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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist



First Day of Winter

The first day of winter is upon us as we meet this morning **Kent Gloor** and **Jack Kleinheksel** greet us this morning. Some snow on the ground and we hope for more, especially in the mountains. The White Elephant edition for the club is here and **Oscar Sorensen**, aka Bubba Claus, is busy preparing the exchange for the morning.



Photo Craig Eley

First Bell

President **Paul Simon** rings the bell promptly at 7, to begin the meeting. **Phil Perington** gives the invocation this morning. Phil asks for the clubs remembrance of the lost angels that resulted from the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut last Friday. Let's do what Optimists do, and that is help kids where we can and do good in our community. Poignant words that remind us of those who suffer this morning. The club then joins in for the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Guests

Guests this morning include John Fischer who **Don Thomson** at the Tree Lot. John has been buying trees from the lot for years and in conversation, Don invited John to join us for breakfast. The Lot continues to be a prime avenue to introduce the community to our club's positive efforts. **Steve Kady** introduces Lynn Simonson, a former colleague at Channel 7. Lynn is also an artist who brought a painting he completed to offer in the gift exchange this morning. Welcome guests!

From the Prez

President Paul then takes the microphone and calls on members for a more complete staffing of the Tree Lot today and he is rewarded with more volunteers, good work members. He then beseeches members to consider Santa's White Elephant work this morning so only those with important messages be given time on the horn to make an announcement.

Announcements

Christmas Baskets: **Mike Chavez** reports that he has a great group of volunteers and reminds those helping to meet at 8 a.m. at the club to disperse and give out the Christmas Baskets.

Annual Chili Cook-off: Get your Saturday started off on the right foot: **Ron Cisco** announces the 20th Annual Chili Cook Off, to be held Saturday, December 22nd at the Tree Lot. Results of the feast in the next issue, stay tuned.



Kids to Breakfast: **Cy Regan** stands in for **Gary Laman** and reminds members about December 28th, being *Kids to Breakfast* meeting, with a wonderful entertainer set to perform. Wayne and Wingnut are sure to please the kids, so make plans.



Dime a Day Club: **Fred Pasternack** continues to receive checks for \$36.50, which is the Dime A Day fundraiser. OI Foundation is the fundraising arm of OI, and works to develop funds to support the endeavors of OI's and its mission. Please make checks payable to Optimist International Foundation, reference "Dime-A-Day" in memo section. *Thank you members!*

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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Announcements Continued

Liberty Day: Andy McKean reports that Liberty Day was awarded a \$50,000 Grant by the Daniels Fund and school kids will be able to benefit from the chance to learn about the principals that make this country great. Congratulations!

2012-2013 Optimist Brain Bowl: No Karl Geil to recap details regarding specifics on the Brain Bowl, but it is reported that this event will need 135 volunteers to be scorekeeper, timekeeper, runners, and readers. Join the fun at each location. See Karl!

Thank You Frank: Prez Paul gives a quick Thank You to **Frank Middleton** for a wonderful event at the Holiday Party last weekend at Copper Fields Event

Center. Your editor and his better half enjoyed the evening immensely, any chance to dance with your betrothed should be savored. *Thank you Frank!*

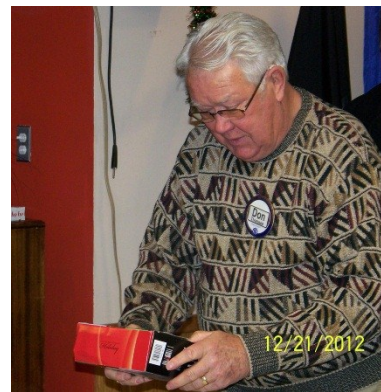
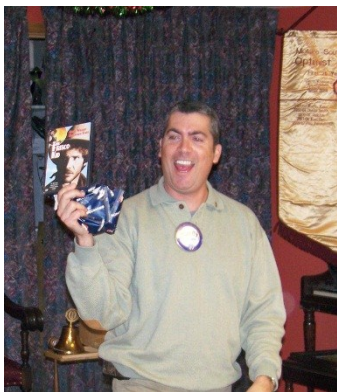
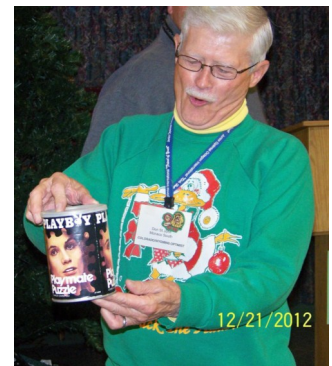
Tree Lot Scores 100

Joe Marci expresses thanks to the 100 members who have worked the tree lot this year. Over 1800 hours have been enjoyed at the lot helping our many customers with their purchases. We received many compliments about the excellent trees and the excellent help our members provided. **Congratulations to everyone for a job well done!**

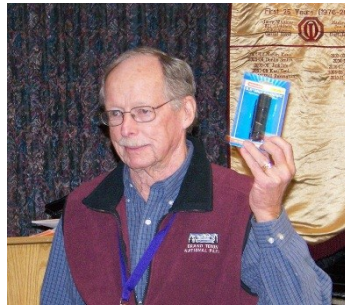


Santa's White Elephant

And with that, members are advised to line up to greet Santa and receive their just desserts. Much merriment ensued, guffaws, and the reemergence of the Green elephant were all enjoyed! Boo yah!



Photos Don StJohn & Craig Eley



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Do We Have a Drawing?

We do indeed but no lucky winners this morning.

Craig Eley calls **Cy Regan's** name from the name tag jug but again no winner.
Members end the meeting by reciting the creed and greeting this beautiful Friday!

Some Winter Humor



Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
12/28/12	Russ Paul & Ron Cisco
1/4/13	Carl Brown & Jack Kitchell
1/11/13	Nick Newey & Jon Wachter
1/18/13	Randy Marcove & Les Larson
1/25/13	J.R. Gieck & Joe Marci

Super Citizen Presenters for December		
Super Citizen Presenters for January		
Jan 9 @ 8:30	Highline	John Stoffel
Jan 11 @ 9:45 & 10:15	Samuels	Les Larson
Jan 18 @ 9:30, 10:15 & 10:45	Holm	Phil Perington
Jan 23 @ 2:30	MPB	Gary Strowbridge
Jan 25 @ 3:00	Bradley	John Young
Jan 31 @ 1:00 & 1:45	McMeen	Jack Kleinheksel

Monaco South Calendar

Dec 25 Sun Merry Christmas 

Dec 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Kids to Breakfast, entertainment by Wayne & Wingnut

Welcome 2013 —

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Jan 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Brain Bowl is Coming, Karl Geil

Jan 11 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - TBA

Jan 15 Tus 6:30 pm New JDRF Optimist Club, JDRF DTC Office, 8055 E. Tufts Avenue, Suite 770

Jan 16 Wed 6:30 pm Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102

Jan 18 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

**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	Randy Marcove	2011-12

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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.