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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimists

This cold morning we were greeted warmly by **Tom Wos** and **Bob Avery** with a warm welcome and handshake. Thanks guys!

Opening Bell

Karl Geil started us off with a prayer addressing fear. We are threatened by doctors, lawyers, mechanics, bankers, and friends. Together with God and each other we have the strength to overcome.

After the pledge of allegiance, President **Randy Marcove** gave us about five minutes free before speaking.

Tree Lot Update

Prez Randy reported that we had shrunk to one person present for one of our tree lot shifts. Very last minute surprises like this are sad. Signing up early and often will fill out the schedule. Of course keeping our commitments makes it all go much smoother.



We've had over fifty work at the lot. A hundred percent would really be great. **Joe Marci** reported that we've had over ninety members participate for some seasons. Our heavy lifters are putting in many hours beyond the four shifts to get a tree at cost. The more the merrier. Let's break the hundred member participation this year!

Bryce Slaby, at the front of the line for announcements, added that on Saturday he showed up at the lot find no one present. He stayed at the lot until manning showed. He underlined the importance of getting in and supporting the tree lot. It is our premier fund raiser for the year. **So sign up and meet your commitment!**



Announcements

Tamarac Book Program: **Jack Rife** was recognized for reminding the treasurer to support the Tamarac Optimist club sponsored "I like these books" program. Holm Elementary School first graders receive custom made books that include their names in print. The Tamarac club is thankful for our support of the program.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets: **Bob Avery**, speaking for **Michael Chavez** and himself, reported that our Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket programs are going to really needy families. He mentioned that one of the Thanksgiving family recipients could not be found during our distribution. It turned out they had become homeless just before we attempted to enter into their lives. The basket did find another needy recipient. He emphasized that our efforts do make a difference. It is important to double check destinations with a phone call when making deliveries. Make your optimism come true!



President Randy Marcove calls our Friday meeting to order and welcomes the gathering.

Photo John Oss

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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.

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

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.

Closing Bell

The pot was up to \$90. Bob Finkelmeier offered the "pot" to our speaker, Karen Rinedollar, who drew the first number. She laughed at the our using such a pot, as she had seen used in hospitals. It all seems appropriate.



Les Larson and Terry Shroyer held winning numbers. Harry Johnson was almost caught knapping with his ticket. Eldon Strong had a winning number only to follow by reaching in the pot for another. What a Jolly Old Elf! Don, our "cash man" St. John had a lucky number, but didn't get the pot.

Karl Geil led us in the recitation of our creed, Promise yourself....



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

Tree Lot 1st Week Highlights

The tree lot opened in great weather and with great optimists working many hours on Friday the 25th. Thus far two loads of trees have been received, drilled and priced. There were 60 Monaco South Optimists and 11 Tamarac Optimists who have enjoyed lots of camaraderie as they worked during week. The TJ Cheerleaders will work with us on Saturday the 12th and may be joined by ROTC students from TJ and GW. Trees were being sold at the same pace as in 2010 until the snow arrived on Thursday. It put a slight damper on sales. The plus side of the snow is that it puts people in the right mood to tree shop when the weather lightens up.

Tree Lot Workers this past week included a great group of guys: Bob Avery, Paul Bernard, Pat Bush, Tom Charters, Michael Chavez, Ron Cisco, Craig Eley, Harry Fegley, Bob Finkelmeier, Keith Gallaway, Al Gapuzan, Karl Geil, Kent Gloor, John Greene, Tom Hoch, Lynn Jones, Steve Kady, Jack Kitchell, OC Larson, Les Larson, Joe Marci, Randy Marcove, Tom Mauro, Wyatt McCallie, Michael McMahon, Mark Metevia, Gary Miller, Mike Miller, John Oss, Tom Overton, Fred Pasternack, Russ Paul, Ralph Pedersen, Phil Perington, Mike Prete, Jack Rife, Frank Ross, Frank Rowe, Terry Shroyer, Bryce Slaby, Donlie Smith, Oscar Sorensen, Gary Strowbridge, Jim Tapp, Don Thomson, Tom Wos, Allen Yockey, John Young, Greg Young, and a dozen yet to be named served in our tree lot project. Thank you gentlemen! Where are the rest of you? There are still three weeks to go. Sign up early and sign up for multiple shifts.

Guest Speaker

Karen Loucks Rinedollar founder of Project Linus



Photo John Oss

Karen Loucks Rinedollar was our speaker today. She brought laughs when she explained that she became a hooker in Castle Rock. She is skilled with crocheting blankets, so she is calling herself a "hooker". She told the story of learning to crochet from her mother and grandmother and wanted to put her new born skill to work.

On Christmas Eve, 1995, an article titled "*Joy to the World*" appeared in Parade Magazine. It was written by Pulitzer Prize winning photo-journalist, Eddie Adams. Part of the article featured



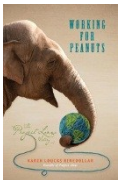
a petite, downy haired child. She had been going through intensive chemotherapy and stated that her security blanket helped her get through the treatments. After reading the article, Karen decided to provide crochet security blankets to Denver's Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Center, and Project Linus was born.



She committed to supplying a blanket for all 100 of the children in the sys-

tem because blankets could be given directly to the sick children. Her efforts gained supporters who enabled her to make good on the commitment to supply the blankets. This group of supporters formed the Denver Chapter of the Linus Project about 16 years ago. In actuality her efforts continued to grow beyond her expectations through an interviewing on the "Oprah" show ([See it here](#)), along with "The Today Show," "NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams," "Simply Quilts," and many others. Because of this growth she eventually turned the administrative activities over to supporters in Bloomington, IL who now run the national office of [Project Linus](#). The [projectlinus.org](#) web site provides information on the current Linus Project organization.

Karen has now written a book about her journey titled, "*Working for Peanuts*" that can be an inspirational read for everyone. Any hookers, or cricketers in the club?



John Young was so inspired and interest in seeing and hearing Karen, our hooker for the day, he wanted to see her another day. He invited her to visit the Tamarac Optimist Club. Judging from her comments about our club, she may not want to change clubs.

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
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
1/6/12	Joe Marci & James Riley
1/13/12	Paul Stratton & James Riley
1/20/12	Woody Thibodeau & Nick Newey

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 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 - see Mike Chavez
- Dec 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - White Elephant Gift Exchange
- Dec 25 Sun Merry Christmas
- Dec 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Jan 1 Sun Happy New Year

**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
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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.