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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimists

Greeting us this morning was astronaut (not quite, but ask him about it) **John Oss** and attorney for Denver Water, **Casey Funk**. Thanks, guys, for your smiles and hand shakes! **President Randy** opened the meeting with his own greeting, wishing everyone a “*Good morning!*” **Jim Vander Kamp**, executive director of Roundup Fellowship, gave the invocation.

Guest

Mike Miller introduced his grandson, Ashton, dressed in military fatigues. Welcome, Ashton, and thanks for serving our country.

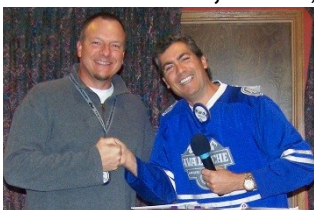
New Member Induction

President Randy duly inducted **Mike McMann**, on the left in the picture, with board members surrounding. His sponsor? None other than **President Randy**, a fine example for all of us. So bring in a member!



Boy Scout Representative

Jon Wachter, on left, was presented with a certificate from the Boy Scouts of America as the OCMS representative to the new Cub Scout Pack 813, organized by **Frank Middleton** and friends at Bradley International School.



Photos Don StJohn

President's Update

Housekeeping: In a response to a request from the American Legion, please we put all chairs up on the tables upon leaving the meeting. **Gary Strow-**

bridge was called upon to demonstrate and did a tremendous job to a long and drawn out applause from the members.

Holiday Party Chair Needed: OCMS is looking for an individual that would like to Chair our upcoming Holiday Party. You must be willing to have fun, coordinate the festivities, and have a desire to spread Holiday Cheer. A date for this annual tradition has not been set, so you do have some time. Please let **Prez Randy** know if you are interested.



Condolences to Phil Perington: Our condolences go out to Phil and his family. His mother, Virginia died peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by people who loved her on Friday. Per Phil, “*Checkers was there through the whole thing too. She was looking forward to going to Heaven, and looking forward to looking up Elvis Presley (whom she just absolutely adored). She was admired and loved by many. Coincidentally, she liked Andy Rooney, but his eyebrows drove her nuts. Phil believe that she will straighten them up as they're on their way to Heaven.*” Services will be held at Chapel Hill Cemetery Saturday, November 12th, at St. John's Cathedral. Time to be arranged.

Announcements

Turkey Pick Up: **Donlie Smith** needs trucks to pickup 750 lbs. of turkey for the **Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner** at the Boys and Girls Club, 3480 West Kentucky on Tuesday evening, November 22nd. We also need a bunch of guys and their families to help serve the dinners cafeteria style. It's a treat to see those smiling boys and girls coming through the line, and they appreciate us a great deal. They have always sent us a humongous thank you card after the event. Please see Donlie to sign up.

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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

Channel 6 Auction: Bryce Slaby needs 12 telephone experts to help during the auction on Sunday, December 4th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. Please sign up on the clip board going around at the meeting or see Bryce.



Paul Gleditsch Memorial Service: Tom Overton reported on the service, giving accolades to **President Randy** for a most fitting eulogy. Randy interjected that memorial contributions can be made to *Bring On The Music*, 4112 Lakefront Drive, Loveland, CO 80537 or visit BringOnTheMusic.org. Paul's brother David is helping to keep Paul's nonprofit organization alive. His organization ensures that no child goes without access to musical instruments and the creative power of music. They work to provide musical instruments and instruction support to middle school children through existing school programs.

Frist Quarter District Meeting: Tom Overton also reported on the 1st Quarter District Meeting held in Colorado Springs. He was concerned about our attendance as a club—way down from previous times. The next District Meeting will be held at the Stanley Hotel, that's in Estes Park Freddy, on February 10-12, 2012. All Monaco South members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Thomas Jefferson HS Craft Fair: Oscar, the Viking, **Sorensen** pleaded for 16 parking attendants at the school, 7 a.m. on Saturday, November 19th. You will be done by 9 a.m. or so—just in time to do Thanksgiving Baskets. Hot beverages and donuts for all.

Thanksgiving Baskets: Bob Avery, appearing somewhat frustrated by all the activities on the same day, said come out and help with Thanksgiving baskets Saturday, November 19th. He needs volunteers to deliver 40 Thanksgiving baskets to those in need. You can come at 8 a.m. to help setup or after serving as a parking attendant to deliver. Social workers and principals of the neighboring elementary schools give us the names and addresses for delivery. Sign-up for this important project, a great way to buddy up and take your children and grandchildren on a mission of mercy.



Christmas Tree Sales: Joe Marci, bless his hide, along with his friends, will head up his 30+ season.



File photo from 2010.

Joe reported on the meeting held last Friday, which he thought was the best attended ever—22 warm bodies, all interested in making this our best year ever! The season begins in earnest the day after

Thanksgiving, which falls on Friday, November 25th for setup. Please give this project your utmost time and attention. *Isn't it better than having to sell candy or raffle tickets or whatever?* Just one month of your time. Please sign up for several 3-hour shifts during this major fund raiser.

Entertainment Books: Joe Marci still has Entertainment Books available; the price has been reduced! From \$30 to \$25. Proceeds go to Optimist Junior Golf.

Tree Cutting Excursion: Past President Ed Collins appeared very frustrated by the absence of sign ups—only 2! He is considering changing the venue from the foothills to in town, but not City Park! Please call Ed with your support. This is a great project and helps us to acquire *Charlie Brown Christmas trees*.

Wife of new member Frank Rowe, Elected to the Denver School Board: A Denver native, Anne Rowe is a small-business owner, with 20 years in publishing and 10 years in the legal placement and concierge



On the playground at Slavens School, August 2011

business. She is a graduate of Stanford University and earned her MBA at the University of Denver. Anne has lived in southeast Denver with her husband Frank and their daughters Kate, Tory, and Biz, since 1990. All three girls are graduates of Slavens K-8 and have attended/are attending George Washington High School. For the 2011-2012 school year, Kate will be a freshman at Occidental College in Los Angeles, Tory will be junior at GW, and Biz will be a freshman there. We at Monaco South salute Anne and look forward to her service for the kids of Denver. Congratulations Anne!

INTERESTING WEBSITES

- ⇒ Want more DIY tips? Check out the Weekend Warrior blog inside the [WD-40 Fan Club](http://www.wd40.com/) at <http://www.mywd40.com/>.
- ⇒ A day in the Life of an Occupy Wall St. Participant [at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2qqRFYv3ao&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2qqRFYv3ao&feature=youtu.be)
- ⇒ **Cell Phone Fun:** The next time you're bored and have nothing better to do, go to a public place, get out your cell phone, don't turn it on, but speak into it like the guy in this video. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ⇒ **Pool Party:** Wet and wild ... young Republican girls having fun, even Democrats will enjoy watching this. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ⇒ **A robot that flies like a bird:** Markus Fischer and his team at Festo built SmartBird, a large, lightweight robot, modeled on a seagull. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ⇒ **Boat Lift,** a 9/11 Tale of Resilience [CLICK HERE](#)
- ⇒ A college students spider animation project [CLICK HERE](#)

Thanks to Don StJohn, Steve Kady, Jim Tapp, Bob Finkelmeier, and others for their contribution.

Guest Speaker

Francisco Reina, Lightly Treading



Lightly Treading is the exclusive Xcel Energy partner in offering Home Energy Audits and the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® programs to Xcel Energy customers throughout

the state of Colorado.

Francisco startled us with the fact that the home uses for more CO2 than the auto—36,000 to 18,000. Adjustments need to be made in most homes to increase energy efficiency. Air leaks are rampant: doors, windows, fireplaces, garages, walls, ductwork, etc. Insulation in the right places will remedy the situation. Francisco recommends cellulose insulation because it has better density. Other tips from Francisco: buy a programmable thermostat, set your water heater to 120 degrees, seal and insulate your ductwork, get a Home Energy Audit. Go to: www.lightlytreading.com/ or call 1-800-895-4999 to sign-up. Xcel Energy picks up 60% of the cost of the audit for customers. The audit is conducted by a trained auditor who assesses how much energy your home uses, and then evaluates what measures you



Photo Dan StJohn

can take to improve the efficiency and safety of your home.

Standard Audit is \$60. Analyze insulation levels throughout the home, examine age, efficiency and general condition of your mechanical systems, perform a carbon monoxide test, perform a basic analysis of your utility bills.

Audit with Blower Door Test is \$90. Identifies air leaks, one of the most significant problems that reduce a home's comfort and energy efficiency. If you combined all of the air leaks in the average home, it would equal the size of an open window! Includes everything from the Standard Audit.

Audit with Infrared Test is \$120. The infrared camera is used with the blower door test to deliver a more precise diagnosis. It reveals the imperfections in your home's thermal envelope where heated or cooled air escapes. It gives you a better idea of what is happening behind your drywall and areas that can't be seen.

Thank you Francisco for a very practical subject that all of us can benefit from. And thank you, **Paul Bernard**, for bringing us excellent speakers like Francisco each week!

Weekly Greeters

Date	Greeters
11/11/11	Frank Middleton & Karl Geil
11/18/11	Joe Marci & Woody Thibodeau
11/25/11	Leo Hagele & Bob Hugo
12/2/11	Tom Wos & Bob Avery
12/9/11	George Buzick & Michael Chaves
12/16/11	Tom Charters & Al Gapuzan

Super Citizen Presenters for November

16 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Gary Miller
18 @ 9:10, 10:00, & 10:40 am	Holm	Bob Avery
18 @ 12:25 pm	Samuels	Howard Fry
18 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Al Gapuzan
22 @ 1:20 & 2:05 pm	Univ. Park	Curt Jefferies
30 @ 1:20 & 2:10 pm	McMeen	Joe Marci

Monaco South Calendar

- Nov 11 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Jim Shultz, Human Capital, *What is it?*
- Nov 14 Mon 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102*
Note date change
- Nov 18 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day, Joe Marci, *Christmas Tree Lot*
- Nov 19 Sat 7:00 am Thomas Jefferson HS Craft Fair Parking
- Nov 19 Sat 8:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Thanksgiving Basket Delivery
- Nov 22 Tue 4:00 pm Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner - Denver Boys & Girls Club, 3480 W. Kentucky
- Nov 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Greg Young, Club Financial Review
- Nov 25 Fri 10:00 am Christmas Tree Lot Setup

**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
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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.