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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 39 Years
Recognized as Outstanding Service Organization in Colorado in 2012

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Good Morning Optimist

The sun breaks clear and crisp on this chilly fall day. Our greeters are **Pat Bush** and **Noel Hasselgren**.

First Bell

President **Don Iley** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. **Jack Kleinheksel** delivers the invocation this morning asking *God of Hope* to help us banish worry from our thoughts. Bless us with peace and remind us that very few things are important enough to worry about. The peace that comes from stopping the worry about those things we cannot change and the ability to change those things we can that endures. Be too large for worry. Jack then leads us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Guests

President **Don Iley** gives the microphone to **Tom Glazier** who introduces **Keith Walter** as his guest. Keith has visited us before but today he has an application in hand. We certainly hope he returns with the completed application. Tom also had his neighbors, young **Ben** whom Tom is chauffeuring to school today. Tom thought it would be a wonderful start to the young man's day to bring him to our club and treat him to some breakfast and camaraderie. Welcome to Keith and Ben!

Induction

President **Don Iley** then asks new member **Chris Dunphy** to come to the stage along with his sponsor **John Swick** for his induction. Welcome Chris and his new name badge to our ranks, we are better for it!



Announcements

Super Citizen Presenters: **Rob Gardner** tells members if they can read names, they can help with the presenting at upcoming Super Citizen assemblies. Upcoming assemblies include Friday, November 13, at Holm; Wednesday, November 18, at Most Precious Blood; and Thursday, November 19, at McMeen. Get involved and learn what a great chance to recognize kids in our schools. Contact Rob at gardnerrb@gmail.com or call 720-263-6203.

Tree Lot Santa Haus Duty: **Craig Eley** tells us that the best job at the Tree Lot is Santa duty. Our call for Santa's to staff the Santa Haus has been met with enthusiasm, not unexpected from an active Club such as ours.

Out of 32 shifts, we have only 7 left to fill as of press time. New members are especially invited to fill a shift or two. We provide the Santa suit, beard, wig, boots, belt, and gloves and all you have to do is sit on the Santa throne (way more comfortable than your home throne) in a heated Tuff Shed and bring joy to children. The shifts are two hours long, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Please go to the link below and sign up for one, two, or more shifts. If you have a problem signing up, or have questions about the Santa program, contact Santa Wrangler **Craig Eley** at craigceley@gmail.com. To sign up go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080E4EA4A6283-santa2



Support for Urban Peak: **Ron Gustas** mentioned that the Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club-T1DOC is conducting a drive to benefit the Urban Peak non-profit which helps at risk Denver homeless and near homeless age 15 to 24 youth. This past summer Preston Dickey, of Urban Peak spoke to both T1DOC and OCMS about programs helping

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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*****

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these kids and young adults.

The **T1DOC** welcomes support from **OCMS** members by joining in to donate the following type items: clothes (new underwear, winter socks, hats, gloves), men's and woman's winter boots, rain ponchos, umbrellas, deodorant, gift cards, bus tickets, bike locks, hand/foot warmers, and snacks (High protein, trail mix, beef jerky).

A collection box will be at **OCMS** meetings from November 13 thru December 11th. Checks payable to the **T1DOC** are also welcome which will be used to purchase the above type items. For more info please contact Ron Gustas at rquatas@earthlink.com or call 303-770-9640.

Upcoming Veteran's Day: Dick Nickoloff asks members to please remember our Veterans on this upcoming Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11, both past and present. He reads a note detailing the sacrifice these men and women make to provide and protect our freedom.

Editor: *Veterans Day is observed annually on November 11, honoring people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, also known as veterans. It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also mark the anniversary of the end of World War I (major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect). The United States also originally observed Armistice Day; it then evolved into the current Veterans Day holiday in 1954.*

Look at MSOC Webpage: John Oss tells us that for the past 5 years he has been a member, including the one year he was club President, he has not looked at the upper right hand corner of the club's web site. If you do look, there



you will find a calendar for the next 3-month's club activities. It is a great way to plan and be aware on all things that are happening with Optimist Club of Monaco South. To find the OCMS webpage go to: <http://www.monacosouth.org/>.

Update on Doug Morton: Jack Kleinhessel tells us



that recently he saw **Doug Morton's** wife Marilyn, and that Doug is ailing. Members are encouraged to send cards and well wishes to Doug and Marilyn, and perhaps call to see if he is up for a visit. Doug has been a member since 1977 and his acts of generosity to this club and our community are too numerous to mention.

Grand Re Opening for the Schlessman YMCA: Jack also tells us that the Grand Re Opening for the Schlessman YMCA will be November 28. As many of you know, Optimist Club of Monaco South donated to this renovation project and the new kid's playground area will bear this club's name. Pay a visit and enjoy one of our areas jewels.



Update on Book Drive: Steve Kady's recent visit to



the Doctors' Office revealed he is suffering from Book Drive overload. He has collected over 1,000 books and has just received 800 bags from our local Verizon store to hand out to

kids. Steve writes, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." So says Dr. Seuss. So far, we have collected over 1,000 books to be handed out by **David Bruton** at the **Boys and Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner** on November 24. Frankly gentlemen, I am overwhelmed by the response that we are getting. You guys are doing a fantastic job. **Jim Easton** brought in about 200 books from the Highline Academy and **Michael Chavez** hauled in about another hundred.

Tom Glazier, our unofficial librarian and book dealer suggested that we place each book in a bag along with a David Bruton sticker so it would be easy for them to carry the book on the bus to get it home. I started pricing paper bags, recycled paper bags, bags with handles, bags without handles and they are just plain expensive. Because this project does not have any kind of a budget, I started out to look for paper bags. Most grocery stores do not have bags with handles. Then there is the problem of size. Yes size matters. They cannot be so large that a small child cannot carry it and they cannot be too small that a book will not fit in them.

I was at the computer and down by my feet was the exact sized bag that we needed. It said Verizon on it. Yes, it was from the Verizon store that I had gotten my last phone from.



I walked into my Verizon store and asked for the manager. A charming lady came over and introduced herself as **Erica Baker**. It was fireworks. We connected! I introduced myself and told her about this project and she fully understood exactly what we needed. Erica has a major in marketing and previously had worked for a non-profit.

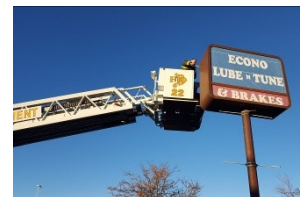
A day and half-later, I received a call from her. She told me she had 800 VERIZON BAGS waiting to be picked up. (I only asked for 700.) What a fantastic contribution. I could not believe it.

So now we have just about everything we need for this drive. Past President **John Oss** is going to come up with a card with the *Optimist Creed* to placed in each bag. Hopefully the kids will read it and learn by it. Therefore, we are almost to the point when we have to separate the books by age group and get them ready to transport to the Boys and Girls Club. We are going to need some volunteers for this part.

This has been a quite a project. Thanks again to everyone for helping to make this a success. As R.D. Cumming said, 'A good book has no ending.'

New Sign for the Tree Lot: Steve Kady also reported, that members of Denver Fire Department Tower 22

(Hampden and Monaco) took a minute to come over to the new Christmas Tree lot to measure up the old sign in front of the abandoned lube place so that we can possibly put some type of cover over it. They also checked and the pole does have electricity at an outlet at the bottom of the pole. Suggestions are welcome on what type of material and what should go on the make shift sign. The sign measures 8'1" x 7'6" X 30". It would be great to utilize the sign. Any



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Ross Parrent Colorado FIRST LEGO League

Paul Bernard introduces our speaker this morning: **Ross Parrent**, new member for our club takes the microphone to talk about Colorado First Lego League.



FIRST: For Inspiration of Science and Technology. In 1998, FIRST Founder Dean Kamen and the LEGO Group's Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen joined



Ross Parrent
Photo Craig Eley

forces to create FIRST LEGO League (FLL), a powerful program that engages children in playful and meaningful learning while helping them discover the fun in science and technology through the FIRST LEGO League experience. Dean and Kjeld have a shared belief that FLL inspires teams to research, build, and experiment, and by doing so, they live the entire process of creating ideas, solving problems, and overcoming obstacles, while gaining confidence in their abilities to positively use technology. The First Lego League introduces young people ages 9-14 (grades 4-8) to the joys and fun of science and technology. Teams composed of up to 10 children with at least two screened coaches can be associated with an existing club or organization, homeschooled, or just a group of friends who want to do something awesome.

First Lego League (FLL) coaches do not need any technical

experience. In FLL, the children do the work; like program an autonomous robot (using the LEGO® MINDSTORMS® robot set) to score points on a thematic playing surface, create innovative solutions to a problem, all while being guided by the FLL Core Values. These three elements - the Robot Game, Project, and FLL Core Values - make up what we call our yearly Challenge. Teams also fundraise, create a team identity, and talk to experts in the field.

Teams may attend an official FLL tournament, which is hosted by one of our FIRST LEGO League Partners. FIRST LEGO League Partners run the FLL program in their region or country and are associated with other like-minded organizations to the FIRST LEGO League mission. This is where Ross needs help from volunteers to judge these teams. Ross has tournaments coming up on November 14 at Campus Middle School and November 21 at the Lotus School in Aurora where judges are needed. Judging opportunities are available in Robot Design and Programming, Core Values and Teamwork, Project Research and Innovation.

To learn more about the volunteer opportunities available go to <http://fll.coloradofirst.org/>.



Announcements Continued

Thanksgiving Baskets: **Allen Pierce** and **Jim Easton** remind members that Thanksgiving Baskets will be handed out November 21, starting at 8 a.m. Sign-up sheet is being passed around if you can help and make a families Thanksgiving a much better day.

Broncos Report: **Phil Perington** with a nod to **Fred Pasternack** reminds members that the Broncos are undefeated and looking strong. We know Fred is smiling in his Broncos regalia.

Tilapia & Goat Cheese Incident: **Tom Mauro** tells us that he recently attended the Pueblo Hall of Fame dinner and spoke to Steve Smith formerly of Colorado Correctional Industries (CCI) (he has retired from that position). Steve reports that the recent decision by Whole Foods, to not buy

products from CCI (tilapia and goat cheese), does not greatly affect overall sales by CCI and that Whole Foods is reconsidering its decision.

Drawing

President Don asks do we have a drawing? **Allen**



Yockey is standing in for Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** this morning and says yes, there is a pot totaling \$70. The lucky card is the 5 of Spades. Members who hold winning tickets this morning include **Kent Gloor**, **Pat Bush** (who draws from the remaining cards), **Scott Walker**, **Jack Kleinhessel**, **John Walsh**, and **Ed Collins**. **Craig Eley** then draws Ed Collin's name from the plastic jug and Ed gets another chance to pick the lucky card! No winning card was drawn so the pot grows!

Weekly Greeters

11/13/15	Don Iley & Steve Kady
11/20/15	Frank Middleton & Robert Wardlaw
11/27/15	Michael Chavez & Joe Marci

**Help, Help, Help — we need
Friday morning greeters,
see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or
jon_wachter@msn.com**

November Super Citizen Presenters

Nov 12 @1:00	Lowry	Michael Chavez
Nov 13 @ 8:15	Holm	?
Nov 18@ 2:30	MPB	?

**Be a Super Citizen Presenter
See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203
gardnerrb@gmail.com**

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40th Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Now 13 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Nov 18 Thur	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's Home, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Nov 20 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Joe Marci, Tree Lot Orientation
Nov 21 Sat	8:00 am	Thanksgiving Baskets - See Jim Easton or Allen Pierce
Nov 27 Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day. Sign-up for Tree Lot
Nov 28 Sat	8:30 am	Tree Lot Setup - New Location, West Side of Monaco at 2223, in front of Walmart Market



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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96		

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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.