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# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



Founded in 1976 at Denver, Colorado  
Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

[www.monacosouth.org](http://www.monacosouth.org)

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### Good Morning Optimists

Greeting us this morning were **Joe** (retired Social Security guru) **Marci** and “**Woody**” (Edward, Farmers Insurance Agent) **Thibodeau** this morning with crunching handshakes (that woke me up) and beaming faces (that made us glad we came). Thanks Joe and Woody! **To sign up for greeter duty, see OC Larson who maintains the list.**



### First Bell

Vice President **Frank Ross** was in charge of the meeting at the invitation of President **Randy**, who was also in attendance. Frank took the opportunity to give the invocation, asking the Almighty to help with being too large for worry. FOO Member **Ron Gutru** played *God Bless America* as we all sang. *I'm glad we don't mess up this one!*

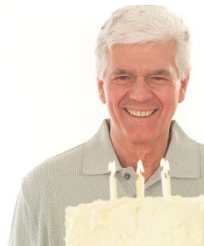
### Guests

**Steve Kady** presented Harry, a social worker, who he met in a bar. (Do you believe it?) Welcome, Harry, and we invite you to join us and continue your social work as a member of this very active club.

### November Birthday Boys

Speaking of singing—we sang (?) to the celebrants...

- ◇ **Mark Andringa**, 11/21
- ◇ **Michael Chavez**, 11/15
- ◇ **Don Kim**, 11/25
- ◇ **Jack Kitchell**, 11/2
- ◇ **Mike McMahon**, 11/27
- ◇ **Nick Newey**, 11/7
- ◇ **Tom Overton**, 11/5
- ◇ **Jack Rife**, 11/21
- ◇ **Brian Williams**, 11/3



...in the same discombobulate [dis-kuhm-bob-yuh-leyt] way that has become a tradition—lots of fun! And we do congratulate those who have achieved another year this month; continue in good health and success in all you do!

### Camaraderie Day

No speaker today so we have the opportunity to get to know our fellow members. The editor sat at Table #2 (*We try harder*) with **Rich Wray**, **Jim** (missed his last name), **John Stoffel**, **Robert Duvall** and **OC Larson**. It was an interesting group. This is the heavy hitter table where normally **Ron Cisco**, **John Young**, **Craig Eley** and **Todd Olson** usually sit. Craig came by to challenge us to do the table proud—*whatever that means*. **John Oss**, Rich's sponsor, visited us and twisted Rich's arm to be a Santa at the tree lot. *He'll be a good one*. This is a good idea (from **Frank Middleton**) to mix us up one time a month.

### Announcements

**TJ Craft Fair:** **Craig Eley** gave one last appeal for parking attendants tomorrow at 7 a.m. He promised donut holes and coffee.

**Thanksgiving Food Baskets:** **Bob Avery** gave his last appeal also for setup and delivery of 40 baskets tomorrow. Social workers and principals of the neighboring schools provide the names and addresses for delivery. This is a great way for families to participate in a holiday event that brings joy to those in need.

**Christmas Food Baskets:** **Mike Chavez** asked for help with this project, especially this being his first chairmanship. Details to follow. *My suggestion is to talk with Bob Avery. He does a great job with all the addresses, maps and family details!*

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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

**White Elephant Gift Exchange: Oscar** (MSOC Santa) **Sorensen** announced the party, for both Republicans and Democrats, to be held Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bring a gift for exchange, wrapped, no minimum or maximum price or value. Oscar, the Norwegian, told a story on **Ron Carlson**, the Swede. Ron's gift last year was a toilet seat. He sent it to his family in Sweden, who marveled at the sight but didn't know what to do with it.



**Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner: Donlie Smith** reminded us to be at Girl's, Inc. at 1499 Julian from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and/or the Boys and Girls Club at 3480 West Kentucky from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> to serve dinners.

**Channel 6 Auction: Bryce Slaby** still needs a few more telephone experts at the Channel 6 Auction on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Rockies Handouts: Curt Jefferies** asked that he be replaced as chairman for this project. The club stands to make \$500 for providing able bodies at games to pass out free items to fans as they enter the stadium. Anyone interested in taking over this project should see Curt. This is an easy way to see the games during the season.



**Rockies Tickets for 2012 Season:** Speaking of the Rockies, **Tom Mauro** is the man to see if you are interested in purchasing a minimum of 10 tickets from the club's season. These are great seats on the first level between home plate and third base, under cover.

**Brain Bowl 2012: Karl Geil** reminded us the 2012 Optimist Brain Bowl event, an academic competition open to Colorado Wyoming middle school students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, will be held at the following locations:

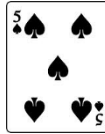
- **North Region:** Saturday, January 21, 2012, Superior High School in Louisville
- **Central Region:** Saturday, February 4, 2012, Heritage High School in Littleton
- **South Region:** Saturday, February 25, 2012, Carson Middle School, on the Fort Carson U.S. Army base in Colorado Springs
- **Championship Tournament:** Saturday, March 3, 2012, Douglas County High School in Castle Rock.

For more information, see the Brain Bowl webpage at: <http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org/>.



## Drawing Winners/Losers

The pot this morning contained \$70. The card to draw was the 5 of spades. Cups went to **Ron Carlson** twice, **John Oss**, **Don Thomson** and **Ron Gustas**. Those who drew for the pot were **Tom Mauro**, **Robert Duvall**, **Oscar** and **Curt Jefferies** (wearing his badge). The pot withstood all comers. Next week \$80! Good luck!



## TJ Craft Fair Update

Story & photos by Craig Eley

Monaco South showed up to help the Thomas Jefferson High School Craft Fair on Saturday, November 19. As usual, it was an early start — 7 a.m., but we were done by 8:30. Directing arriving crafters as to where to park their vehicles and how to unload were the official duties, but most MSOCers also helped with some of the heavy lifting, especially for the older crafters, which was greatly appreciated.

The dozen Optimists helping with this annual Club service project were: **Joe Marci**, **Don Thomson**, **John Young**, **Gary Laman**, **Oscar Sorensen**, **Tom Mauro**, **Gary Strowbridge**, **Russ Paul**, **George Buzick**, **Craig Eley**, **Donlie Smith** and new member **Frank Rowe** (his first Club activity).



Above: Frank Rowe and Gary Laman direct a bewildered crafter.

Left: John Young totes the totes.

## Optimist International at a Glance

Membership 97,052\*

Total Clubs 3,319\*

Founded June 19, 1919

\*As of August 15, 2011; figure includes JOOI Clubs

## 2011 Christmas Tree Sales

**Joe Marci**, Chairman, started with some history. Began 1978 at the same location with Kmart, then Sears, and back to Kmart. Sign up for 3 hour shifts, sign-up sheets be on the bar every Friday. Also sign up online or by phone to the trailer—see below. **DO NOT JUST SHOW UP**; the managers need to know in advance who and how many are coming for each shift. **Curt Jefferies** will print address post cards for mailing to previous customers. The newsletter staff will mail the post cards.

Complete four (4) shifts and receive a tree at cost. Next Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, is set-up day and some sales. Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, is the first official day of sales.

**Bryce Slaby** did an excellent job of painting the trailer a vibrant white and the wheels black. Cheerleaders from



George Washington HS and ROTC members from Thomas Jefferson HS will augment our sales people. The ladies of Tamarac Optimist Club will graciously do the pricing of the trees. There will be a chili cook-off, details later. Santa's

will be available for pictures in the Santa Shed on Saturdays and Sundays.

**Ron Cisco** is the purchasing agent for food in the trailer. Make your requests to him. **DO NOT BUY FOOD FOR THE TRAILER.** Be careful with the chain saws, keep them away



from children, use for members only. Tips go in the cash box, not your pocket.

**Have fun! Enjoy the experience and the customers will too.**

### 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: msotrees  
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.

The calendar was created by webmaster, **Paul Bernard** and is very easy to use. Thanks Paul!

### Tree Lot Trailer Number

720-514-2810

### Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
11/25/11	Leo Hagele & Bob Hugo
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

22 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	Univ. Park	Curt Jefferies
30 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	Joe Marci

### 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

Nov 22 Tue 4:00 pm Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner - Denver Boys & Girls Club, 3480 W. Kentucky  
 Nov 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Greg Young, Club Financial Review  
 Nov 25 Fri 10:00 am Christmas Tree Lot Setup  
 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\*  
 Dec 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day  
 Dec 17 Sat 8:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Christmas Basket Delivery

Note date change



**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		

**2011 - 2012 Officers**

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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.