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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist

At times, it is a challenge to be an Optimist! Today the chief GUMS czar was in Boulder attending a professional meeting, so he was not present at today's meeting. Second, the November GUMS editor had an emergency medical situation on Thursday, so he could not be present to serve. Therefore, this GUMS edition is based on a collection of different sources. For the record, the November GUMS Editor is doing much better, he is home, and planning to go back to work on Monday.

Then as the meeting started, our volunteer greeters were not present—it was **Allen Yockey**, who was filling in for **Bob Finkelmeier** with the selling of weekly raffle tickets who was at the front entrance of the meeting room, who was stuck with also being the “official greeter” — or double duty!

If that were not enough, the breakfast service was late, the sound system had been modified, and the MSOC Honor Club banner fell at the ringing of the first bell.

First Bell

On the good side, our Immediate Past President, **Jon Wachter** was proudly sporting his shiny new blue Presidents jacket.

Invocation & Pledge

The morning invocation and pledge to our flag freshly set the stage. The invocation today was dedicated to the brave men and women who have served in all branches of the United States Armed Forces and reminded us that there is a price for freedom and that it cannot be maintained unless there are those who would (and have) protected our country, both in war and in peace. **God Bless our Veterans!** The observance is Tuesday, November 11th.

This day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. Veterans are thanked for their services to the U.S. on Veterans Day.

Additionally, one of the most inspiring, red, white, and blue anthems celebrates its birthday this week as well. Composer Irving Berlin wrote the song in 1918 while serving the U.S. Army at Camp Upton in Yaphank, New York, but decided that it did not fit in a revue called Yip Yip Yaphank, so he set it aside. The song was revised by Berlin in 1938. The later version was recorded by Kate Smith, and became her signature song. Hear it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEJo7x9y3D4>.

Guests

According to reports **Russ Paul** brought his neighbor, **David Singer** to the meeting. Sorry for all of the confusion today David, but it was nice of you to attend. Come and join us!

From the Prez

We had a challenged agenda today. However, with a proper invocation and pledge it reset the stage for a good meeting.

President **John Oss** said that he had visited Tamarac to present them with Monaco South's half (\$375) of the \$750 training fee for a therapy dog involved in the “**Stink Bug Project**.” As you will recall Lee Shaughnessy, from the Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation talked with us in early October about this project. More about this project can be learned at <http://www.rmchildren.org/programs/stink-bug-project/>.



Veterans Day
11/11/2014

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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******

From the Prez Continued

Prez John also reminded us that the American Legion Hall has put up a new fence, on the South side, and they have asked that you not back into the parking spaces along the fence, as that is why they had to put up a new fence. Please comply.

Without breakfast, we went straight to the speaker while it was being prepared. Jean Lesmeister shared with us a "gut splitting" presentation before eating a spoonful, see page three.

Announcements

We Need Santa's: Make it a special Christmas for kids by being a Santa at our Tree Lot this year! Our customers have come to expect a resident Santa, and so more and more are bringing their children and grandchildren. It's the one place with no charge, no waiting, and a free photo of the youngsters with Santa.



Shifts are for 2 hours each, we supply the suit, hat, boots and beard. All you provide is the Ho, Ho, Ho!

Sing up online at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080E4EA4A6283-santa2/6577885. If you have trouble with that, contact Club Santa Wrangler **Craig Eley** at craigceley@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Baskets: **Jim Easton** announced that names are being solicited from our Super Citizen Schools for those families who may need some help with providing a good Thanksgiving meal for their family. Baskets will be delivered on Saturday morning, November 22. Meet at the Legion Hall at 8 a.m. Names, addresses and maps will be provided along with the food baskets.

Bill Walter's Thanksgiving Dinner: **Donlie Smith** said the dinner will be held at the Boys and Girls Club at 3240 West Kentucky Avenue beginning at 4:00 on November 25. So, Mark your calendar and show up! This is one of those "all hands on deck" events, in which we can use every available body.

For the Girls Inc., 1499 Julian Street, dinner, same day and time, **Don St. John** will send around a sign-up sheet. This is a great event ... be their or be square!

CO-WY 2015 Brain Bowl: Ever present **Karl Geil** reminded us that "**The Brain Bowl is Coming**" and that it takes at least 135 Optimists to carry it off with class. Check the website at <http://optimistbrainbowl.org/> for times and places for both training and actual Brain Bowl competitions. Remember, no matter how many times you have been a reader at previous Brain Bowls, you must attend a training session to be certified as a reader for this year.

Our Condolences: **Fred Pasternack's** sister, Elaine Rae Rosenberg, of Denver passed away this week. She was the wife of the late Warren Rosenberg; mother of Craig (Leesa) Rosenberg & Stacey (Danny) Shwayder; sister of Fred (Karen) Pasternack;

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grandmother of Matthew & Hannah Shwayder; also survived by many nieces & nephews. A graveside burial service, will be held on Sunday, at Rose Hill Cemetery. Elaine's memory will be honored by people wearing purple. Contributions to American Diabetes Association or Shalom Cares.

Toys for God's kids by Phil Perington

A wonderful thing is happening with the CO/WY Optimists. We have been blessed with the opportunity to make toys for delivery to kids who have never had one. In an era where we take so much for granted the realities are that there are millions of kids so poor and without guardians that they have never had a toy. It has always been rocks, sticks, and tin cans.

Toy's for God's kids is changing that reality. They are a non-partisan non-profit organization headed by founder, Merlin Dorhout and staffed by a cadre of volunteers dedicated to bringing a little joy into the lives of less fortunate kids around the world. The program is brilliant in its simplicity. Volunteers from service clubs, retirement communities, physically challenged and devotional community's band together to create and assemble toy cars.

The Classic Car Optimist Club and attendees to the 1st quarter conference can now share with other optimists the exhilarating experience of hands on assembling of toys for under-privileged children around the world. By agreeing to help assemble the cars, merlin and his volunteers deliver boxes of hand produced wooden toy car parts, glue, and hammers. Everyone works together on a "mini car assembly line" and normally produce between 500 and 2000 cars in one session.

The new cars are then boxed up and given to other volunteers for distribution to third world countries across the world, many in central and South America, as gifts to kids who have never a personal toy. The simplicity of the outreach is magnificent and heart-warming in so many ways.

Please look at the pictures and you will see the magic of adult optimist "elves" merrily at work making toys for kids they will never see. However, with every car built you can almost see the smile on that happy child's face. This is a worthy and noble project every optimist can partake in and feel very good about.

Cheers for the kids!



Closing Bell

A drawing was held without Dr. Bob, and a fresh load of wooden nickels with names all went off in good order. **Allen Yockey** did not report any winners.

Jean Lesmeister Leaning CPR

Without breakfast, we went straight to our speaker. Jean Lesmeister shared with us a “gut splitting” presentation before eating a spoonful.

Jean Lesmeister, a good German girl, who is an expert in CPR by anybody’s standards. Jean has been doing CPR, First Aid, and Babysitter’s Training classes for over 14-years, and is a certified Instructor with three agencies, American Safety and Health Institute, American Heart association, and the American Red Cross.

Jean explained that CPR has evolved over a period of time into a very basic chest compression at 30 times per minute and then two breaths. The goal is to maintain oxygen supply to the brain until 911 responders arrive and the first step should always be for you or someone else to call 911 immediately, before start-



Jean Lesmeister, left, with Paul Bernard,
MSOC, speaker coordinator.
Photo Don StJohn

ing CPR. The “Good Samaritan” law protects you, but you should always ask person who is having a problem whether it is okay to touch them, before taking any action.

Jean does training classes for all ages and has a special class for teenage babysitters. Jean does 2-hour training classes at your site and provides all the equipment. All you need to do is line up at least ten people who are willing to pay \$55 to learn this valuable skill. You can read more about Jean on her website at babysittingclass-CPRNOW.com or call at 303-9997-9327.

Professionally, Jean has worked in corporate, entrepreneurial, non-profit, and academic environments. She currently is teaching online classes for a college Theater Department, as she holds an MFA in Theater.

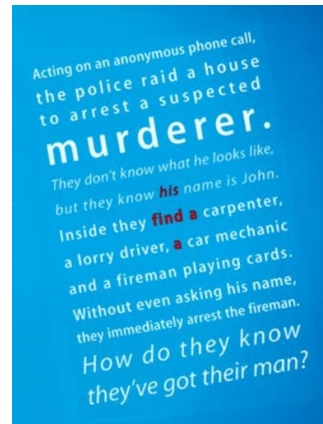
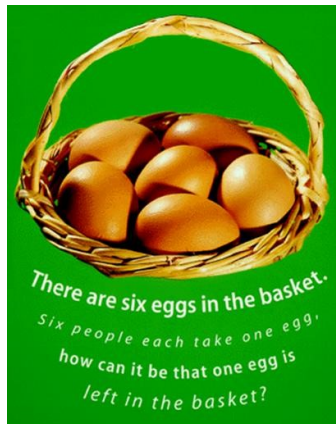
Weekly Greeters

11/14/14	Tom Hoch & Bob Winterfield
11/21/14	Dick Zolman & Greg Young
11/28/14	Barry Barker & Dave Peck
Need Friday morning greeters, see O.C. Larson, 303-797-7432 or larson1942@comcast.net	

Super Citizen Presenters Nov.

Nov 19 @ 2:30	MPB	Harry Fegley
Nov 20 @ 1:30	McMeen	Elton Strong
Nov 21 @ 3:00	Bradley	Phil Perington
Be a Super Citizen Presenter See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203 gardnerrb@gmail.com		

Check out your lateral thinking power!



ANSWERS
* The last person took the basket with the egg in it.
* All the other card players were women.

Nov 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Nov 20	Thur	6:30 pm	Meeting, Legion Hall - Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Nov 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Joe Marci, Tree Training & Operating Procedures
Nov 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Joe Marci, Tree Lot Signup & Setup after the meeting
Dec 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Dec 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA
Dec 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - MSOC Santa's Gift Exchange
Dec 20	Sat	6:00 pm	Holiday Party, Glenmoor Country Club, Dinner & Entertainment
Dec 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Kids to Breakfast

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Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
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T H E O P T I M I S T C R E E D — 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.