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Optimists Bring Out the
Best in Children



The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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JOE MARCI announced the 30th year of the South Monaco Optimist Club Christmas Tree Lot. Being the largest fundraiser for the club, this event was the featured topic for today's meeting.

Last year the largest number of club members to date, 93, worked the lot. Joe announced that this year's goal is to have 100 members help out. The trees are set to arrive the day after Thanksgiving and all available hands are requested on deck. The power pole is up, and a new meter box has been ordered to comply with city code and should be arriving soon. The event will require 1500 hours of labor, the sign up sheet was available to fill in the 3 hour shifts from 9 am to 9 pm. A total of 1,200 trees have been ordered, the majority coming from Oregon, the heartier Douglas trees coming from Michigan. There will be 7 to 8 different varieties of trees available. The trees will be cut this month, loaded into trucks and shipped to a local distribution center here in Denver.



Joe advises - Sell, Sell, Sell! Give the customer what they want, an enjoyable experience purchasing a tree, bows, garland, etc. For those of us new to the operation, we are in for a fun time. This will be an ideal time to work with and get to know different members. If possible a minimum of two people will work the lot at all time. Members unable to lift trees or stand for long periods are encouraged to work as cashiers. Prices for the trees will be the same as last year. In addition to sales prices, the club also receives tips; these are to be recorded on the sales order for each transaction. Other products, including tree fresh, tree bags, and mistletoe will be available in the trailer.

Flyers with lot information will be made ready for distribution to targeted sites for posting. The club has a data base of over 1000 names from past purchases and works to keep this information current. The club does not have insurance for fire and theft on the lot. The lot has been the victim of theft in the past **Tree Lot**, page 2

Meeting Place

American Legion Hall Post 1

5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado

Every Friday Morning, 7 - 8 a.m.

Tree Lot continued

including 1988, when it was robbed of cash. The subsequent publicity featuring front page stories in the local papers helped make that year one of the best on record. However, this is not an ideal way to reach our sales goals, let's all be careful and cautious.

On occasion, customers have reported trees with excess needle loss or some form of dissatisfaction. These customers will be issued new trees and they do not need to return the old one. These instances are rare but do occur. Ralph Pedersen request that when stamping the checks, take care to fill the line where the stamp should go, it helps with processing. Joe reported last year's winter blizzards had an adverse effect on sales, leaving 70 trees unsold. *Let's all have fun and enjoy another year in this great tradition!*

Good Morning Optimists!

President GREG YOUNG began the meeting by welcoming all. DICK COHEN gave the invocation and expanded on the beliefs of the optimist vs. the pessimist. He then led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RON GUSTAS introduced Larry Sward, a South Monaco club charter member who now lives in Ridgeway.

FREDDIE PASTERNAK wanted to introduce a guest/new member he had hoped to introduce last week, but was unable to due to not attending last week's meeting.

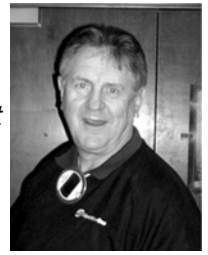
ED COLLINS announced the tree cutting on his property to be held next Saturday the 17th. Especially needed are chain saws, trucks, and trailers. Young, strong volunteers are also needed to help. Family members who would enjoy a day of labor in the woods are welcome and encouraged.

Here is a thank you recently posted in the **Boys and Girls Club Newsletter**: *Optimist Club member's passion leads to Thanksgiving tradition at Boys & Girls Club, 11/02/07.*

For more than 20 years, members of the Monaco South Optimist Club have served up a hot Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings to members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver and their families. The man behind this ongoing effort is BILL WALTERS, an Optimist Club member since 1977. Bill has done work in the catering, printing, and real estate industries, and today is with Workflow, a sales and business promotional incentive firm. His passion and

enthusiasm have made a Thanksgiving meal into a beloved holiday tradition for Club members, their families, and staff members at the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Congratulations to Bill on his years of service and dedication to young people in our community, and we want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all members of the Monaco South Optimist Club for making the Thanksgiving holiday extra special at Boys & Girls Clubs!



Thanksgiving Dinners at the Boys and Girls Club

Yes, we will have Thanksgiving Dinners at the Boys and Girls Club, and Girls, Inc. again this year. We will need 30 plus members and folks to help out with this big event. The date is Nov. 20th. Be at the Boys and Girls Club, 3840 W. Kentucky by 5 pm, those that will help setup, be there by 4 pm. Food will be delivered by 3 pm.

Those working at Girls, Inc. need to pick up the food between 3 and 4 pm.

Help is needed serving, cleaning, and delivering all the items, food, plates, cups, hot boxes, etc. It's a big job and we will need all the help we can get. If you have a van or truck, we will need you!

Please see DONLIE SMITH for specific jobs that need to be done. Sign up sheet will be passed at the meeting or call Donlie @ 303-759-0380.

P.S. Donlie brings good news. The cook from the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech, has been enlisted to cook for the Thanksgiving dinner!

RUSS PAUL reports good response for the traffic detail for the TJ Craft Fair next Saturday, November 17th. He hopes to be done early for those volunteering in other events that day.

BOB AVERY has Thanksgiving Baskets to be distributed, on Saturday as well. After some discussion, the plan is to meet at 8:30 am at the Legion hall and plan to leave around 9 am.

WYATT McCALLIE announced his daughter was in labor and would be delivering his first grandchild very soon. Congratulations Wyatt, Joanie and family.

CY REGAN tallied \$1,775 for grocery card sales this week. A strong showing heading into the holiday season!

Veterans Day, November 11th

Veterans Day is an American holiday honoring military veterans. Both a federal holiday and a state holiday in all states, it is celebrated on the same day as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world.

When World War I officially ended on June 28, 1919, with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles this became known as Armistice Day. The actual fighting between the Allies and Germany had ended seven months earlier with the armistice, which went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Armistice Day became a holiday in the United States in 1926, and a national holiday 12 years later. On June 1, 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans.



In 1968, new legislation changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

Veterans Day is largely intended to thank veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to United States national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served—not only those who died—have sacrificed and done their duty.

Interestingly, the holiday is commonly misprinted as Veteran's Day or Veterans' Day in calendars and advertisements. THANKS TO ALL OUR VETERAN'S!

Monaco South Calendar

Nov 13	Tue	6:30 pm	MSOC Board Meeting—Eley's Office
Nov 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Camaraderie Day
Nov 17	Sat	7:00 am	Help Park Cars at TJ High School Craft Fair
Nov 17	Sat	8:30 am	Thanksgiving Baskets—Legion Hall
Nov 20	Tue	5:00 pm	Boys & Girls Clubs Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Chad Slaby, Rugby
Nov 23	Fri	9:00 am	Tree Lot Setup—Come to the Tree Lot to Assist
Nov 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Pappy Ryan, <i>Critters on Film</i>
Dec 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Donna Aazira, <i>Breathing for Life</i>
Dec 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Craig Ross, <i>Stop the Elephant in the Office</i>
Dec 18	Tue	6:30 pm	MSOC Board Meeting—Eley's Office
Dec 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Camaraderie Day, <i>Holiday White Elephant Exchange</i>
Dec 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall—Kids to Breakfast

Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Kent Gloor	1992-93
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Mark Metevia	1994-95
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bob Safe	1995-96
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Tom Overton	1996-97
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Peter Dimond	1997-98
John Young	1982-83	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Pat Bush	1983-84	Cy Regan	1999-00
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Don St. John	2001-02
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Jack Rife	2002-03
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	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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