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Optimists Bring Out the
Best in Children



The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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CHAD SLABY, SPEAKER

Chad, son of BRYCE SLABY, spoke this morning on Rugby. Chad is quite a guy! An Eagle Scout who carried a 573 batting average as a catcher for his high school baseball team and holds the record for all 7th graders in shot put—39 feet 4 inches!!! Chad was the captain of the CU rugby team, and plays for the Chicago Lions Rugby team. The Chicago Lions are the 2007 USA Rugby National 7s Champions!



Rugby started off in 1823 in England and there were no written rules until 1845. Rugby was an Olympic sport in 1900, 1908, 1920, and 1924 with the United States world champions in 1920 and 1924. In the last Rugby world cup competition in 2007 there were 20 countries represented and of the 600 athletes tested for illicit drug use there was not one that did not pass! Rugby is an incredibly intense and

physical sport and unsportsmanlike conduct is not tolerated. All 15 team members on the field are independent of each other and responsible for their own decisions to further the team's efforts. The coach sits in the stands and not on the field. Rugby is a fast growing sport, particularly in high schools. Thanks to Chad for an excellent presentation!

THE PERFECT GIFT: A FRIEND OF OPTIMIST MEMBERSHIP

Get a jump on the holidays and avoid the shopping frenzy. For the person who has everything, consider a Friend of Optimist membership!



Is there someone close to you or someone in your community, work place, etc. who is not a Member, but supports all the good work we do? If so invite them to a Friday morning breakfast and meeting.

For information, ask one of our Board Members or go to the Club's webpage at www.monacosouth.org.

Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado

Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

Good Morning Optimists!

KARL GEIL and RUSS PAUL were our greeters this morning. HARRY JOHNSON gave our invocation and mentioned that this Sunday would have been his 57th wedding anniversary. We grieve with you over your loss.

Betty provided breakfast this morning and it was great! Scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, potatoes, juice, and coffee. JOHN MARINOS, you have a jewel in Betty!

President Greg inducted Jim Easton as our newest member. Jim has already worked several projects and would like to get us involved with the Highline Academy where he volunteers on a regular basis. Jim, a hearty welcome to the club!

The club received a very nice thank you from the Tamarac Club for our \$400 donation for the *I Like Me* project, see next page. In this project elementary students are interviewed and a personalized book is created with the information provided by the students. A distribution date has not yet been established, but this is a wonderful experience to see these students get their own book. Plan to attend when the date is announced.

RUSS PAUL thanked the participants in the TJ Craft Fair parking project. Participating were RALPH PEDERSEN, KEN RAAK, RON CARLSON, LEO HAGELE, JOHN YOUNG, CY REGAN, GARY LAMAN, TOM MAURO, OSCAR SORENSEN, GARY STROWBRIDGE, JIM EASTON, GREG YOUNG, PHIL PERINGTON, DONLIE SMITH, KENT GLOOR, FRANK MIDDLETON, and of course Russ.

We had a small turn out but Cy still sold \$750 of super market certificates.

GARY LAMAN encouraged us all to bring our children and grand children to the meeting December 28th to see the puppeteers he has scheduled for kids to breakfast.

MARC GOODBODY has a large group picture of the 2007 100% day participants for sale at a great price of only \$3.

This year DONLIE SMITH chaired the Boys & Girls Thanksgiving dinner project and he gave a great big thank you to the Hyatt Tech Center Hotel for preparing the food for the banquet. A special thank you to Donlie for all his efforts, and to Bill Walters who started the project 23 years ago!

Many thanks to all those who helped to set up the Christmas Tree Lot after the meeting Friday. It's a lot of work, but a great fundraiser. Everyone

please sign up for at least four three-hour shifts and we will have another very successful fund raiser!

Thanksgiving Baskets to 27 Families

By Bob Avery

BOB AVERY reported that we provided Thanksgiving Baskets to 27 needy families amongst 5 elementary schools and the Boys and Girls Clubs. As usual we had many willing and helping hands to deliver. Special thanks to JOHN YOUNG and KENT GLOOR who helped cart the food over from the Safeway at Monaco and Yale and to RON CISCO for taking food over to the Boys and Girls Club on 8th and Inca.

Safeway this year is under new management and what a breath of fresh air. Jason and Greg are the new managers and they couldn't have been more accommodating. Not only did they give us a break on the turkeys but had the food ready and checked out. In addition they also provided 5 free Large Turkeys plus a \$50 gift certificate towards our purchase (unsolicited). I even told Greg Burke about our club and invited him over to the meeting so keep your eyes open he's a young single guy. If you shop there make your presence known to the managers and thank them as well.

In addition, Freddie secured some stuffed animals to put in the baskets. I could tell they were well received, thou a bit early.

Of those who signed up (some even 2 and 3 times on the same sheet), the following showed up...RON CISCO, JOHN YOUNG, ELDON STRONG, BILL WELLS, TOM MAURO, OSCAR SORENSEN, HARRY JOHNSON, RUSS PAUL, OC LARSON, DON THOMSON, RON GUSTUS, NICK NEWAY, TERRY SHROYER, GARY MILLER, GREG YOUNG, DOUG MORTON, FRANK MIDDLETON, KENT GLOOR, Jennifer Gloor and new husband, KARL GEIL, GARY STROWBRIDGE, DICK DALY (his kids were in New York), JIM LEUSCHNER and crew Kathy, Kristen with husband Rich, and Shannon with husband Brett, FREDDY PASTERNAK, CY REGAN, and TOM OVERTON.

I delivered a couple of baskets with Harry Johnson and it was nice to get to know him a little better, I hope some of you also had the same experience. Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving with plenty of leftovers. We all have many things to be thankful for and one of the many things I am thankful for are the many friends in our club. See you next week!

Thanksgiving Basket Thank You

We received ours just after 9am this morning. I was very please they could be delivered as I was told there would be a possibility that we would have to go pick it up. Only have one vehicle and husband has it for work. Thank you very much for including my family this year.

The Place Family

Adam, Brenda, Ryan, and Eric—sons are students at Bradley Elementary

Thanksgiving Dinner at Boys & Girls Club of Denver

By RON CISCO

The annual thanksgiving dinner at The Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc. was another big success. We fed over 500 boys and girls and parents this past Tuesday Nov 20th. We had 30 members and 17 family members and guests to feed the hungry throng. A great time was had by all. Those helping at the Owens Branch were: BOB AVERY, ED COLLINS, DICK DALY and son Gregg and friend Leon, BOB FINKELMEIER, AL GAPUZAN, KENT GLOOR and daughter Jennifer and her new husband Matthew Nelson, RON GUSTAS, COY HORTON, GREG HURD and two eagle scouts Dan & Peter, DON ILEY and daughters Emily, Molly, and Amy Grace, OC LARSON, TOM MAURO, NICK NEWWEY, TOM OVERTON, FRED PASTERNAK, RUSS PAUL, PHIL PERINGTON, FRANK ROSS, TERRY SHROYER, BRYCE SLABY, DONLIE SMITH, MIKE SNIPES and daughter Michelle Rayburn, OSCAR SORENSEN, GARY STROWBRIDGE, JIM VANER KAMP, SCOTT WALKER, ALLEN YOCKEY, GREG

YOUNG and our newest member JIM EASTON and his mother Noreen. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Everything went well at the Girls Inc. We fed approximately 150 kids and parents. Eleven members, one wife and two guests participated at Girls Inc. and they were: BILL ANDERSON, PAUL BERNARD, RON CARLSON, HOWARD FRY, KARL GEIL and wife Leslie, MARC GOODBODY, RALPH PEDERSEN, JACK RIFE, DON St. JOHN, JOHN STOFFEL, ELDON STRONG, and two guests Jason and Jordan Rand.

Tamarac Club Thank You

November 21, 2007

Greg Young, President MSOC

On behalf of the members of the Optimist Club of Tamarac, I would like to extend our grateful appreciation to the members of your club for the generous donation of \$400 toward our I Like Me project. Holm is the third elementary school in which we've implemented this program, and your donation last year and this has helped to make that possible. Once a date has been set for distribution of books, we will contact you so that any MSOC members who would like to participate may do so. Generally, this occurs in the fourth quarter of the school year. Again, thank you so much for helping us serve kids.

Sincerely, Kathy Rife, Treasurer

for Abigail Nicholas, President Tamarac OC

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Monaco South Calendar

Nov 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Pappy Ryan, <i>Critters on Film</i>
Dec 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Donna Aazira, <i>Breathing for Life</i>
Dec 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Craig Ross, <i>Stop the Elephant in the Office</i>
Dec 18	Tue	6:30 pm	MSOC Board Meeting—Eley's Office
Dec 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Camaraderie Day, <i>Holiday White Elephant Exchange</i>
Dec 22	Sat	8:30 am	Christmas Baskets—Legion Hall
Dec 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Kids & Grandkids to Breakfast
Jan 12	Sat	7:00 am	North Region Brain Bowl, Fairview HS in Boulder
Feb 2	Sat	7:00 am	Central Region Brain Bowl, George Washington HS

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Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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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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