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TODAYS SPEAKER

Our speaker today was Captain Bobby Kmak the commander of Station 22 and a 16-year veteran of the Denver Fire Department. Captain Kmak told us of the many activities his firefighters are involved in as well as their primary job — putting out fires! Among the ones he talked about were: the necessity of exercise to stay in shape, whether running up and down stairs or playing football; housecleaning and building maintenance to keep their firehouse in good shape (also saves labor costs); testing 6600 feet of hoses every year; inspecting 700 businesses a year; individual training in EMS/EMT and other disciplines; staying perfect in basic firefighting techniques; and, upward training, acting officers and engineers. Captain kmak also mentioned the volunteer activities he and his crew participate in such as cerebral palsey, scout troops and school briefings, fire safety classes, etc. They also have a program called “firefighter for a day” in which an individual visits the firehouse for lunch or dinner, is briefed on the equipment and given a general orientation.



Turning to practical matters he told us that their rig makes about 2400 runs a year. Theirs is eight years old and while it averages 9800 miles a year the wear and tear on the engine is much greater than the mileage would indicate due to the necessity to run the engine at high speeds while stopped at a fire to provide power for their equipment. He also said that approximately 90% of their budget goes to staffing. New rigs are in the budget for the Department but on a prioritized basis and he hopes to get one next year! It was a very interesting talk and our thanks to Captain Kmak!

**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 8

Invocation & Pledge

Paul Simon offered the invocation, and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Jack Rife had Ted Schilling and Oscar Sorensen brought Gary Miller (with and application). Frank Middleton introduced Pat Bush (a past Monaco South President) while Frank Ross's guest was Bob Curley (also with an application). Way to go guys!!!!

King Soopers

Cy Regan continued to set sales records with \$1,350.00 worth of certificates sold today!

T. J CRAFT FAIR

Craig Eley thanked all (Donlie Smith, Joe Marci, Cy Regan, Frank Ross, Craig Eley Oscar Sorensen, Gary Strowbridge, Ken Raak, Gary Laman, Bill Litchfield, Don Thomson, Leo Hagele, Russ Paul and Tom Mauro) who helped direct traffic at the T.J. Craft Fair on Nov. 18th. and then read their thank you note.

BRAIN BOWL

Karl Geil and Tom Overton reminded us of the two Brain Bowls to come, one Jan 20 at Fairview High School in Boulder and the second at T.J. High School on Feb. 3. Training sessions on Jan 13, 18 and 27. Volunteers and donations (that's money) needed. Tom Mauro is the Volunteer Chair and sign-up sheets will be passed around. Please help out with these great events!!

PARKER OPTIMIST CLUB

Jim Brown says they need help with a

"Youth for Parker" event on Dec. 15th. Four folks at 4-7 and 6:30-9:30. Call Jessica Paggen, President 303.941.4907.

THE BIG CHILI COOK OFF

Ron Cisco announced that the 15th annual Big Chili Cook -Off will take place on Saturday, 16 December at that well-know exotic eatery, the Monaco South Tree Lot Headquarters Building located at Monaco and Evans (this eatery is only know by a select few of Denver's most elite diners as the price of most menu items, coffee, popcorn, etc. is astronomical). Since Ron thinks he has won so many times in the past he has declared himself the Chef-emeritus and will no longer compete. Judging will take place at 11:30 to enable two shifts to sample these dietary delights!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Don St. John reminded us that we will deliver about 30 baskets on 23 December and we need more to help.

KIDS TO BREAKFAST

Gary Laman says don't forget to bring your kids, grandkids and greats (if you have them) to breakfast on 29 December. This will be a fun time for all!!

BIRTHDAYS

You poor folks born in December were treated to Monaco South's rendition of HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MONEY STUFF

Tom Mauro wants those who put ads in the membership directory to remember to pay our treasurer \$25.00. Also, the Rockies need help!!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS – BOB AVERY

Many thanks to the following members who helped deliver Thanksgiving baskets on the 18th of November. Bruce Prather, Greg Young, Ron Cisco, John Young, Gary Strowbridge, Harry Johnson, Don Thomson, Frank Middleton, Bob Finkelmeier, Joe Marci, John Stoffel, Nick Newey, Dick Daley, John Greene, Bill Wells, Eldon Strong, Kent Gloor, Freddie Pasternack, Paul Bernard, Carl Geil, Doug Morton. We delivered 25 food baskets to families from the public schools we sponsor through our Super Citizen program. Special thanks to Don St. John and Coy Horton who helped load up the food at the Safeway at Monaco and Yale. Everything seemed to go smoothly this year maybe my 'herding cats' speech was taken to heart!

In addition to the above members thanks to the following for purchasing 2 turkeys to help the budget out. John Young, Ron Cisco, Doug Morton, Eldon Strong, Jack Rife, Greg Young, Harry Johnson, Don St. John, Cy Regan, John Stoffel, Lew Lerner, Frank Middleton, John Greene, and Tom Mauro. It is the intention that those of you who purchased the turkeys would be reimbursed. If you have a receipt for the turkeys please turn them into our treasurer, George Buzick. I believe we only had two baskets that didn't make it to their intended families, however, Ron Cisco made sure they made it to some needy families from the Boys and Girls Club.

TREE LOT – SANTA'S ELVES AT WORK

The Tree Lot has seen 72 MSOC Elves help so far this year. We are ahead of schedule on trees sold and this can be attributed to the large turnout of Elves assisting customers buy the perfect tree. We have never had 100 different members work on this our primary fundraiser. Lets' do it this year as we celebrate our 30th year as a club. Members who work 12 hours or more will receive their tree at cost and will be billed after the holidays. ROTC students from T.J. will be helping us on the weekends to serve our many customers.

There are some Elves working at home to make this project successful. You might not see **Curt Jefferies** who mailed 1400 post cards, **Gerry Davis** who collated and stapled our Thank You's with other handouts and **Ralph Pedersen** who does our banking. Thanks again to them for their service this year!! These next two weekends will be our biggest sales for the year. **COME OUT AND HELP MAKE 2006 OUR BEST YEAR YET !!!**



Monaco South Calendar

Fri Dec 15	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall, Joe Temple, "Dinosaurs in Your Backyard"
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
Mon Dec 25		MERRY CHRISTMAS
Fri Dec 29	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall, "Kids to Breakfast"
Sun Dec 31		New Year's Eve
Mon Jan 1		HAPPY (2007) NEW YEAR!
Fri Jan 5	7:00 am	Meeting Legion Hall, Jenifer Aum, "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 _____
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
Fri Jan 26	7:00 am	Meeting Legion Hall, Doug Morton "Doug's father, Mush Morton, USS Wahoo, Commanding Officer"

Past Presidents

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Bill Walters	1991-92
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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