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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist

Ralph Pedersen and Michael Chavez greeted a sparse but energetic membership on this unseasonably warm Thanksgiving weekend and this “Black Friday” morning. In the absence of President Paul Simon, John Wachter called the meeting to order and Carl Brown, a new member, but an old friend, gave the invocation, reminding us that no matter how bad things get, this Country is still a great place to live and we all have a lot to be thankful for. Most appropriate for this Thanksgiving weekend.

Guests

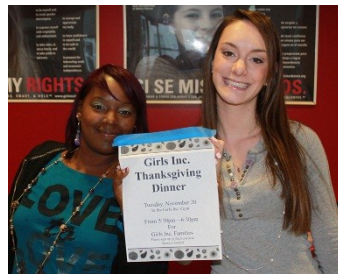
Guests included Mike McMahon’s youngest son Nate. (May be a few years before he actually joins up!) Jack Kleinheksel introduced his neighbor, Dave Richmond, as the “smartest guy in the neighborhood” and Tom Glazier introduced a longtime friend of his, Allen Malask who sells, among other thing, industrial strength paper shredders. David Iley was also the guest of his dad, Don Iley, once again. Also present was Dave Lazaroff, whom we have not seen for a while. Good to see all of you this day!

Announcements

Boys & Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner: Donlie Smith thanked those who had helped with the Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc. Thanksgiving Dinners and said that we had served over 700 guests. Congratulations to Donlie for organizing yet another amazing activity for the kids. Don St. John said that they were short handed at Girls Inc. and could have used five or six more people. Steve Kady thanked Marty Mortecella who made the pickup and delivery of the food a lot easier with his big truck. See all photos in a GUMS Supplement attached to the distribution email.



Above, members Al Gapuzan, Cy Regan, Don St. John, and Marc Goodbody ready the Thanksgiving meal at Girls Inc.



At right, Girls Inc. members showoff the invitation to this special annual event.

Below, Russ Paul, Frank Ross, Terry Shroyer and OC Larson ready the serving line at the Owen Branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver assemble for this traditional dinner event.



Thanksgiving dinner project leader, Donlie Smith, on the right, oversees the heating of the gravy with Curt Boell, left, and Tom Glazier, center.

Photos Don Thomson

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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

Thanksgiving Baskets: Organizer **Bob Avery** said that the last of the Thanksgiving Baskets had been delivered on Tuesday and thanked the more than 30 volunteers who helped with this annual project.



Bob Avery, center, provides the instructions, recipient address, and maps to all of those who participated in the delivery of Thanksgiving food baskets, which included: Turkey, dressing fixings, canned vegetables, milk, and a pumpkin pie.

Photo Don StJohn

Holiday Party: **Frank Middleton** announced that the price of the Holiday Party would be \$24/Person, which includes dinner and dancing to “Zing the Band.” Even though the signup sheet is almost filled on both sides, there is still room for more people and *The more the merrier!* And there is No Bronco game that day so, unless you are working the tree lot, there is no excuse not to be there.

Mentoring Program: Board member **Mike McMahon** announced that only a few people had signed up for the Mentoring Program and that for his own peace of mind, he would like to see a few more signing up. This program is designed to ensure that new members have their questions answered and a well indoctrinated into the overall Optimist International program. If interested in helping out see Mike.

Christmas Baskets: The most recent board member **Michael Chavez** is heading up the Christmas Basket Delivery, which will take place on Saturday, December 22nd. Very similar to the delivery of Thanksgiving basket delivery, Michael needs about 30 people, so be sure to sign up. See Michael.

Super Citizen Program: **Don Thomson** said the University Park Elementary School Super Citizen program held on Tuesday, November 20th, was well attended (including “Barkley,” **Jack Rife’s** dog), and urged those new members who have never been to a Super Citizen program to attend as an observer, so they can see for themselves what a great impact this program has on the kids we serve. See the schedule on page 3, and let Don or the presenter know.

Dolls for Daughters: Vice Prez **John Wachter** reminded us again that the “Dolls for Daughters” program could use some help in distributing almost 8,000 toys which have been donated. You can learn more about the program by talking with John or visiting <http://www.dollsfordaughters.com>.

Tree Lot Update: **Ed Collins** said that, even though the decision had been made to not cut fresh “Charlie Brown” trees this year, when he was visiting his mountain property he noticed that the Highway Department had cut some trees and just left them. He will check on the viability of retrieving these “free” trees for our lot.

Ron Cisco reminded us that he is the one and only authorized “Food Guy” and that any food purchases need to be approved by him. He also assured us that there would be plenty of food and drink available at the tree lot. If not just see him.

Wyatt McCallie has obtained a cell phone for use at the tree lot. The number is [720-278-0749](tel:720-278-0749). Wyatt also said that, when recharging the phone, do not bend the connectors by forcing the plug. If it does not slide in easily, turn it over and try again.

Jack Rife, Tree Lot Manpower Overseer, made a plea for people to work this weekend, since almost nobody has signed up at this point, and reiterated the importance of signing up, so we can manage our work staff properly. We especially need people on the weekends. Remember:

1. You can Signup Manually at the weekly meetings. Signup sheet will normally be on the bar at the back of the room. Jack will enter those into the computer scheduling format.
2. You can signup on the Monaco South website, just go to www.monacosouth.org and click on the “Tree Lot Schedule” on the left side of the page. You can check the schedule for a particular date by clicking on the magnifying glass, or schedule yourself by clicking on the pencil icon. Do not forget to hit “SAVE” at the bottom of the page after you make an entry, or you will have accomplished nothing.
3. Or, you can Call Jack at [303-349-1280](tel:303-349-1280) and he will put you into the system.

Craig Eley reminds us that we need additional Santa’s to work Saturdays and Sundays for the balance of the season. Tree Lot Santa’s will start delighting the children this coming Saturday, December 1. Currently, we need a Santa for one shift on Sunday, December 2, from noon to 2 p.m. Training and outfit are provide and, for those who need it, the belly, so new Santa’s are encouraged to take a turn in the Santa chair in the warm Santa Haus. It is the most fun you can have at the Tree Lot, and a real way to be a Friend of Youth! You can signup online at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080E4EA4A6283-santa2 or email Craig Eley at craigceley@gmail.com.

Tree Lot Trailer Santa with Saturdays terrific sunset. See what you may have missed by not working at the tree lot!

Photo Steve Kady



Speaker, Ralph Dergance Know Brainer Program

Our speaker today was Ralph Dergance, a member of the Littleton Breakfast Optimist Club and an active member in the Colorado/Wyoming District. Ralph's goal was to expand the "Know Brainer" programs, which is an offshoot of the ever-popular "Brain Bowl." Whereas the Brain Bowl is for middle school kid (6th, 7th and 8th graders), the Know Brainer is designed for 4th and 5th graders, but uses rule similar to those of the Brain Bowl.

The program was tried for the first time last year, using eight schools from the southwest metro area. To staff this size program you need about 20 - 22 people for half a day. Ralph suggests that the ideal time to have such a program is mid to late April, after Spring Break, TCAP, etc.

Unlike the Brain Bowl, there are no "final rounds." Winners are based on total scores achieved on both written and head-to-head competitions in the morning rounds.

Ralph has an excellent Power-Point presentation that he would be happy to send you. Contact Ralph at rhdergance@msn.com.



Ralph Dergance, right, Know Brainer Program organizer and our speaker, with Karl Geil.

Photo Don StJohn

DENVER DISTRICT ATTORNEY

From Mitch Morrissey, District Attorney-Second Judicial District:
Reporting Elder Financial or Physical Abuse

1. If you have a life threatening emergency call Denver Police—911
2. If you know of, or suspect physical abuse or neglect call: Denver Adult Protective Services—720-9442994 (After Hours call 720-944-3000)
3. If you know of, or suspect fraud or financial abuse call Denver DA Fraud Hotline (720-913-9179)
4. If you suspect physical or financial abuse in a nursing facility call Ombudsman Program (303-455-1000)

To Remove Name From Mail/Phone Marketing Lists

1. Register landline and cell phones with the National Do Not Call Registry at www.donotcall.gov or by calling 1-888-382-1222. Once

registered, it becomes permanent.

2. Ask phone companies and others with whom you do business to put you on their 'Do Not Call' lists.
3. Opt Out of credit reporting agencies' credit card solicitation marketing lists at www.optoutprescreen.com or 1-888-567-8688
4. Call your credit card(s) customer service number(s) to opt out of marketing programs, including "convenience checks."
5. To remove you name from junk mail lists, write to the Mail Preference Services, PO Box 643, Carmel NY 10512, or call 1-619-298-3396.

To File A Consumer Complaint

To report a violation of the "Do Not Call" registry: www.ftc.gov or www.donotcall.gov or call 1-888-382-1222.

To file a complaint on a business or charity: Denver/Boulder Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org or call 1-800-222-4444.

Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
11/30/12	Woody Thibodeau & Frank Middleton
12/7/12	Pat Bush & Bob Avery
12/14/12	Terry Shroyer & Aaron Beery
12/21/12	Jack Kleinheksel & Kent Gloor
12/28/12	Russ Paul & Ron Cisco

Super Citizen Presenters for November		
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	Joe Marci
Super Citizen Presenters for December		
Dec. 5 @ 8:30 am	Highline	Joe Marci
Dec. 13 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Paul Bernard
Dec. 14 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	John Young

Monaco South Calendar

- Nov 24-Dec 24 9 am to 9 pm Tree Lot - need help ALL day (Jack Rife, Tree Lot Scheduler)
- Nov 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Dec 7 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Dec 9 Sun 3:30 pm Holiday Party, Copper Fields Event Chateau - See Frank Middleton
- Dec 14 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Dec 21 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Safe	1995-96
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ron Cisco	2009-10
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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.