This is a great fundraiser for the club; 5% of sales is ours, equating to \$147.50 today! Thank you!

Financial Contribution to the Club: Thanks go out to one of our generous newer members, **Al Perington**, for the generous donation to the Club of \$500. In the Christmas spirit, Al has generously donated this money to be used for our projects supporting needy children and their families. Rumor has it that this may become an annual tradition! As a reminder, you can get a tax deduction for donations to the club by making your donations to the OI Foundation, with a designation that it go to Optimist Club of Monaco South for specific project(s). Talk to our Treasurer, **Greg Young**, about the details. THANKS, AL!

Garment Bags Needed: **Craig Eley** is in search of some garment bags in which to store the Club's Santa suits. Anyone with one to spare should bring it to the December 31st meeting or deliver it to Craig.

Member Drops: It was shared that we had two member drops from of our club: Gary Rife and Jack Phillips. Once again let's we can get 'em back soon!

Closing Bell

We were led in the Optimist Creed by a **Greg Young** to finish a great day of gift exchanging laughs.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

To all of our homebound members and to those who are not feeling well, and to all of our members who are caring for others, we send our thoughts and prayers! We think of you every day and specially on Friday mornings!

Over the past few days the GUMS editor has learned that **Bill Walters** was just diagnosed with Leukemia and was admitted to Lutheran Hospital on Friday afternoon to start treatments. **Cy Regan**'s wife Patricia, who has been in hospice, passed away on Christmas Day. **Dick Daly**'s daughter is recovering from recent surgery. And, **Gerald Davis** is now confined to a wheelchair due to his Alzheimer's, but is still able to participate in some activities.

We extend our heartfelt concerns to them all and we will try to assist in anyway as we can.

Morning Activities

White Elephant Gift Exchange was today. Thank you **Bubba Claus**, aka **Oscar Sorensen** for heading the event! In order was the distribution of our fabulous gifts, minus holiday jeers, slightly edited to prevent additional embarrassment:



John Young—a festive necktie. **Todd Olson**—a water bottle holder. **Frank Ross**—a thermos bottle. **Doug Morton**—Our Hope for Change package. **Jim Tapp**—Antlers headset. **Jack Kitchell**—scary looking forceps. **Eldon Strong**—*Newsmax* magazine with Centerfold. **Mike Chavez**—a Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy book. **Ron Cis-co**—a rubber stamp. **John Walsh**—a Sports Illustrated Swimsuit edition desk calendar. **Paul Gleditsch**—a used Clarinet, really! **Harry Johnson**—an Ava Maria Mutual Fund baseball cap. **Bob Finkelmeier**—a clean Jaguar carburetor. **Randy Marcove**—a holiday fleece blanket. **Gary Strowbridge**—a Glow-in-the-Dark Over-the-Hill Dust-Cover. **Russ Paul**—a gravy boat and a family tree. **Don St. John**—a solid gold angle tree toppers. **Donlie Smith**—Nancy and Ronald Reagan slippers. **Peter Dimond**—reindeer antlers. **Mike Miller**—a coffee mug. **Kent Gloor**—a "Tuggie" fuzzy sock. **Tom Wos**—an adding machine. **Les Larson**—a double-billed baseball cap stating that he's our Leader. **Frank Middleton**—a how-to book titled, *How to Read a Financial Report*. **Tom Mauro**—a birdbath heater. **Karl Geil**—a breadbox filled with Hershey Kisses and Busch Beer. **Paul Simon**—Mickey Mouse Santa hat. **Craig Eley**—a cocktail glass and coaster set. **Lynn Jones**—a Snow-Off windshield cover. **Joe Marci**—Tee Caddy golf accessory. **Ron Carlson**—thimble-sized small protection for *the Little Guy*. **Tom Hoch**—extra-large protection for *the Little Guy*. **Harry Fegley**—a knit Jim Beam hat and scarf set. Guest David Romero—two Poinsettia mugs. **John Stoffel**—Senator John McCain playing cards. **Gary Miller**—Texas Instruments calculator. **John Oss**—Optimists and holiday coffee mugs. **Bill Anderson**—*STFU, I'm Trying to Drink Here* beverage container adornment. **Steve Kady**—an umbrella hat. **Allen Yockey**—a nice vase! **Terry Shroyer**—a Pink Flamingo retirement nest egg effigy.

OC Larson—a Rubik’s cube and cheat sheet. **Leo Hagele**—popcorn! **Ralph Pedersen**—a wine bottle cork remover. **Ron Gustas**—a bottle of white wine. **Dan Hugo**—a bottle of champagne. **Woody Thibodeau**—a bottle of white wine. **Greg Young**—a lovely romance novel, *Blanket of the Stars*. **Bob Avery**—Speed Stacking cups set. **Guest James Riley**—a stainless steel money counting bank. **Guest Jacquest St. Pierrer**—a bottle of champagne. **Fred Paster-nack**—a Lego Contraption building kit. **Phil Perington**—a stacked appetizer serving set. **George Buzick**—a mounted singing duck decoy. And finally, **Paul Bernard**—a set of Table Tennis balls.

There were some members who received additional gifts due to their unhappiness with their initial gifts. They were, in order: **Frank Middleton**—a golf club tripod desk paper-weight. **Ron Carlson**—Golfer’s Putter Pool. Still unhappy, **Ron Carlson** for the third time—a toilet seat. **Doug Morton**:—his and hers anatomical coffee mugs. **Oscar Sorensen** went for his first gift—a mounted stuffed-animal tiger’s head.

Additional gifts continued: **Tom Mauro**—a six-pack of empty Colorado Rockies Inaugural Season 8 ounce Coca-Cola bottles. **Ron Cisco**—a Mag-Light. And, still unhappy **Ron Cisco** the third time—*Where the Boys Are* DVD. **Gary Strowbridge**—a lovely set of candles, bubble bath, ornaments. **Tom Hoch**—an Ireland codpiece. **Harry Johnson**—a box of New York premier pretzels, and **Craig Eley**—a candy thumb sucker pop.



Paul Gleditsch



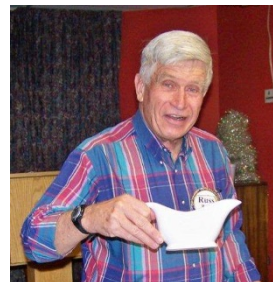
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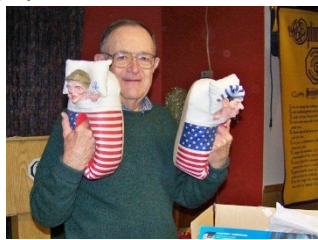
Terry Shroyer



George Buzick



Craig Eley



Donlie Smith

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
12/31/10	Paul Gleditsch & "Father Time"
1/7/11	Jim VanderKamp & Gary Laman
1/14/11	Greg Hurd & Harry Fegley
1/21/11	Robert Wardlaw & Greg Young

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 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
- Jan 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Steve Wooton, Colorado Cattlemen’s Association
- Feb 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - speaker pending
- Feb 5 Sat 7:00 am Central Region Brain Bowl, Overland High School, Aurora, CO

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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
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.