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Christmas Day
12-25-2015



Kwanzaa
12-26 — 1-1-2016



Boxing Day
12-26-2015



Hanukkah
12-6 — 12-14-15



**Happy Holidays
and Happy New Year!**

Updated first page from December 25, 2009.

The last time we celebrated Christmas & New Years on a Friday was in 2009.

Our President was Phil Perington, who said we met, but we got snowed out on New Years Day.

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*****

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Meeting

If you went to the Legion Hall on Friday morning for the meeting, you found no greeters, no invocation, no announcements, no comradery, no friendly smiles, and drawing winners. That is because THERE WAS NO MEETING. You should have been exchanging gifts and spending time with family. If you go again next Friday, the result will be the same except this time you should be watching football with beer or wine and family.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, January 8, 2016.

Announcements

Christmas Tree Lot: The tree lot closed earlier last week after a very successful run. **Joe Marci** expertly planned the inventory and we sold all of the trees.



However, it started on Tuesday, when **Allen Yockey** got this shot of Denver Fire Station 22 Tower Crew taking down our pole sign.

Greg Young reported with a photo, that two very cute co-eds dropped off cookies at the lot Monday night because they were so thrilled with their tree and service last week. They wanted to say thanks! Is was a nice treat and **Joe Marci** admitted that he ate four and they were great!



John Oss was on the scene when the last tree was sold and left the lot on Wednesday morning by two happy repeat customers.

Therefore, much of day was spent tearing down the lot and storing the equipment until this time next year.

Joe will be giving a report about the success of the lot in the near future. We want to thank all of the members that worked the lot and made it such a success. We could not have done it without the support of the membership.

Santa's Come Through for the Kids!: **Craig Eley** shared that between them, 15 Monaco South members filled all 64 hours of Santa duty at the Tree Lot this season, to the delight of dozens of kids, parents and (sometimes) their pets.

Our Santa's not only made themselves available to provide a great experience for the children, but their service guarantees that the parents will come back year after year

to buy their trees.

Those of the strong bladder who did two-hour Santa shifts (most did more than one) for the good of the kids, the Club and the community are: **Don Thomson, Jim Vander Kamp, Phil Perington, Bob Avery, John Oss, Don Iley, Tom Glazier, John Swick, Mike White, Paul Gibson, Chris Dunphy, Kent Gloor, Harry Arkin, Mark Metevia, and Tom Ho, Ho, Hoch.** To see our guys in action, go to <https://goo.gl/photos/t1wuvAhwPJLsD6FJ9>.

Due to the design-build method employed in constructing a new interior for the Santa Haus (many thanks to **Scott Walker** for his expertise in the remodel), the Club found itself with some surplus sheets and partial sheets of very thin plywood. Rather than store them for a future project that will likely never occur, and not wanting to throw them into the landfill, Santa Wrangler **Craig Eley** listed them on Denver Freecycle. Freecycle is an internet listserve where people give away stuff that is still useful to others who need it.

Janet Vogenthaler claimed the plywood, and sent this email after picking it up at the Tree Lot:

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! The plywood is perfect!!! The nice boys at the lot helped me load & secure the load. Craig Eley!!! You guys are Awesome!

You kiss those Monaco South Optimists for me. On the Lips! ☺

Craig agreed only to pass along Janet's written appreciation.

Lot Clean Up: According to a report, **Steve Kady** has a way of making deals. He walks over to the street sweeper in the middle of the Walmart parking lot. And he talks the sweeper driver into sweeping our Christmas tree lot. It's has never been so clean. As the last tree left the lot and the peripherals went back into storage, the was swept clean did the job. The trailer will be moved this coming week.



Did You Lose Something at the Lot?: Found at the trailer:

- One pair purple gloves, looks new.
- One pair dark brown land's end suede loafers.

See **Greg Young** to claim same.

Presentation to Hugo Gonzales: Prez Michael Chavez announced he presented to Hugo Gonzales, owner of Four G's restaurants a thank you plaque for once again donating 150 pumpkin pies for the Boys and Girls Club Thanksgiving dinner. This was the second year Hugo has participated.



Michael Chavez with Hugo Gonzales, owner of Four G's restaurants.

Photo Steve Kady



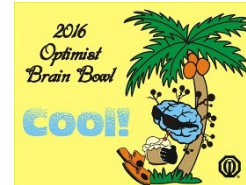
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Brain Bowl: Karl Geil reminded us, even though we are not meeting over these two weeks does not mean the preparation for the Optimist Brain Bowl is also suspended. The North Regional Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 9th, one day after our next meeting. We must get all of the reader trained by then and it is estimated that we will need around forty readers. There will be two training sessions prior to the first tournament. One training session will be held this coming Saturday, January 2nd in Boulder at the Valmont Church located at 3262 61st Street. It starts at 9 a.m. and runs to noon. Another training session will be held at Heritage High School, 1401 W. Geddes Drive in Littleton. It will be on Tuesday, January 5th from 6 to 9 p.m. All readers must attend one of these two training sessions if they want to read at the North Regional Tournament. A final reader training will be held on Saturday, January 23rd at Hamilton Middle School at 8600 E. Dartmouth Avenue. That session starts at 9 a.m. and run to noon. All of the tournaments are listed below:

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	ADDRESS
January 9, 2016	North Region	Stanley Lake H.S.	9300 W. 104th Ave.
January 30, 2015	Central Region	Arapahoe H.S.	2201 E. Dry Creek Road
February 6, 2016	South Region	Horizon M.S.	1750 Piros Drive, Colorado, Springs
February 20, 2016	Championship	Hamilton M.S.	8600 E. Dartmouth Ave.

Volunteers must report in at the tournament site by 6:45 a.m. You might want to show up a little earlier to get some coffee and donuts. You can sign up for reader training and volunteer for a tournament(s) on www.optimistbrainbowl.org.



Last of the Tree Lot



Last Tuesday, December 22, slim pickings.



Craig Eley pulls the bag over a Santa Haus Nutcracker, who dwell in darkness for the next 11 months—the nutcracker that is.



Last Tuesday, Phil Perington wrestles one of the last trees into place.

Photos Craig Eley



January Super Citizen Presenters

Jan 20 @ 8:00	Highline	?
Jan 20 @ 2:30	MPB	?
Jan 20 @ 3:00	Bradley	?
Jan 28 @ 3:00	McMeen	?

Be a Super Citizen Presenter
See Rob Gardner, 720-263-6203
gardnerrb@gmail.com

Weekly Greeters

12/25/15	Merry Christmas — No Meeting
1/1/2016	Happy New Year — No Meeting
1/8/2016	?

Help, Help, Help — we need
Friday morning greeters,
see Jon Wachter, 303-204-5645 or
jon_wachter@msn.com

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2015-2016 40th Birthday Year — Chartered in 1976

Jan 1	Fri	-----	Happy New Year — No meeting — eat breakfast at home —
Jan 2	Sat	9:00 am	Brain Bowl Reader Training, Valmont Presbyterian Church, 3262 61 st St, Boulder
Jan 5	Tue	6:00 pm	Brain Bowl Reader Training, Heritage High School, 1401 W. Gaddes Ave., Littleton
Jan 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Jan 9	Sat	6:45 am	Brain Bowl, North Regional, Standley High School, 9300 W. 104 th Ave., Westminster
Jan 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Jan 21	Thu	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way



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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96		

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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.