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Good Morning Optimist

We were all greeted by the smiling and cherub-like faces of **Terry Shroyer** and **Don Roth**, filled with bubbly Christmas cheer and smiles.

The sumptuous breakfast buffet featured fresh Danish, sliced cantaloupe, fluffy scrambled eggs, plump little sausage links, hash brown patties, juice and hot coffee plus assorted pastries and donuts. Another delicious offering for early morning diners and drowsy coffee nibblers.



Don Roth, left, & Terry Shroyer providing a true Monaco South Optimist greeting.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Morning Camaraderie

Ed Collins was proudly wearing an upside-down name badge and **Everett Gardner** was in full Christmas red, green, and gold attire. While **Gary Strowbridge** was deep in conversation discussing dams, water, growth, and Christmas tree production for future generations.

Fashion plate **Tom Mauro** had the mornings best reindeer sweater and **Donlie Smith** was head-to-toe Bronco orange, including hat and socks. **Peter Dimond** almost bought some tickets for the drawing. **Kent Gloor** confessed to being the owner of the "needs a little TLC," a 1979 450 SEL, that had magically appeared at the tree lot (the Classic Car Club is probably going to be getting an donation soon).

Sadly, the table of wisdom crew, **Don St. John**, **Tom Hoch**, **Cy Regan**, and **Pat Bush** were all too busy eating to promulgate profundity.

Joe Marci, **John Stoffel**, and **Noel Hasselgren**, the photographer, were engaged in reminiscent conversation sharing their humorous food service experiences, while serving in Vietnam. It was a rambunctious crowd and President **Craig Eley** surveyed the scene in a confident aplomb.



While all the above is taking place, note the seriousness of your GUMS editor, Phil Perington, on left, capturing the event.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

First Bell

President **Craig Eley**, rang the bell twice, announced "The Governor is in the Room," shouted, "Settle down!" and finally, triple whistled everybody to attention. The excitement of Christmas was in the air.

Invocation & Pledge

The Invocation was presented by **Don**



Thomson, honoring the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor and recent passing of American hero **John Glenn**: "Oh God of Country and patriotism." It was a gracious and noble tribute, heartfelt by all.



John Glenn
1921-2016

From the Prez

ArtFest, the Artisan Fair, Arts & Crafts Show tomorrow at Thomas Jefferson High School an annual event we support on all levels. A pancake and sausage breakfast is on the menu as well. **See more on page 3.**

The TREE LOT NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS and we have a very, very, busy weekend coming up. Please do your best to help if only for a few hours.

Christmas present assorting at the Sewell Child Development Center at 940 Fillmore Street will take place on Friday, December 16th, between the hours of 1 - 3 p.m. This is Christmas program started by Marilyn Brown Morton, wife of past beloved member **Doug Morton**.

Channel 4 Toy Drive will be taping at 6 a.m. at the King Soopers at Yale & Colorado. Members are encouraged to purchase a toy or two and take it to the Tree Lot. **See more on page 2.**

There are a couple of openings available for the Santa Haus. Please check the signup sheet for dates and time slots. It is been a very busy season for Santa, parents and wondrous kids.

Kids and Grandkids to Breakfast will be on Friday, December 30th. Members can arrive at the usual 7:00 a.m. meeting time but in deference to the kid's breakfast won't be served until 7:45, so you can bring the youngsters around 8:00 a.m. if they want to sleep in a bit. Magician Tommy Walker will go on after 8:00 to wow and amuse our guests.

The Santa Fe Opera excursion is July 5th in concurrence with the OI Annual Convention being held in Albuquerque. If you are interested in this trip, contact Craig at craigceley@gmail.com as soon as possible to get the best price.

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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******

Guests

Dick Zolman introduced his son-in-law, **Chris Schutzenberger** returning for the second time and as a hopeful new member will probably have the longest name badge in recent history.

Bob Avery was on a "*Bronco Freddie Pasternack roll*" and introduces three guests this morning: **Schuyler Clayton**, another second timer and soon to be a member after the New Year. **Alan Magnuson**, executive board member, and **Kathy Craig**, Activities Director, from the Boy Scouts Regional Council. Alan was an Optimist Club President in 1980 – 1982. Editors Note: Monaco South Optimist's, led by **Donlie Smith** serve as a host presenter for the annual 2017 Eagle Scout Banquet, which recognizes over 450 Eagle Scout honorees every year, since 1996.

Announcements

Tree Lot Chili Cookoff: **Ron Cisco**, master chili cook-off judge, reports this year's event will be Sunday, December 18th and all entrants should have their crockpots ready at the Lot by 11:45 a.m. No additives (shredded cheese, chopped onions or tortillas) will be included. There are six entries signed up to date. Ron is accepting cash contributions for the Winners judging committee.

Channel 4 Toy Drive: **Steve Kady** announced that the Channel 4 Toy drive will be taping at 6 a.m. this Wednesday, December 15th at King Soopers located at Yale and Colorado Blvd. Members are encouraged to purchase a toy or two and take it to the tree lot anytime between 6:00 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Sunday or between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. They will be stored in the Santa Haus and taken to the University Hills King Soopers at 5:30 a.m. in the morning this coming Wednesday. **Monaco South members are welcome to attend.**

MSOC Holiday Party: **Chris Dunphy** advised all party goers that the annual Holiday Party will be held Thursday, January 5th at the **Capitol Hill Tavern**, located at 1225 Logan Street, from 6 to 9 p.m. Forty parking spaces will be available. Holiday casual attire is suggested. Cash bar with complimentary soft drinks, including Hors d'oeuvre will be provided. The cost is \$5 per person. More details from Chris will be made available in the next week.

Einstein Bros. Bagels Experience: **Dick Zolman** shared an experience he had while visiting the local Einstein's. Evidentially he started talking with a person in line who turned out to be a teacher from Hamilton Middle School. The teacher said one of their students was so excited about being a Super Citizen that they could not stop talking about it, and got a lot other students interested.

Season Bowls: **Don Thomson** read a list of all the post season College Football Bowl Games, but did not see mention of the CO-WY Brain Bowl. Editors Trivia: The 1st television Instant replay was introduced at the 1963 Army-Navy game in ... ?

Tree Lot Update: **Joe Marci** reported we were delivered 305 trees on December 8th but only 20 were priced. We need help pricing and managing the trees. The update on volunteers shows 74 members, totaling 834 hours. We are still below 100 and we all will be getting a "call to service" soon to help. As of the 8th we are down by 21 trees from the same date as last year. This weekend will be a barn burner. Please help if you are able—check the online

Tree Lot Schedule. **How to Signup:** Go to the Monaco South website www.monacosouth.org, then click on "Tree Lot Schedule" (See left side of page). This will produce a sign on box. The User Name: msoc76 and the Password: xmas2016. Once this is completed you will see the calendar. This will show who is signed up for a given day and allow you to sign up by clicking on the "edit" button. Type in your name and do not forget to save!

Kleinheksel's Tree Lot Story: **Jack Kleinheksel** told us the story of a lady with her little daughter Hazel, who did not have quite have enough for the tree they wanted, and then a total stranger offered \$20 to close the deal. Hazel and Mom broke into a happy dance and a round of hugs followed ... another Santa moment on the Tree Lot.

White Elephant Gift Exchange: **Oscar Sorensen** reminded everyone Santa was coming to our meeting on December 23rd and not to forget to bring a present or nicely wrapped discard. This is a wonderful time for everyone to share laughter, camaraderie, and good cheer. Not to mention a gag gift for innocent bystanders.

Marc Goodbody: **John Oss** provide an update on **Marc**. His stent procedure was more complicated than expected and it took 7-hours to finish the operation. He is passing around two cards for get well message's and signatures. *All the best Marc!*

Christmas Basket Distribution: **Michael Chavez** shared that 40 Christmas Baskets are scheduled for delivery on Saturday, December 17th, starting at 8 a.m. Co-Chairs **Mike McMahon** and **Randy Marcove** are helping by getting baskets ready for delivery. So far 27 members are signed-up for the suggested two-man delivery teams.

ArtFest Book Sale: **Tom Glazier** reaffirmed the book sale is full steam ahead for the ArtFest on Saturday and that he also needs help on Sunday, December 11th. He also shared there was a request by a youngster at the Santa Haus for a mystery toy with legs that not even the parents had heard about. The elves are working on it.

Need Tree Lot Assistance: New member **Ken Duffy** noticed that no one else had signed up for his tree lot duty day and is slowly working through his list of ladies from the Tamarac Club for additional tree lot duty. However, he has not been very successful to date. So, as a bonus, he is offering to provide an abundance of Chinese food to attract others. Good luck with that Ken!

New Englewood Optimist Club: **Phil Perington** provided this update on the new Englewood Optimist Club scheduled to be Charter on December 7th, but was postponed due to weather. The new date is December 14th at the Broken Tee Golf Club, 2101 W. Oxford Ave. (S. Santa Fe Drive is the cross street). The meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. and a complimentary breakfast buffet is being served. Heather Gardens and Monaco South are the sponsor Clubs and members are invited to participate. Hope we will see you there.

Drawing

With \$80 in the pot the luck card was the 4 of Hearts. Lucky cup winners: **Karl Geil, Paul Gibson, Don Thomson, Allen Malask, Bob Avery & Mike White**. Draw for the lucky card: **Terry Shroyer** and **Phil Perington**, both not pulling the right card. The Name Badge draw went to **Don Roth**, who also was not lucky.



Karl Geil

The Brain Bowl is Coming! The Brain Bowl is Coming!



Our speaker this morning did not need an introduction, since it was our own **Karl Geil**, who was reporting on this years 2017 CO-WY Brain Bowl event.

Karl started off with a recap and video promoting the Brain Bowl and then followed with a detailed explanation of the Brain Bowl's history, accomplishments and school participation, operations and the number of volunteer needs.

Karl went on to ask anyone who has not volunteered for the Brain Bowl to raise their hand, and then jokingly said, "What's wrong with the rest of you!" Laughter abounded and we then heard about a couple of amusing Brain Bowl Reader stories. One of the classic reading moments of all time was when past member **Freddie Pasternack** misread the word "organisms" and was subsequently banned for life. Reading is one, if not the most important elements of the Tournament protocol. If you want to be a Reader, please take the training class or you will not be certified. Reader training, dates and places are shown on the 2017 CO-WY Brain Bowl event webpage — [CLICK HERE](#).



Karl Geil, points to one of his PowerPoint slides.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Teachers love the Brain Bowl Tournament. A positive result is that we no longer need to advertise for additional team participation. One young participant was heard saying "It's the Brain Bowl-it's better than Christmas!" The Brain Bowl is an original student program of the CO-WY Optimists and we are proud to call it ours. Please help with this exciting and academically significant we provide to our youth

and community. Last year we served over 1,000 students in four Tournaments with a total of 216 teams participating.

The Championship Tournament was held with 54 teams and 270 Students. Karl said, we expect to exceed those numbers this year. Volunteer duties include: Readers, Proctors, Runners Time Keepers, Score Keepers and data Entry. As you see, the opportunity for volunteers is intensive and we ask all Optimist members across the District to serve as a volunteer for this most important and significant Youth Program.

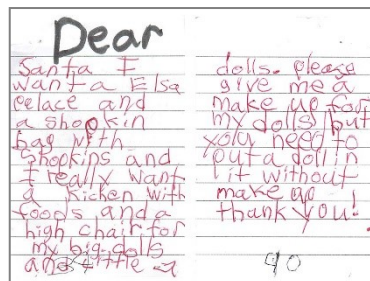
See the **Optimist Brain Bowl 2016 Finals** video by **Tom Hoch** @ <https://vimeo.com/156122013>.

And Karl Geil's PowerPoint slides attached to the **GUMS** distribution email.



At left, delighting children since 2008. For photos of more happy kids, go to <https://goo.gl/photos/RF9pzayackpkgAmCA>

Photo Santa Haus



A letter given to Bob Avery during a Santa shift.

From the Santa Haus

TJ ArtFest By Prez Craig Eley

A plethora of Monaco South members showed up early on Saturday morning on December 10 to help at the Thomas Jefferson High School ArtFest. We did our customary job of helping crafters park and unload their vehicles. But this year we added cooking pancakes to our duties, which **Bob Avery** and **Ed Leuty** skippered. We also had a small selection of Tree Lot items for sale outside the school, where **Joe Howard** sold wreaths and small trees while spreading the word about the wonders of the larger Tree Lot just up Monaco. Those on crafter parking duty were **Allen Malask**, **George Buzick**, **Don Roth**, **Gary Miller**, **Russ Paul**, **Scott Walker**, **Joe Marci**, **Wyatt McCallie**, **Tom Mauro**, **Oscar Sorensen**, **Pat Bush**, **Steve Kady**, **Michael Chavez**, **Don Thomson**, **Kent Gloor**, **Gary Strowbridge** and **John Young**. They also pitched in and helped **Tom Glazier** sort and display a mountain of books donated to the TJ Book Sale.

Weekly Greeters

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| 12/16/16 | Don Thomson & Chris Dunphy |
| 12/23/16 | Ron Cisco & John Young |

December Super Citizen Presenters

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| Dec 14 @ 2:30 Date change | MPB | Don Roth |
| Dec 15 @ 5:30 | Hamilton | Casey Funk |
| Dec 16 @ 9:00 & 2:00 | Holm | ? |
| Dec 16 @ 3:00 | Bradley | Joe Marci |
| Dec 21 @ 1:00 | McMeen | |

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40th Year — Chartered in 1976

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| Dec 16 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day |
| Dec 17 | Sat | 8:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Delivery of Christmas Food Baskets |
| Dec 17 | Sat | 9:00 am | Brain Bowl Training, Valmont Presbyterian Church, 3262 61st St., Boulder |
| Dec 23 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Santa Claus is Coming! |
| Dec 25 | Sun | | M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S |
| Dec 30 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Kids to Breakfast, Magician Tommy Walker. Note: Kid's breakfast won't be served until 7:45 am. |

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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.