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Good Morning Optimist Hello All

Greg Young greeted us this morning with his happy face. Bob Avery was also a greeter but he showed up late and had to circle the hall with make-up greetings.

Invocation & Recognition

Bob Coulson remembered all of the Veterans who served in the armed forces in his invocation. In celebration of this Veterans Day weekend; Greg Young played the fight song for all of the branches of the armed forces and invited all who served in each of the branches to sing along. They even played the Coast Guard song for Freddy Pasternack who proudly announced that Sloan's Lake is safe and secure. To hear the West Virginia University Marching Band Armed Forces Salute go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjPmmCtHmfE>. A classic!

Also in celebration of Veterans Day, Dick Nickoloff read a poem titled, *Just a Common Soldier* ...

*He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of his past.
Of a war that he fought in and the deeds that he had done.
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.
And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.
He was just a common soldier, and his ranks are growing thin.
But his presence should remind us, we may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part.
Is to clean up all the troubles that others often start.
If we cannot give him honor while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.
Perhaps a simple notice in a paper that would say,
Our country is in mourning, 'cause a soldier passed away.*

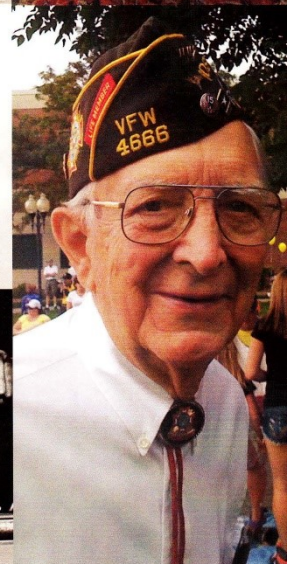
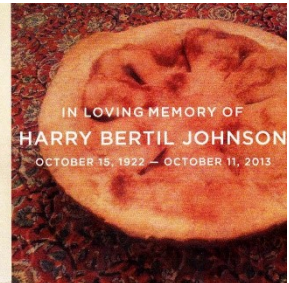
This is an abbreviation of the poem written by Lawrence Vaincourt. The full version can be found at



http://vaincourt.homestead.com/common_soldier.html.

Harry Johnson Memorial

Speaking of veterans that have passed away, a memorial service for Harry Johnson, our very own WWII veteran, is on Saturday November 9th. If this is the first that you have learned of this, you already missed his service. However, it is not too late to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



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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******

Memorial Continued

By Phil Perington



As is always the case with **Harry Johnson** laughter and good will was in great abundance at our old pal Harry Johnson's Memorial Service Saturday, November 9th. It was a beautiful autumn afternoon both inside and out. This was only fitting inasmuch as Harry was born in mid-October and left us around the same time.

The Church was packed with family and friends abounding everywhere. The service opened with the Academy Award winning theme song "*The Apartment*" and ended with a rousing version of "*Off We Go Into The Wild Blue Yonder*" Classic Harry Johnson. In between stories and tales of the adventures of Harry covered a wide gamut of entertaining topics from food, car washes, Christmas trees, ice skating, home building, airplanes, rabbits, practical jokes, and kind hearted deeds to mention a few.

Joyous revival and camaraderie over shadowed grief and loss. Rev. Carol Parsons reflected mightily and with great dignity the life and times of our Friend and Fellow Optimist Harry Johnson. There were enough Optimists gathered together to start a new super club. You had the feeling Harry was watching and smiling that ear-to-ear grin we will all remember.

God bless you Harry! It was an honor for us to have been lucky enough to meet you and be your friend.

Announcements

Call for Santa's: **Don Iley**, standing in for **Craig Eley**, made a call for volunteers to play Santa at the Santa House on weekends in December. The shifts are only two hours along and volunteers find the experience very rewarding. Don told a story about one little girl who was too shy to rely to Santa's questions so Santa asked "*Has the cat got your tongue?*" which she replied by simply sticking out her tongue. Talk to Don or Craig if you are interested.



Holiday Party: **Frank Middleton** is passing around a sign-up sheet for the Holiday Party to take place on Saturday evening, December 7th. It will be pot luck with the club providing the meat. The event will be held at the Aurora Hills Golf Course clubhouse. More details to follow.

Super Citizen Presentation Available: **Fred Pasternack** will not be able to make his presentation for the Super Citizens program at Holm Elementary on November 22nd. **Rob Gardner** is looking for an interested member who can stand in for Freddy. If you would like to have a "Freddy chip" to cash in at a future date, you can give Rob a call to volunteer for the Holm presentation.



Michael Chavez CO-WY Lt. Governor: **Paul Simon** announced that **Michael Chavez** has volunteered to act as Lt. Governor for Zone 9. Michael will take on his responsibilities starting immediately. Paul said this shows that you need not be a past club president

to advance to the District Level offices. Congratulations Michael and thanks for all you do for the club and district.

Four Possible Tree Lots: **Joe Marci** reported that we now have approval at four of the six possible locations for this year's tree lot. One of the four is Joe's number one preference. But hold on a minute, Joe said the old K-Mart property has switched management companies and we may get to stay at our normal location. Stay tuned for the next chapter in the Tree Lot saga.

Entertainment Books: **Joe Marci** also announced that he had sold an Entertainment Book last week. But don't fret; he still has plenty left. If you need a book or would like to help sell books, you just need to talk to Joe. All proceeds from book sales go to the Sullivan Scholarship Fund.



Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner: The Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver, Thanksgiving Dinners are scheduled for Tuesday evening, November 26th. **Donlie Smith** reported we will be serving dinner to over 1,000 people at the combined locations and will need plenty of volunteers to help.

⇒ Set Up: 4 p.m.

⇒ Serving: 5 p.m.

Everyone is welcome ... A Job for Everyone! See **Don St. John** for Girls, Inc. Dinner, same night!

We will need a member to haul the supplies from our storage garage to and from the Boys and Girls Club: Call Donlie, 303-745-3210.

In referencing the Marine Corps song, Donlie also said he has been to Tripoli and didn't see even one Marine there.

Bradley International School Fundraiser: **Mike McMahon** indicated that the Bradley PTO was raising funds for playground improvements at Bradley Elementary. They are applying for a state grant and are looking for somebody that may have experience at this to help them write their grant application. He also reminded us that the Bradley Wine Tasting and Silent Auction are coming up this Friday, November 15th and tickets are still available on line at <http://bradleypto.com/>.

Teen Runaway Month: November is Teen Runaway Month. Rev. **Bob Coulson** is assisting with several programs dealing with runaway youth and homeless youth. He says there are four ways to help. First, burn a green light in front of your house during the month to raise awareness of this problem. Second, wear green socks on Fridays. Third, donate items (see the priority items list by clicking the link on the delivery e-mail), and bringing them to the membership meeting on November 22nd. Bob will deliver them to Urban Peak shelters. Fourth, you can participate in the 921 Project. They will be taking a picture of 921 people at the Urban Project Administration Building, 730 Twenty-first Street, on December 8 at 8:00 a.m. The significance of 921 is this represents the number of homeless youth on any given night.

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Announcements Continued

Monaco South Optimist Shirt: The Monaco South golf shirts are in. If you have ordered, and paid for, a Monaco South golf shirt, you can pick it up from **Tom Glazier** unless you are **Paul Bernard**. Editor, "Paul your shirt is having the stripes put on it."

Thanksgiving Baskets: Thanksgiving Baskets will be delivered on Saturday morning, November 23rd. **Jim Easton** and **Allen Pierce** are looking for help with delivery as well as putting the baskets together. You can offer your help by contacting either Jim or Allen.



Correctional Industries Tour: The tour of Correctional Industries will be made on Tuesday, November 19th. **Bob Avery** announced that the tour is full but that he will take credentials for a waiting list. The credential required is a Colorado Driver's License.

Christmas Tree Pre-order: **Ed Collins** is distributing order forms for the pre-sales of Christmas trees, wreaths, garland and boughs. Ed and his posse will deliver these items directly to the door steps of those who pre-order. If you would like to help out by canvassing your neighborhood and taking orders, just contact Ed for the requirements. The Pre-order form is attached to the GUMS distribution email.

Dime-A-Day: **Fred Pasternack** indicated that the Dime-A-Day campaign for the Optimist International Foundation is off to a rip-roaring start. He has received two checks to date. This is a program that allows members to donate a dime each day to the Foundation by writing a check for \$36.50 for the year. Fred says he'll accept checks and forms anytime today or any other day.

YMCA Capital Campaign: **Neil Alderson** informed us that we are rapidly approaching our goal of raising \$50,000 for the Schlessman YMCA's children's playground. But rapidly approaching does not mean we can slow down. Please help us by making your pledge now. You can find a pledge form on the web site or using the link on the delivery e-mail. If you have already made your pledge, please accept our sincere thanks.

Youth Congressional Awards: An informational and training meeting for the Youth Congressional Awards project will be held at the American Legion Hall on Sunday, November 24th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Bob Coulson** and **Pat Bush** are co-chairing this project. It is the first time for the Monaco South Optimist Club. You can learn more about

serving as an advisor to the youths participating in this project by attending the meeting. Your attendance will not commit you to being an advisor.

Optimist Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** and **Ron Cisco** chair the Optimist Junior Golf Tournaments for the CO-WY District each year. They raise up to \$20,000 dollars to conduct these tournaments and help send some dozen and a half young golfers to the Optimist International Tournaments in Florida. They thank all of the sponsors for these tournaments for their financial help. The Colorado tournaments will be held this spring.

Yearend Financial Report: Treasure, **Greg Young** presented a yearend financial report to the membership. We ended the last fiscal year having out spent our revenue by about \$6,800. But this is a good thing because they had planned on a \$13,800 deficit for last year. So this is \$7,000 to the good. The club now has a reserve that meets the club stated policies. This year's budget will return to a balanced basis.

Drawing Winners

Drawing winners today included **Ed Collins**, **Fred Pasternack**, **Randy Marcove**, **Joe Marci**, **John Walsh**, **Ron Carlson**, **Gary Strowbridge**. **Fred, Gary**, and **Les Larson** took a chance on drawing the card for the \$70.00 big pot but none were successful.



Liberty Day

Fellow Optimist members including Liberty Day founder **Andy McKean** and President **Jimmy Sengenberger** presented their annual dinner fundraiser at the world famous White Fence Farm Family restaurant on November 6th. Over 150 Liberty Day supporters were entertained by President George Washington and his sidekick Quincy Madison Jefferson III.



Article & Photo by Phil Perington

Rev. **Bob Coulson** led the invocation thanking all the veterans present for their service and honoring all student guests as well. The evening was a celebration of Veterans Day and the Liberty Day Kids. The highlight of the night was a head-to-head "jeopardy" style contest between three teams of 5th graders conducted by President Washington and his sidekick. A good time was had by all.

Super Citizen Presenters for November

Nov 13 @ 1:00	Lowry	Paul Stratton
Nov 13 @ 2:30	MPB	Rob Gardner
Nov 22 @ 9:30	Holm	Ron Cisco
Nov 21 @ 12:45	McMeen	Mark Metevia
Nov 22 @ 3:00	Bradley	John Stoffel

Weekly Greeters

11/15/13	Keith Gallaway & Rob Gardner
11/22/13	Fred Pasternack & Dave Peck
11/29/13	Barry Barker & Curt Boell
12/6/13	Terry Shroyer & Rod Winget

Monaco South Calendar

Nov 15 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
 Nov 16 Sat 6:30 am TJ Craft Fair, S. Holly & Happy Canyon Road - See Craig Eley
 Nov 20 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
 Nov 22 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Joe Marci, Tree Lot Education
 Nov 23 Sat 8:00 am Thanksgiving Basket Delivery - See Jim Easton

**Past Presidents of the
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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Tom Overton	1996-97
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Peter Dimond	1997-98
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Stan Cohen	2000-01
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Pat Bush	1983-84	Jack Rife	2002-03
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Greg Young	2007-08
Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
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Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Paul Simon	2012-13
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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.