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The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Good Morning Optimist

At precisely 7:00am **President Ed Collins** called our meeting to order, or at least the crowd quieted down so our two quests; former District Governor **Joe Priester** and Jim Schults could be introduced. Joe is here to talk to our club on how to recruit and maintain members. Jim is a neighbor of **Les Larson's** and a consultant in employee performance. Welcome to the world renowned Monaco South Optimist Club!

Invocation and Pledge

The invocation was read by **John Oss**, which started with the quote from our creed, "work only for the best," and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

From the Prez

President Ed wants our club to help him recruit *Friend of Optimists* (FOO) members. Past-Governor Joe added his input and support to adding FOO's. *Bringing in a Friend of Optimists helps support our diligent efforts to reach out to kids. Friends of Optimists will receive special emails and The Optimist magazine. They may volunteer when they wish, all while supporting our cause. So what do you think? Will you bring in a friend?*

Announcements

FOO: Greg Young thinks we should make FOOs for the people who prepare the food that we serve at the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Stoffel's Grandfather: Tom Hoch read from a *Denver Post* article, that four skeletons were dug up in Cheesman Park this past week and one was deter-

mined to be a John Stoffel's great grandfather claims Hoch. He read from the article, "*The first person buried there was John Stoefel, who was hanged for killing his brother-in-law. By 1890, however, the cemetery was rarely used and considered a blight to the area, and the city relocated thousands of unclaimed bodies at a cost of about \$2 each.*" According to Tom, the *Stoefel* name was changed and of course our **John Stoffel** tried but could not hide.

Super Citizen Presenters: Joe Marci reported that all super citizenship presentations are filled for December. See the schedule on page 3. Also he still has the last four *Entertainment Books* left, hurry!

Weekly Greeters: O.C. Larson, our Official Greeters Chairman, reported that our updated sign-up list is full for the rest of this year, but 2011 has openings through April 2011. Club members that have sponsored a member this year should pair up with their new member and share the greeting experience. See O.C. to get on the list.

Broncos Update: Fred Pasternack apologized for his prediction of a Broncos victory in London. To accept Fred's apology, Craig Eley assembled is singers and busted out with (to the tune of "*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*":

*God save the team
God help the Broncos now
They can't win anyhow
We are distraught
It would be glorious
Were they victorious
Instead of boring us
God save the team!*



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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

Bronco Update Cont.:

*Help Coach McDaniels, please
He failed us overseas
And here at home
Protect our quarterback
And save him from the sack
Please help him with his air attack
God save the team!*

*Fred Pasternack is glum
Each loss just leaves him numb
It's sad to see
A few wins would be nice
Even one would suffice
And lower the damn ticket price!
God save the team!*

Boys & Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner: Donlie Smith stated that the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys and girls clubs will be Tuesday, November 23rd, located at S. Federal and W. Kentucky Ave. **Bob Avery** sent a sign up sheet for the Thanksgiving Dinner. Shifts start at 4:00pm. Cutting pies and preparing bread and butter are critical items.

New Directory: **Craig Ely** reminded everyone the New Directory has been printed. Pick up a copy from Craig at the next meeting.



Do we have a drawing?: And the winners are for the one-cup winners @ +/- \$6 — **Robert Wardlaw, Ron Carlson, Karl Geil**, new member **Fred Daniels, Leo Hagele, Tom Hoch**, and welcome back **Robert Duvall**. Drawing from the deck of cards were two non winners, known as “losers” — **Brice Slaby** and **John Stoffel**.

Final Bell: The meeting was concluded at 8:00am by our members reciting the Optimist Creed.

Tree Lot Update: A tree lot coordination meeting was held at the end of our weekly meeting. **Joe Marci** ran the show assigning responsibilities where needed. We will setup the lot on the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 26, 2010. There is a lot to do!

We need Santa's: Sign up for the most fun job at the Tree Lot! We need Santa's to sit in the Santa House and listen to what kids want for Christmas. We supply the complete outfit for three-hour shifts on Friday nights and all day on



3rd Annual Homespun Craft Sale
Presented by the TAMARAC OPTIMIST CLUB
Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010 from 9am to 3pm
8 Cherry Hills Drive
Englewood, CO 80113

*All proceeds benefit local children's projects!
Items will include Holiday decorations, centerpieces, baked goods,
food and drink mixes, photos, paintings and gifts to treasures!*

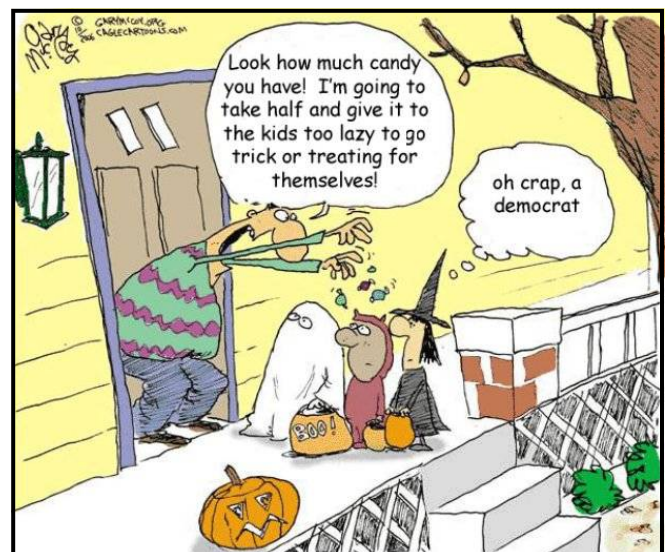
Saturdays and Sundays throughout December until Christmas. If interested, email Craig Ely at craigceley@gmail.com right away so there will be room for you on the roster.

And thanks to former member **George Vassilaros** for donating to the Club the Santa suit he bought last year when he served at the Santa House for a prodigious number of shifts!

More Broncos Humor

Colorado State Police are cracking down on Speeders. The Colorado State Police are cracking down on speeders heading into Denver. For the first offense, they give you 2 Denver Bronco tickets. If you get stopped a second time, they make you use them.

- Q. What do you call 47 millionaires around a TV watching the Super Bowl?
A. The Denver Broncos
- Q. What do the Denver Broncos and Billy Graham have in common?
A. They both can make 70,000 people stand up and yell “Jesus Christ.”
- Q. How do you keep a Denver Bronco out of your yard?
A. Put up a goal post.
- Q. What do you call a Denver Bronco with a Super Bowl ring?
A. Old
- Q. What's the difference between the Denver Broncos and a dollar bill?
A. You can still get four quarters out of a dollar bill.
- Q. How many Denver Broncos does it take to win a Super Bowl?
A. Nobody remembers.
- Q. What do the Denver Broncos and a possums have in common?
A. Both play dead at home and get killed on the road!



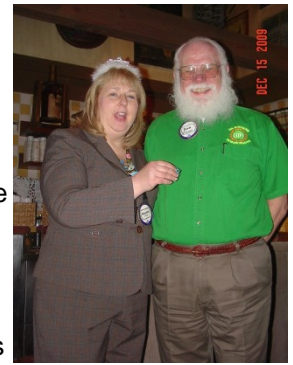
Speaker

Embracing New Optimist Members

Paul Bernard introduced **Joe Priester**, past COWY District Governor who thinks that optimism is the best kept secret. Joe is a member and past president of the Colorado Springs Academy Optimist Club and recently completed a course on “*what is optimism*” and is working towards become a “certified Optimist trainer.” The focus of his presentation was on how to mentor new club members. He shared a checklist, which is attached.

Once a new member is signed up, a mentor is assigned which gives the new member two existing members to support his involvement in any particular project. Joe’s club uses the Academy Optimist New Member Checklist for all new members and recommends our club also adopt it.

Additionally, Joe mentioned the Academy Optimist Club’s biggest project and fund raiser, the Pikes Peak Cog Railway’s annual “Santa Train.” The Santa Train runs every weekend in December prior to Christmas Day. More can learned about this at: <http://www.academyoptimist.org/>



Joe, on left, shares a laugh with one of the Academy Optimists Club’s new members.



Help Boost Christmas Tree Sales

Would you like to share the word regarding our Christmas Tree lot? Do you have an office or neighborhood newsletter that you can share the word? If so, see **Bob Finkelmeier**, he has a number of half and full page ads just for this purpose. Or, should it be necessary to have it tailored for your audience, he can do that as well.



Super Citizen Presenters for November

Day	School	Presenter
10 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Russ Paul
17 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Michael Chavez
19 @ 9:10 am	Holm	Craig Eley
19 @ 2:30 pm	Univ. Park	Eldon Strong
19 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	John Young
23 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	McMeen	Jim Vander Kamp

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
11/12/10	Jack Kitchell & Terry Shroyer
11/19/10	Craig Eley & Woody Thibodeau
11/26/10	Rich Mahoney & Steve Kady
12/3/10	Paul Stratton & Keith Gallaway
12/10/10	Howard Fry & Jon Wachter
12/17/10	Phil Perington & Jim Vander Kamp

Monaco South Calendar

- Nov 12 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim Kroll, Denver Public Library Historical Section
- Nov 13 Sat 9 to 3 pm 3rd Annual Homespun Craft Sale, Tamarac Optimist Club
- Nov 17 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Nov 19 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Nov 23 Tue 4:00 pm Boys & Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov 25 Thu Thanksgiving Day 🦃
- Nov 26 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Nov 26 Fri 9:00 am Christmas Tree Lot Setup
- Dec 3 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
- Dec 10 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Karl Geil, Brain Bowl
- Dec 17 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
- Dec 24 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Santa Claus Gift Exchange

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
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John Young	1982-83	Cy Regan	1999-00
Pat Bush	1983-84	Stan Cohen	2000-01
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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.

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