



Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South (GUMS)



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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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Editor for this Issue—John Oss



Good Morning Optimists

This cold morning we were greeted warmly by George Buzick and Michael Chaves. Thanks guys!

First Bell

After the Pledge of Allegiance, president **Randy Marcove** spied Bud Black from the tree lot rescue squad. Bud, it has been a while! Also spotted was Scott (the tree driller) Walker. It's great to be all together again. The tree lot brings out the best and the Optimism in everyone.

Prez Randy introduced new member **Ryan Thompson**, Boy Scouts of America executive, who helped our club become a sponsor of Cub Scout Pack 813, that started this year. Ryan and Randy let us in a knee, thigh, and hand slapping version of "I'm a little tea pot" to get us all awake and motivated. Editors Note: The Boy Scouts Denver Area Council was so impressed with MSOC that they paid for Ryan's first year dues. Only one such sponsorship is given per year by the council that oversees the scout activities in Arapahoe, Adams, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Jefferson, Clear Creek, Park and Gilpin counties.

This Week's Tree Lot Activity

What a great team effort. The following members have already worked the Christmas tree lot the minimum number of 12-hours and have earned themselves the opportunity to purchase anything on the tree lot at our cost. Thank you for all the hard work so far so Monaco South youth and community service projects can move forward. Eleven have worked over 20-hours: **Joe Marci, Randy Marcove, Greg Young, Phil Perington, Russ Paul, Bryce Slaby, Gary Miller, Oscar Sorensen, John Oss, Harry Fegley,** and

Gary Strowbridge. Twenty more have worked over 10-hours: **Karl Geil, John Greene, Mike Miller, Craig Eley, Steve Kady, Al Gapuzan, Fred Pasternack, Jim Tapp, Jack Kitchell, Les Larson, Mark Metevia, Tom Mauro, Wyatt McCallie, Bob Avery, Lynn Jones, Kent Gloor, Tom Wos, Don Thomson, Frank Middleton, OC Larson, Ron Cisco, George Buzick, Curt Jefferies, Don St.John, Mike Chavez, Mike Prete, Tom Charters, Francis Ross, and Tom Hoch.**

New Member Induction

Prez Randy got the Board, sponsors and new members all up on the stage. **Patrick Bush**, sponsor **Russ Paul**; **Ryan Thompson**, sponsor **Frank Middleton**; and **Richard Wray**, sponsor **John Oss**, all expressed their allegiance to our club. They followed Randy's guide as they were sworn in, reciting the Optimist Creed. Welcome aboard gentleman!



Photo Don StJohn

Announcements

Channel 6 Auction: **Bryce Slaby** had 16 guys signed up and present to man the telephones for the Channel 6 fund-raising on December 6th. Those who helped Bryce out were **Joe Marci, Greg Young, Phil Perington, Jack Kitchell, John Stoffel, Allen Pierce, Randy Marcove, Mike Chavez, Frank Mid-**

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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****

Announcements Continued

dleton, Ryan Thompson, Russ Paul, Dick Cohen, and Tom Charters all participated.

Super Citizen Program: Tom Mauro reported that Robert Wardlaw spoke at the Hamilton Middle School Super Citizen on Thursday, December 8th. Twelve students, their families and staff, appreciated the presentation. Wyatt McCallie, Karl Geil, and Tom supported the effort.

Bob Safe Visited: Jack Kitchell announced that he visited our 20th President (1995-6) this past week. Jack mentioned that Bob is losing his eyesight and his wife has had two strokes. You can call with Holiday Wishes and Cheers at 303-730-8104.

Sell Rechargeable Card: Don't forget to sell King Soopers gift cards at the tree lot. We have \$10 and \$20 denominations and the cards are reloadable. Cards are in the binder behind the cash box – be sure to log the sale. Every reload of a card earns the club 5% of the amount, and the card owner gets full value for their reload. Cards can be used at King Soopers Grocery as well as City Market & Loaf and Jug.

White Elephant Gift Exchange: Oscar Sorensen reminded us to bring white elephant gifts Friday, December 23rd. Santa will be present!

Christmas Food Baskets: Mike Chavez is looking for volunteers to help deliver Christmas Baskets of food to those in need. Social workers and principals of the elementary schools in our community are giving us names and addresses for the project. Sign up on the board going around at meetings or call Mike at 303-771-7500.

Chili Cook-Off: Ron Cisco encouraged all cook-off contestants to have entries at the trailer on Saturday, December 17th by 11:30 a.m. Ron is NOT bringing his world class chili this year so everyone has a chance. He is opening up the field for the young upstarts. Members who enter the Chili Cook-off will be rewarded by compliments from our many workers who love to eat and sell trees. We also expect students from TJ & GW high schools this weekend to help us as well as enjoy the chili.

Santa is Busy: Craig Eley put up a great sign, posted on Monaco. Santa's last week included: Ron



Carlson, Rich Wray, Phil Perington, Tom Hoch, Don Thomson, and Bob Avery. Editor: Last week Santa went beyond the call of duty. He put a small

Christmas tree in the hands of a needy mother who brought her child to see Santa. Only the best!



Santa Eldon Strong with another satisfied customer!

Sign Up for Tree Lot Sales

Online Sign-up

1. Log into the MSOC site at: <http://www.monacosouth.org>
2. Click on the "Members Only" link on the left side of the page
3. Click on "Christmas Tree Lot" Schedule
Enter User Name: msocetrees
Enter Password: xmas2011 (Note: User Name & password are case sensitive - don't enter any capitals)
4. Click on the magnifying glass in one of the calendar days to see the contents of a day. When you do this you are taken to a box that shows the 4 shifts for that day and the staffing level (number of workers needed for each shift). M-Th shifts require 3 workers, Friday requires 4 and weekends vary according to time of day—busy times on Sat. and Sun. need as many as 10.
5. Click on pencil icon in one of the calendar days to add name (or edit) to a shift on that day. When you are done adding (or editing) click on "SAVE" at bottom to save changes. You can click on "View Week" in the left column of the calendar to see the sign-ups for the whole week. You can click on "View Weekend" to see the sign-ups for the weekend only.

Tree Lot Trailer Number

720-514-2810

Tree Lot Update: Joe Marci reported that tree selling weather is here with the snow. Despite the recent snow we are on target to reach the 2011 sales target. So far 74 different members have worked toward our goal of 100 or more members participating this year. In fact 22 members worked on Thursday, December 8th to unload two truck loads of trees and pricing over 300 trees. They were ably assisted by Four Tamarac Optimists members.



A little girls wish list which she gave to one of our Santa's at the tree lot.

Closing Bell

The pot was up to \$100. Bob Finkelmeier offered the "pot". Nobody seems to have the hot hand.

Guest Speaker Author, Mike Befeler

In the May, 2008, issue of the AARP Bulletin Mike Befeler was identified as one of four authors in a new emerging mystery sub-genre. Harlan Coben, president of Mystery Writers of America stated, "We've just scratched the surface on geezer-lit. It could be the next frontier in crime fiction." Mike turned his attention to fiction writing after a career in high technology marketing. His debut novel,

Retirement Homes are Murder, was published January, 2007. The second novel in his Paul Jacobson Geezer-lit Mystery Series, *Living with Your Kids is Murder*, appeared April, 2009 and was nominated for the Lefty Award for the best humorous mystery of 2009. The third book in the series, *Senior Moments are Murder*, was released August, 2011.

Mike is an acclaimed speaker and gives two entertaining and informative presentations titled, "The Secret of Growing Older Gracefully—Aging and Other Minor Inconveniences" and "How To Survive Retirement," which promote a positive image of aging.

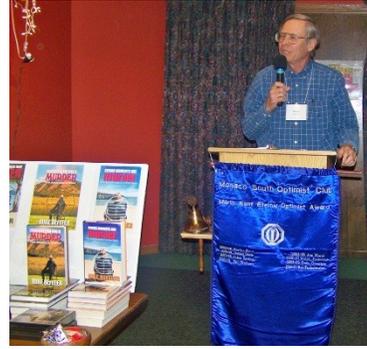
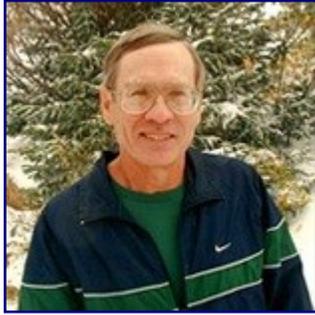


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Visit Mike's webpage at: <http://www.mikebefeler.com/>

And view Mike's presentation on YouTube at:
 Part 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eTEdLeoaD8>
 Part 2: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXnkJH1m4EY&feature=related>
 Part 3: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_6ls1-SYp8&feature=related

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
12/16/11	Tom Charters, Mike McMahon, & Al Gapuzan
12/23/11	Ron Cisco & Ron Carlson
12/30/11	Rich Mahoney & Fred Pasternack
1/6/12	Joe Marci & James Riley
1/13/12	Paul Stratton & James Riley
1/20/12	Woody Thibodeau & Nick Newey

Super Citizen Presenters for December

14 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	George Buzick
15 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	Pat Bush
16 @ 8:30 am	Samuels	Jack Kitchell
16 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	John Oss

Monaco South Calendar

Dec 14 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102*
Note date change

Dec 16 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

Dec 17 Sat 8:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Christmas Basket Delivery - see Mike Chavez

Dec 23 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - White Elephant Gift Exchange

Dec 25 Sun Merry Christmas 

Dec 30 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

Jan 1 Sun 2012 Happy New Year 

Jan 6 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - The Brain Bowl is Coming!

Jan 9 Mon 6:30 pm New Member Orientation, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Safe	1995-96
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Tom Overton	1996-97
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Cy Regan	1999-00
John Young	1982-83	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Pat Bush	1983-84	Don St. John	2001-02
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Jack Rife	2002-03
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Karl Geil	2003-04
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Bob Avery	1989-90	Greg Young	2007-08
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Ed Collins	2010-11
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94		

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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.