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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist

On this 308<sup>th</sup> day of the year 2012, **Phil Perington** and **Floyd Hussey** were here to greet us with smiling faces and remind us that there only 52 shopping days left until Christmas!

### Invocation & Pledge

**Al Gapuzan** reminded us to “think only of the best” during the invocation; and led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Since there were no volunteers for joke of the day, **Prez Paul Simon** himself decided to carry the load himself. Editor: *Where is Bryce Slaby when you really need him?*

### Guests

Guests today included Jim Cohen, a friend of **Ralph Pedersen**, who is visiting from Michigan and **Jim Easton**'s twin brother John Easton, who looks exactly like Jim and is not really a twin, but a triplet, since they both have a sister born at the same time as Jim and John. (See Jim for details.)



### Announcements

**Gateway Optimist Club:** **Freddy Pasternak** presented **Joe Marci**, **Ron Cisco** and **Ed Collins** awards for their participation in the Gateway Optimist Club golf tournament. Thanks guys! See picture on page 2.

**MSOC Board Meeting:** **Prez Paul** reminded everyone that, because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the MSOC Board meeting would be moved to Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., on November 14<sup>th</sup> and that there would be a “Super Zone” meeting on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Littleton United Methodist Church from 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

**Winter Holiday Party:** **Frank Middleton**, the prime

mover of the Holiday Party announced that it would be held on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 3:30 p.m.



**Frank** shared, that for those of you who may be concerned about the Sunday date, there is no Bronco game that day, since the Broncos play Oakland on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The early start allows time to socialize, eat and clean up before the band starts at 6:00 p.m., at which time the event venue, the Copper Fields Events Chateau, will be open to the public. **Karl Geil**, our resident swing dance expert, has heard the band and says they are good. Plan on sharing the holiday spirit with fellow members!

**Thanksgiving Basket Project:** **Bob Avery** needs help with delivering Thanksgiving baskets on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Meet in the parking lot at the American Legion around 8:00 a.m. Bob will circulate signup sheet.



**Bradley School Wine Tasting:** **Mike McMahon** gave us one last chance to purchase tickets for the Bradley School Wine Tasting. Mike even has an app on his phone to process your credit card. Sounds like a great deal for a good cause at one of our “Super Citizen” schools.

**Tamarac's 5th Annual Holiday Market:** **Don Thomson** reminded us of the annual Homespun Holiday Market put on by the Tamarac Optimist Club which will be held Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at 8 Cherry Hills Drive, Englewood. Items will include Holiday decorations, centerpieces, baked goods, food and drink mixes, photos, paintings and gifts to treasure! See the Tamarac's Holiday Market flyer attached to the GUMS distribution email.

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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## Announcements Continued

### No Mountain Trees this Year: Ed Collins

announce that there will be no intrepid mountain expedition to cut Christmas trees this year and suggested that if you, or one of your neighbors, have any evergreen trees we can sell at the lot, you are welcome to drop them by, no questions asked. *Where will we get those Charlie Brown trees?*



### Hamilton Super Citizen Program: Tom Mauro

said that the Super Citizen program at Hamilton Middle School on Thursday evening had gone well with **Pat Bush** doing the presentations and members **Karl Geil, Mike Mauro** in attendance and **Dick Cohen** taking pictures.

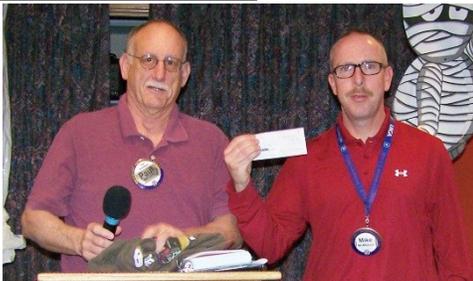
### Schools Supply Program: Oscar Sorensen

asked that the liaison with the various Super Citizen schools to whom we provide schools supplies get with him as he has all the supplies ready to deliver.

**Liberty Day & 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veterans Week:** **Andy McKean**, Liberty Day guru, announced that he and a number of elementary students had hosted Arne Duncan, current United States Secretary of Education, in Limon Colorado on "Constitution Day," September 17<sup>th</sup>, and said to check out the Cherry Creek School District website [www.cherrycreekschools.org](http://www.cherrycreekschools.org) for some information on their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veterans Week November 5-9, 2012. Veterans and active duty military personnel are cordially invited to attend the events and activities being hosted by every school.

### Update on Bradley Wine Tasting: Paul Bernard

presented **Mike McMahon** with a \$50 check for the Bradley Wine Tasting, stating that he had gone to Bradley back in the dark ages and the education foundation he received there has made him what he is today!



Paul Bernard and Mike McMahon.  
Photo Don StJohn

### Do not forget Kent Gloor: Kent Gloor, charter

member and past president, is undergoing full knee replacement surgery on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Although he will be laid up for a while, I am sure he would appreciate hearing from you. Give him a call at 303-932-0418. All the best and hurry back!



**2012 100% Day Photo Available:** **Marc Goodbody** has reminded us that the 2012 photos is still available. See Marc for details.



100% DAY 2012, photo Marc Goodbody



Fred Pasternack, presented appreciation certificates to Ron Cisco and Joe Marci for their work with the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships and to Gateway Optimist Club golf tournament. From l to r, Paul Simon, OCMS President, Ron Cisco, Fred Pasternack, Ed Collins, MSOC 2010-11 past president, and Joe Marci.

Photo Don StJohn

**Craft Fair:** The annual Thomas Jefferson High School Craft Fair will be held November 10<sup>th</sup>. We need 10-12 guys to help the crafters unload and set up starting at 6 a.m. until about 8 a.m. Check with **Joe Marci** or give him a call if available to assist.

## Punography

- ⇒ I changed my iPod name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- ⇒ When chemists die, they barium.
- ⇒ Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- ⇒ A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- ⇒ I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.
- ⇒ How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
- ⇒ I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- ⇒ This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- ⇒ I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
- ⇒ I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- ⇒ They told me I had type A blood, it was a Type-O.
- ⇒ A dyslexic man walks into a bra.
- ⇒ Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
- ⇒ Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.
- ⇒ Energizer bunny arrested. Charged with battery.
- ⇒ I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- ⇒ How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it!
- ⇒ Did you hear about the cross eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- ⇒ What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

## Speaker, Barbara Martin-Worley

### Director, Consumer Fraud Protection, Denver District Attorney's Office

Barbara Martin-Worley is currently the Director of Consumer Fraud Protection at the Denver District Attorney's Office. Her topic today had to do with scams, especially regarding senior citizens. According to Barbara, con artists prey on senior citizens and that, in the Denver Metro area, although 16% of the population would be considered elderly, the elderly are involved in 30% of scams. Barbara talked about a number of common scams including:



Barbara Martin-Worley, sharing a PowerPoint presentation.

Photo Don StJohn

**The Sweepstakes Telephone Scam** – You have won \$50,000 dollars and all you have to do to get it is to pay a small fee, or pay the taxes on the winnings, etc.

**The "Grandma Gambit"** -- Hi Grandma, this is Jimmy and I've been arrested in Mexico. I need \$500 dollars to get out of jail and I don't want my parents to know, can you help me, please.

**Traveling Repair Crews** – From roof repairs to asphalt pouring to yard work – usually does superficial job and, if a price has been agreed upon, states that material or labor costs were underestimated and needs more money to complete the job. These people look for older residences. Nationally, 92% of these scams involve elderly people.

Barbara's admonition: If it sounds too good to be true, it is!

Barb also talked about identity theft, saying that the root

cause of almost all identity theft can be traced back to drug users and that they will do just about anything to feed their habit. Barbara also said that the drug of choice in Colorado appears to be methamphetamines. Interesting fact: the most frequent place for the theft of a woman's purse is in a church or house of worship. You should never carry your social security number in your purse or wallet, since this is a piece of key information for perpetrating identity thefts.

Another key way of gaining information come "skimming." When you give your credit card to a server and it is out of your site, the individual can either copy the information from the card, or use it later to purchase goods or services, or actually swipe it into their cell phone or other electronic device. Some go so far as to false scanners on gas pumps to "read" you card and send the info to the scam artist.

Our speaker closed by saying that if you have any suspicion that someone with whom you are dealing is not on the up and up, you should first contact the Better Business Bureau to see what kind of a BBB rating they have. If you suspect fraud, you should contact the Consumer Fraud office of the District Attorney for the area in which you live. Ms. Martin-Worley provided several informational handouts, which will be covered in future issues of GUMS.

<b>Weekly Greeters</b>	
Date	Greeters
11/9/12	Mark Metevia & John Oss
11/16/12	Doc Gardner & Steve Kady
11/23/12	Ralph Petersen & Michael Chavez
11/30/12	Woody Thibodeau & ?

<b>Super Citizen Presenters for November</b>		
Nov. 7 @ 8:30 am	Highline	Dick Cohen
Nov. 12 @ 2:30 pm	MBP	Jim Vander Kamp
Nov. 16 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45 am	Holm	Fred Pasternack
Nov. 20 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	Univ. Park	Jack Kitchell
Nov. 27 @ 1:00 & 2:00 pm	Lowry	Les Larson
Nov. 30 @ 1:00 & 1:45 pm	McMeen	Michael Chavez
Nov. 30 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Doc Gardner

### Monaco South Calendar

- Nov 9 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Phil Perington & George Mills, PIG Program
- Nov 10 Sat 6:00 am Parking for TN Craft Fair - See Craig Eley
- Nov 14 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
- Nov 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day (Joe Marci on Tree Lot)
- Nov 17 Sat 8:00 am Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets - See Bob Avery
- Nov 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Ralph Delgrance, Know Brainer Program
- Nov 23 Fri 6:00 am Tree Lot Set-up - need help ALL day
- Dec 9 Sun 4:30 pm Winter Holiday Party, Copper Fields Event Chateau - See Frank Middleton

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
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Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
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Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
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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.