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TREE LOT UPDATE

Joe Marci says that we can be proud of the records set in past years but 2006 will break all those previously set (aren't that what records are for?). So far 89 different members have worked the Tree Lot and the 100 number appears attainable. This would be great as the previous record is 92 members who worked the lot.

The number of trees sold is already over 1,000 so we are on pace to break another record set in 1999 when we sold 1,454 trees.

We need more members to help in order to break those records. Any MSOC member who can work the lot for even one shift is invited to help us on this, our primary fundraiser.

The Tree Lot supports our 50 to 60 youth and community projects and allows us the time to enjoy them throughout the year. Come on down to the lot at Monaco and Evans and join in on the fun and camaraderie!

Meeting Place - - American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

NEWS THROUGH DECEMBER 15

Invocation & Pledge

Fred Pasternack offered the invocation, and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our great Flag of the United States of America!

Guests

Nick Newey's guest was Jim Hull and Gary Miller was here and submitted his application to join the club! Gary has already worked 15 hours on the Tree Lot!

King Soopers

Cy Regan sold \$1,250.00 worth of certificates today!

BRAIN BOWL

The Brain Bowls are coming!!

What is the Brain Bowl? They are a team academic competition for grades 6,7 and 8 answering questions based on speed and accuracy related to math science, history, computers, literature and common sense! (See dates for the competition in calendar). 170 teams competed last year and we expect 180 this year. Reader training is required for question readers and training sessions are as follows: JAN 13 (9-11 am) at Fairview HS Boulder in the cafeteria; JAN 18 (7-9 pm) at TJ HS Denver in rooms 132 and 134; JAN 27 (9-11 am) at North Arvada Middle School, Arvada.

See or call Tom Mauro to volunteer (scorekeepers, time keepers and readers in nearly 30–40 classrooms plus about 10–15 runners and written proctors are required) or to make financial contributions, and to sign up for reader training.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Don St.John says don't forget that we deliver Christmas baskets on Dec. 23rd. Joe Silver has donated 25 turkeys so we only need 5 more. Joe also has free tickets to "Musical Hats" for those who want them. Thanks to Joe for his generosity!

KIDS TO BREAKFAST

Gary Laman reminds us that 29 Dec is Kids to Breakfast day and that their will be a "Puppeteer" to entertain all us kids!!

White Elephant (s)

Oscar Sorensen re-announced the White Elephant gift exchange which takes place next Friday (22 Dec.). This is a really fun day as members clean out their house and get rid of no-longer needed junk! So, be sure and come, bring a wrapped gift and then see what Santa has for you! If you forget a gift come anyway as Santa always has extras.

Christmas Party

A great time was had by all who attended the Christmas Party last Saturday Night. Thanks to all who planned it and provided the food and drink. A special thanks to Frank Ross (and others) for providing the entertainment. (See some pictures on the following page).

Today's Speaker

Joe Temple spoke to us about Dinosaur Ridge and the Fossil Trace Golf Course. Two areas that deserve visits to learn about the history and ecology of the area. Deserts, sand dunes and oceans once covered the land we live in!

A CHRISTMAS MONTAGE...THE PARTY AND THE TREE LOT



MONACO SOUTH CALENDAR

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|------------|---------|--|
| Thu Dec 21 | 6:30 pm | Board Meeting, Craig Eley's Office |
| Fri Dec 22 | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall, "White Elephant Gift Exchange" |
| Sat Dec 23 | 8:00 am | Christmas Baskets Delivery |
| Fri Dec 29 | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall, "Kids to Breakfast" |
| Fri Jan 5 | 7:00 am | Meeting Legion Hall, Jennifer Auen, "Starbucks Community" |
| Fri Jan 12 | 7:00 am | Meeting Legion Hall, Jeff Jones "Alternative Fuels" |
| Fri Jan 12 | | <u>Super Citizen</u> , McMeen, 1:30 and 2:15 pm, Gary Miller |
| Tue Jan 16 | | <u>Super Citizen</u> , Samuels, 1:15 and 2:00 pm, Greg Young |
| Thu Jan 18 | | <u>Super Citizen</u> , M.P.B., 2:30 pm, Bruce Prather |
| Fri Jan 19 | 7:00 am | Meeting Legion Hall, Camaraderie Day |
| Sat Jan 20 | 7:00 am | <u>Brain Bowl</u> , Fairview High School, Boulder (See training requirements) |
| Fri Jan 26 | 7:00 am | Meeting Legion Hall, Doug Morton "Doug's father, Mush Morton, USS Wahoo, Commanding Officer" |
| Fri Jan 26 | | <u>Super Citizen</u> , Holm, 9:00 am, Fred Pasternack |
| Fri Jan 26 | | <u>Super Citizen</u> , Bradley, 3:00 pm, Joe Marci |
| Sat Feb 3 | 7:00 am | <u>Brain Bowl</u> , TJ High School, Denver (See training requirements) |

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Bob Safe	1995-96
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Tom Overton	1996-97
John Young	1982-83	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Pat Bush	1983-84	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Cy Regan	1999-00
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Don St. John	2001-02
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Jack Rife	2002-03
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Karl Geil	2003-04
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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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