



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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Good Morning Optimists

President Randy opened the meeting with this greeting—*Good Morning Optimist!* There was a very good turnout, considering it was the day after Thanksgiving with traveling and recovering from overindulgence (WAUGH). The greeters; bless them, **Leo Hagele** and **Bob Hugo** helped to make the season bright. **Don Thomson** gave the invocation—remaining thankful. We can be thankful every day, not just on Thanksgiving. Thanks Leo, Bob and Don for your important participation.

Guests

Don Iley brought his son, David, who came to thank us for buying his popcorn.

Special Recognition

Prez Randy, “Our new leader,” recognized the attendance of **David Lazaroff**, **Dan Hugo** and **Tom Charters** who we haven’t seen for a while. Welcome back fellow Optimists!

Prez Update

Board of Directors Meeting: Prez Randy also reported on items discussed and decided at the November OCMS Board Meeting. He mentioned that there will be a quarterly orientation for new members, the next being Monday evening, January 9th, 6:30 p.m. at Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann’s office, 3540 South Poplar Street, Suite 102. The mentor program will continue with future dates scheduled for Monday, April 9th and Monday, July 9th 2012.

OCMS Logo: Randy also welcomed any artistically inclined individual to help with the design of a Monaco South logo. He currently has some ideas, but wants to seek others.

Perfect Attendance: He also recognized those having perfect in attendance for November.

Announcements

Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner: Donlie Smith was very appreciative of the great job the 48 members and friends did at the Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys and Girls Clubs and Girls Inc. He also especially mentioned Denver Tech Hyatt Hotel kitchen for cooking the food, Continental Devine Catering/K-M Concessions for providing food carriers, **Steve Kady** (truck transportation), CBS Channel 4 for media coverage, Lance Ball (a Denver Bronco who came to give autographs), **Jim Tapp** (truck for transporting), and **Russ Paul** for coordinating assistance to Donlie.



At left, Michael Walters, Bill Walters’ son who assisted with setup and serving throughout the evening at the Boys and Girls Clubs.

Photo Donlie Smith

At left those at Girls Inc., included from L to R, are Don StJohn, John Stoffel, Mike Chavez, Jim Tapp, Al Gapuzan, Char StJohn, Joe Marci, Howard Fry and wife Dana, and Marc Goodbody.



Photo Don StJohn

Birthday Congratulations: Don Thomson reported that his mother celebrated her 102nd birthday recently, and was recognized on *Good Morning America*.

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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

White Elephant Gift Exchange: Oscar Sorensen gave a reminder to put Friday, December 23rd on your calendar for the White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring a gift for exchange, wrapped, big or small, cheap or expensive. Be there, it's a hoot! Oscar says to come, even if you wake up that morning without a gift to bring.

Channel 6 Auction: Bryce Slaby still needs a few more telephone experts at the Channel 6 Auction on Sunday, December 4th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. Please sign up on the clip board being passed at the meeting or see Bryce.

Tree Lot Delivery: Craig Eley reminded that a delivery of trees is expected at 10 a.m. today. We need your help throughout the season of sales. Please sign up for your shifts by calling the "club house" (not called the trailer now) 720-514-2810, or sign-up online at <http://www.monacosouth.org>, or on the paper signup sheet at meetings.

Sign Up for Tree Lot Sales Online Sign-up

1. Log into the MSOC site at: <http://www.monacosouth.org>
2. Click on the "Members Only" link on the left side of the page
3. Click on "Christmas Tree Lot" Schedule
Enter User Name: msoctrees
Enter Password: xmas2011 (Note: User Name & password are case sensitive - don't enter any capitals)
4. Click on the magnifying glass in one of the calendar days to see the contents of a day. When you do this you are taken to a box that shows the 4 shifts for that day and the staffing level (number of workers needed for each shift). M-Th shifts require 3 workers, Friday requires 4 and weekends vary according to time of day—busy times on Sat. and Sun. need as many as 10.
5. Click on pencil icon in one of the calendar days to add name (or edit) to a shift on that day. When you are done adding (or editing) click on "SAVE" at bottom to save changes. You can click on "View Week" in the left column of the calendar to see the sign-ups for the whole week. You can click on "View Weekend" to see the sign-ups for the weekend only.

Tree Lot Trailer Number
720-514-2810

Christmas Tree Club House: Joe Marci called for assistance in emptying the warehouse of Christmas items for the "club house," formally the trailer. He commended **Bryce Slaby** for painting the trailer and **Les Larson** for recovering the floor with new linoleum.

Christmas Food Baskets: Mike Chavez is looking for volunteers to help deliver Christmas Baskets of food to those in need. Social workers and principals of the elementary schools in our community are giv-



ing us names and addresses for the project. Sign up on the board going around at meetings or call Mike at 303-771-7500.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets: Bob Avery reported



on the delivery of Thanksgiving food baskets. Extra thanks were given to the new manager at Safeway, Monaco and Yale, **Jim Thomas**. "He gets it!"

Saturday November 19th saw 34 hardy souls out delivering 40 Thanksgiving food baskets to some very needy families in our area. Special thanks to **Woody Thibodeau** and **Randy Marcove** who brought 4 helpers, sons Max and Charlie along with friends Gavin Mueller and Evan Domagala to help pick up food at Safeway at the break of light.

Safeway has a new manager who is a big improvement from last year. When you shop at Safeway at Monaco and Yale say "hi" to Jim Thomas and tell him you are an Optimist and you appreciate their help in our food basket programs.

Also helping that morning were **Freddy Paster-nack**, **John Oss**, new member **Mike McMahon**, **Les Larson**, **Allen Pierce**, **John Young**, **Greg Young** (not related), **Bob Finkelmeier**, **Jack Kitchell** with niece Malena, **Mike** "Christmas basket chair" **Chavez**, **Jim Easton**, **Karl Geil**, **Terry Shroyer**, **Ron Cisco** and son Kyle, **Don Thomson**, **Harry Johnson**, **Joe Marci**, **Nick Newey** and his new bride, **Dick Cohen**, **Russ Paul**, **Gary Strowbridge**, **Paul Stratton** and son, and finally cookie **John Marinos**, who opened up and got us plied with JAVA. Even though TJ traffic controllers **Tom Mauro** and **Oscar Sorensen** signed up twice it still wasn't enough to reserve a couple baskets to distribute. Sorry guys we had to deliver them quick and get out of John Marinos' way so that he could set up for a luncheon. Thanks to all who contributed their time and backs to this very worthy project.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Avery Chair.



Left, Mike McMahon loading up. Below, Jack Kitchell with niece Malena.



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Announcements Continued

More Thanksgiving Baskets: Ron Cisco shared a moving story of a mother with three teens, who received a basket of food from Monaco South. This is what we are all about.



Paul Stratton and his son make ready for their deliveries.

Drawing Winners/Losers

The pot this week was at \$80. The card to draw was the nine of hearts. Cup winners were: **Jack Kleinhessel** who drew and lost; **John Walsh, OC Larson, Kent Gloor, Terry Shroyer, and Craig Eley** (two time winner) all took the cup. Free draws went to **Bob Avery** and again for wearing his badge, but he too didn't have any success. The pot prevails! Good luck next week!

Closing Bell

Peter Dimond led us in the recitation of our creed, *Promise yourself....*

Speaker

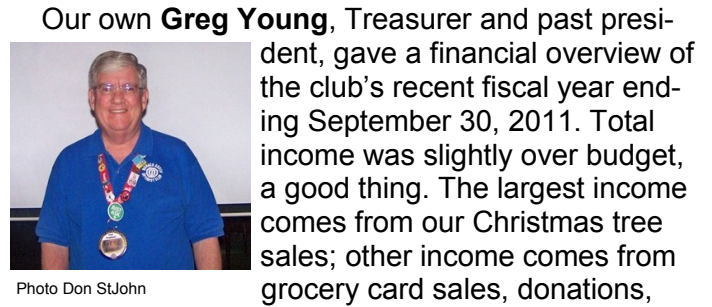


Photo Don StJohn

Our own **Greg Young**, Treasurer and past president, gave a financial overview of the club's recent fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. Total income was slightly over budget, a good thing. The largest income comes from our Christmas tree sales; other income comes from grocery card sales, donations, etc. Greg recommended sending donations to the OI Foundation for tax purposes. The net income for the year amounted to \$1,900. We have reserve funds of \$46,000 to carry us through the current downturn.

There was a nebulous title to one expense account associated with the Santa Shed, which brought a question. Greg facetiously said that was for Craig Eley's consulting fee and for Santa's reindeer food during the Christmas tree sales period. Thanks, Greg, for the report; and for all the time you put in and the good work you do.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
12/2/11	Tom Wos & Bob Avery
12/9/11	George Buzick & Michael Chaves
12/16/11	Tom Charters, Mike McMahon, & Al Gapuzan
12/23/11	Ron Cisco & Ron Carlson
12/30/11	Rich Mahoney & Fred Pasternack

Super Citizen Presenters for November

30 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	Joe Marci
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Super Citizen Presenters for December

8 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Robert Wardlaw
9 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Steve Kady
14 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	George Buzick
15 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	Pat Bush
16 @ 8:30 am	Samuels	Jack Kitchell
16 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	John Oss

Monaco South Calendar

Dec 2 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Karen Reindollar, Project Linus for traumatized kids
 Dec 4 Sun 10:30 am Channel 6 Auction - see Bryce Slaby
 Dec 9 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Mike Befeler, Murder Humor for Seniors
 Dec 14 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102*
Note date change
 Dec 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Dec 17 Sat 8:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Christmas Basket Delivery
 Dec 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - White Elephant Gift Exchange
 Dec 30 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
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ed Collins	2010-11
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94		

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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.