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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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# Happy New Year 2016

Next meeting  
January 8<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 am

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Place these Fri-  
days on your  
Calendar



**New Years Day on a Friday will not happen again until 2021.**  
May this year of 2016 be

- ◇ A year of Health and Happiness ...
- ◇ A year of Peace and Prosperity ...
- ◇ A year of Wealth and Wisdom ...
- ◇ A year of Glee and Glow ...
- ◇ And most of all a year of Love and Laughter.



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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\*\*\*\***

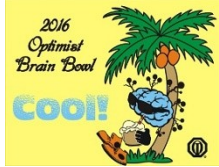
## Meeting

Once again, if you went to the Legion Hall on Friday, the first day of 2016, you found no greeters, no invocation, no announcements, no comradery, no friendly smiles, and drawing winners. That is because AGAIN THERE WAS NO MEETING.

**Our next meeting will be on Friday, January 8, 2016.**

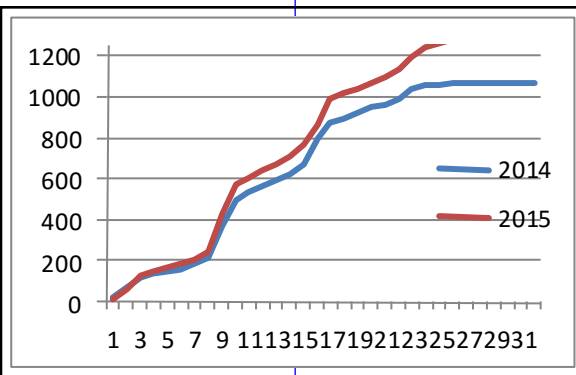
## Announcements

**Brain Bowl:** Karl Geil reminded us that the North Regional Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, one day after our next meeting. We must get all of the readers trained by then and it is estimated that we will need around forty readers. The next training session will be held at Heritage High School, 1401 W. Geddes Drive in Littleton, on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 p.m. All readers must attend a training sessions if they want to read at the North Regional Tournament. A final reader training will be held on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hamilton Middle School at 8600 E. Dartmouth Avenue. That session starts at 9 a.m. to noon. Details for training and tournaments can be found on the Brain Bowl webpage at: [www.optimistbrainbowl.org](http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org). See this webpage to volunteer for a tournament(s) as well.



**Tree Lot Update:** Joe Marci shared this data and graph on the trees sold at the lot this year. It does not include trees members purchased. He will present more details at our next meeting on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

TREES SOLD BY DAY			
SALES DAY	2014	2015	NET
Set Up	22	15	(7.00)
1 (SAT)	45	47	(5.00)
2 (SUN)	48	66	13.00
3 (MON)	17	22	18.00
4 (TUE)	15	18	21.00
5 (WED)	14	16	23.00
6 (THR)	23	23	23.00
7 (FRI)	33	34	24.00
8 (SAT)	155	185	54.00
9 (SUN)	126	148	76.00
10 (MON)	36	33	73.00
11 (TUE)	26	35	82.00
12 (WED)	29	33	86.00
13 (THR)	30	36	92.00
14 (FRI)	47	57	102.00
15 (SAT)	135	99	66.00
16 (SUN)	73	121	114.00
17 (MON)	22	36	128.00
18 (TUE)	30	15	113.00
19 (WED)	24	30	119.00
20 (THR)	14	26	131.00
21 (FRI)	29	43	145.00
22 (SAT)	46	61	160.00
23 (SUN)	23	45	182.00
24 (MON)	1	14	195.00
25 (TUE)	1	20	214.00
26 (WED)	0		214.00
27 (THR)	0		0.00
28 (FRI)	0		0.00
TOTAL	1064	1278	214.00



### Speaking of Tree Lot — Did You Lose Something at the Lot?

Found at the trailer:

- One pair purple gloves, looks new.
- One pair dark brown land's end suede loafers.

See **Greg Young** to claim same.

## Looking for Some New Year's Cheer? Buy a King Soopers or Safeway Reloadable Gift Card: Greg Young,



reminded us that gift cards are good at any store in the Kroger network (King Soopers, City Market, Loaf N Jug, Smiths) or Safeway network



(Vons, Pavilons, Dominick's, Randalls, Tom Thumb, Carrs, Pak'n Save Foods, and Genuardi's). They work in the grocery store as well as the gas stations. Convenient and safe! They can't be skimmed at the pump or checkout station. AND, you can reload the card at checkout or the service desk with your rewards credit card and you get full value, while the store pays our club from 3% to 5% of the amount of every reload. Make sure spouses and other family are using them...a no brainer way to get King Soopers and Safeway to contribute to our cause. See **Cy Regan** the very next meeting to buy your cards. And remember, if your card goes to ZERO and stays there for 90 days, it will be deactivated. So use them now and often!

### Update on Oscar Sorensen: Craig Eley provided this



Oscar Sorensen  
Tree lot file photo

update on Oscar Sorensen and said he is still sore. As reported in last week's GUMS, on December 19 Oscar was delivering Christmas baskets when he slipped on ice and smacked his head. Now, the rest of the story.

Oscar was delivering baskets with **Tom Mauro** and Tom's daughter Andrea, when he fell. Oscar describes the pain in his head as a ~~son of a~~ excruciating. For awhile as he lay on the street, he could not move his legs or fingers, and Oscar admits that at that moment he was not thinking only of the best and was not expecting the best. In fact he was thinking of the worst of the worst. But as Tom called 911, feeling and movement slowly returned and Oscar was back to being his optimistic self.

Oscar was hauled off to the ER by ambulance, where he was diagnosed with a hip contusion, a sprained wrist, and painful elbow and shoulders. He received a brain MRI, was told he had one, and was released. He is scheduled to undergo imaging of his shoulders to determine if there is anything structurally wrong.

Although still in some pain, Oscar says he is thankful to be able to move and promises to be so strong that nothing will disturb his peace of mind when we see him at our next Friday meeting.

### Leo Hagele Celebrates 93:

Twelve friends of **Leo Hagele** gathered at his favorite restaurant The Black Eyed Pea to celebrate his 93rd birthday. In the group, OCMS members, **Robert Finkelmeier**, **Don Roth**, **Allan Yockey**, and **Steve Kady** were on hand to help sing the birthday song to him. To top the evening off, his favorite wait person Felichia, brought a huge piece of 4 layer chocolate cake along with several scoops of vanilla ice cream. Leo's official BD is Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. See the pictures on the next page.

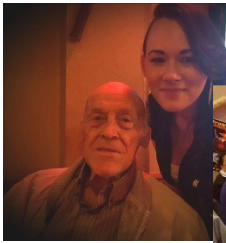
**Remember to say Happy Birthday to our January birthday members.**

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## Announcements Continued

### Leo Hagele BD Continued:



Left Leo and his favorite wait person Felichia.  
Photos Steve Kady



**Speaking of Birthdays:** Our December birthdays are Harry Arkin, Aaron Berry, Curt Boell, Ron Cisco, Bob DeSpain, Peter Dimond, Rob Gardner, Noel Hasselgren, Jeff Johnston, Shawn Mehaffey, Bob Meyer, Frank Rowe, and Kurt Siebold.

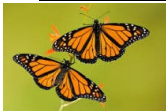
### Save the Date — Wives & Friends to Breakfast: Craig

*Happy Valentine's Day*

Eley shares, wives and friends to Breakfast—bring only one or the other—will be Friday morning, February 12, 2016. This means no meeting at the American Legion Hall that day. The price and location are not yet set, but

we will be entertained by magician/comedian Brad Montgomery, who will amaze and amuse. By the way, if you do not have a wife or a friend, you are still welcome! We guarantee a good meal and a good time!

### Save the Monarch Butterfly: Craig Eley is still in need



of your plastic 2-liter pop bottles for a Monarch butterfly preservation project. Bring them to a meeting and Craig will gratefully find a use for them.

**An Owl Story:** Speaking of projects, Craig Eley shared that last few nights he has heard hooting at dusk, right about 5:10 p.m. in his neighborhood. Online research

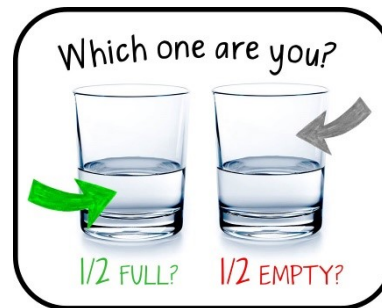
and consultation with a birder friend leads to the conclusion that these are great horned owls. So, he got a photo of one (silhouette only due to darkness) and a video. Two hoot back and forth to each other, but only for a few minutes. One flew from our tree to the very top of a nearby blue spruce. Owls like to sit at the peak of trees and posts, I have learned. My birder friend says they are likely a courting pair (female larger than male) and will build a nest in February. You may not see them, but poke your head outside and listen for a half a minute, you may hear them.



Photo Craig Eley

**New Year Greeting from Past Prez John Oss:** "We are blessed, we are blessed, we are blessed. A hundred years ago they made lemonade with lemons. Optimism was born. Forty years ago they made a club with a tree lot. Monaco South was born. Boys, Children, Optimists have all been blessed. We have been blessed to be a blessing. Turkey, certificates, competitions, lives shared on the lot and in the trailer. On and on it goes. Freddie, Pat, Curt, Karen, Mary, Dottie have all blessed us and it continues. We comrade, give, and bless. Optimism blesses us all."

### Give it Some Thought!



**People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable.**

### January Super Citizen Presenters

Jan 20 @ 8:00	Highline	?
Jan 20 @ 2:30	MPB	?
Jan 20 @ 3:00	Bradley	?
Jan 28 @ 3:00	McMeen	?

**Be a Super Citizen Presenter**  
See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203  
[gardnerrb@gmail.com](mailto:gardnerrb@gmail.com)

### Weekly Greeters

1/8/16	?
1/15/16	?
1/22/16	?
1/29/16	?

**Help, Help, Help — we need Friday morning greeters, see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or [jon\\_wachter@msn.com](mailto:jon_wachter@msn.com)**

### Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Jan 2	Sat	9:00 am	Brain Bowl Reader Training, Valmont Presbyterian Church, 3262 61 <sup>st</sup> St, Boulder
Jan 5	Tue	6:00 pm	Brain Bowl Reader Training, Heritage High School, 1401 W. Gaddes Ave., Littleton
Jan 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Jan 9	Sat	6:45 am	Brain Bowl, North Regional, Standley High School, 9300 W. 104 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Westminster
Jan 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Jan 21	Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Jan 23	Sat	9:00 am	Brain Bowl Reader Training, Heritage High School, 1401 W. Gaddes Ave., Littleton
Jan 30	Sat	6:45 am	Brain Bowl, Central Regional, Heritage High School, 1401 W. Gaddes Ave., Littleton



**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.