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Good Morning Optimist

Welcome!

Freddy Pasternack and new member **Dave Peck** were our greeters this morning.

Invocation & Pledge



Ron Carlson read a poem in remembrance of John F. Kennedy, our 35th president whom was assassinated 50 years ago today. When elected in 1960, Kennedy, then just 43 years old, was the youngest man to be elected president. Some of the more notable events during his presidential term were the start of the space race that culminated in the moon landing, the Bay of Pigs invasion, the Cuban missile crises, the start of the civil rights movement, the building of the Berlin Wall and involvement in the Vietnam War.

Guest

Allen Pierce introduced Brian Hardy as his guest this morning. Randy Gornbein also joined us this morning. Randy was a speaker a couple of weeks back and is owner of Sarah Care providing adult day care services. He announced that he was making a special offer available only to the Optimist Club of Monaco South members or their families. He is offering a trial period of three free days of adult day care at Sarah Care. This is a value of up to $225.00. A flyer and coupon is attached to this newsletter in case you did not pick one up at the meeting

Board Meeting Minutes

President Jon announced that the Board of Directors voted to make minutes of the BOD meeting available to the membership. They will be available via the Constant Contact email distribution after they are written up and reviewed by the Board members. Therefore, if you cannot attend the BOD meetings you can still keep up with the club decision makers. If you are one of the members without internet service, you can contact club secretary **Pat Bush** and he will give you a copy at a following Friday meeting.

Prez Jon also announced that the traditional Christmas "*Kids to Breakfast*" meeting had been a casualty of the sequester budget cuts last fall but that any member who is interested in organizing and figuring out how the pay for a "*Kids to Breakfast*" event would be welcomed. The biggest cost is the entertainment for the kids, so if there are any volunteer(s) or free entertainers, or if the Tree Lot is very successful, this can be reinstituted later in the year.

Announcements

Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner: Donlie Smith shared that if you are just now finding out about the Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner, do not fret you can still help out. We will be at the Boys & Girls Club of Denver and Girls, Inc. to host a turkey thanksgiving dinner for about 1,000 people on Tuesday, November 26th starting at 4 p.m. The Boys & Girls Club is located at 3480 W. Kentucky, and Girls Inc. is at 1499 Julian. We will need help with dispensing drinks, food, and desert plus help with cleanup. Keep this close to the vest but **Steve Kady** says the Todd Helton may make an appearance at the Boys & Girls Club dinner. Steve just asks that we do not act like a bunch of kids around Todd. Heck, I just can't wait. (See Page 2)

Some of the assigned duties are: **Steve Kady**, caterer; **Grey Young**, suppliers and food; **Carl Brown**, transportation of turkeys; **Keith Gallaway**, drinks; **Kent Gloor**, pies; **Russ Paul**, serving line; **Randy Marcove**, serving line; **John Marinos**, potatoes and

Holiday Party

Frank Middleton says,
Save The Date, Saturday, December 7th at
Aurora Golf Course Club House
50 S Peoria St.

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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trays; **John Oss**, photos; **Phil Perington**, clean up; **Don St. John**, Girls, Inc. coordinator; **John Swick** and **Bob Wardlaw**, bread; **Barry Barker**, transportation; and the DTC Hyatt Regency for cooking. *Thanks to all that help out in so many ways!*

Dime-A-Day: The final statistics are in from last year's Dime-A-Day campaign. **Freddy Pasternack** announced that the Monaco South Optimist Club finished #2 in the world for club member participation. Freddy was not happy with this result and vowed to double down this year. Since his goal of 100% club participation was not enough to put us over the top, he is raising the bar to 110% participation. He indicated that he received two more donations this morning. This editor happened to be sitting near **Barry Barker** who asked if we were starting all over now. When informed that it is an annual campaign and not a lifetime campaign he promised to bring his checkbook next week. What about the rest of you?

Super Citizen Program: **Don Thomson** said the Super Citizen presentation at McMeen Elementary was downright awesome. **Mark Metevia** and **Jon Wachter** presented the awards. **Fred Pasternack** helped with the shirts and **John Oss** handled the photography chores. They also presented the new Color Guard polo shirts as well. Don said you could feel the energy from the kids reverberated throughout the school. The Color Guard students wanted to wear their shirts to class. Super Citizens will be honored at Holm and Bradley later today with **Rob Gardner** and **John Stoffel** making the presentations.

Holiday Party: **Frank Middleton** shared that we only have two more weeks to go until the big blowout bash. It is not too late to make plans to attend the social event of the year. That is right, the Monaco South Optimist Holiday Party. It will take place on Saturday, December 7th and will be held at the Aurora Hills Golf Course Clubhouse, 50 S. Peoria Street in Aurora. Entertainment will be by Terry Behm DJ and will include karaoke—Lord help us, I have heard you guys sing—and dancing. The cost is only $5.00 per person (that's $10.00 if you have a significant other) to be collected at the site and a side dish for the potluck dinner. That's cheap at twice the price. Turkey and ham will be provided. There will be a cash bar so you will also be able to purchase beverages, both spiked or not. If you have any questions just call Frank.

Bradley Wine Tasting & Silent Auction: The much anticipated Wine Tasting and Silent Auction were held last Friday. **Mike McMahon** reported that they raised a record amount of money for Bradley International School. Several members of Monaco South attended the affair. We had no reports of any unruly behavior caused by too much consumption of the bubbly. Based on these facts, we can declare the event a resounding success.

Urban Peak Shelters: Rev. **Bob Coulson** collected donation items for the Urban Peak Shelters for runaway and homeless youth. I have no formal report but my observations indicated that Bob's pickup would be fairly full when he makes the trek downtown.

Joe's Financial Support: Monaco South Optimist Club member **Gary Miller** met Joe Liberatore (retired USAF) a few years ago through a church project. Joe now lives in Texas but keeps in contact with Gary. Gary mentioned our Boys and Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner and Joe liked the project so much that he has been donating cash to help fund the dinner for the past several years. Gary just received a check for $100.00 for this year's dinner. Joe



Bob Coulson, standing on far left, and a few of his helpers who helped in getting all of the collected items for runaway and homeless youth to his truck for delivery. Photo Don StJohn

makes these donations without any desire for recognition. But Gary wanted the membership to know about Joe's support. Joe pledged his support for as long as he can afford it. This is Joe's "Number 1" cause. Joe, I know you don't want recognition but you deserve our sincere thank you on behalf of the kids that you have helped us touch.



Time to Bag the White Elephant: **Oscar Sorensen** reminds the membership it is time to start looking for the perfect "white elephant" gift for the upcoming gift exchange. He will give us the details for the exchange at a later date.

Thanksgiving Baskets: **Jim Easton** and **Allen Pierce** have all of the preparation work done for the Thanksgiving Basket delivery tomorrow. They have the names and addresses of several families in need of food for this holiday period. Members are to meet at the American Legion parking lot on Saturday at 8 a.m.

Colorado Rockies Tickets: Since the 1993 inaugural season the MSOC has had access to four season tickets available for Rockies Games in Section 137, Row 31. New or existing members are invited to join the group of people eligible to purchase these tickets. The tickets are available for any game except Opening Day, Fireworks, Cubs, and Cardinals games. These go to the members that purchase the largest number of tickets. If you are interested in these tickets, see **Tom Mauro**, the coordinator. You can purchase any number of tickets you like for $38 per ticket. You can pick any game you want with the exception of the above and if you cannot attend a game, you can trade in the tickets for other games at $1 per ticket. Let Tom know before March 1, 2014.



Who is Todd Helton: **Steve Kady** wanted to share a little bit about Todd so that you know something about him: Birthplace, Tennessee. A first baseman who played his entire 17-year career for the Colorado Rockies. He is a five-time All-Star, four-time Silver Slugger, and three-time Gold Glove Award winner. Helton holds the Colorado Rockies club records for hits (2,519), home runs (369), doubles (592), walks (1,335), runs scored (1,401), RBIs (1,406), games played (2,247), total bases (4,292) and other categories. Helton hit his 2,000th career hit against the Atlanta Braves on May 19, 2009, and his 2,500th against the Cincinnati Reds on September 1, 2013. Before baseball he was the second string quarterback at University of Tennessee, while the great Peyton Manning was third string.

He married Christy Bollman and they had a daughter, Tierney Faith, in September 2002. On Sept. 15, 2013 Todd retired from the Rockies.

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Our Speaker: Joe Marci
Tree Lot Education 101



Our own Christmas Tree Czar, **Joe Marci** was our speaker this morning. He gave us a crash course for the Christmas Tree Lot. First and foremost, Do Not Show Up at the Usual Lot Location. We are moving south to the warmer climate at 2200 S. Monaco Pkwy. Directly behind the car wash. We will be setting up the lot after our Friday meeting next Friday, November 29th, and will be open until we sell all of the trees or until Santa makes his rounds whichever comes first.

Joe mentioned several things to remember such as **Ron Cisco** is the *Food Czar* so he will purchase all food and beverages for the lot. If you wish to bring your own food, that will be allowed but you will not be reimbursed for it. **Gary Miller** is the *Electric Czar*. He will be using generators for the power source and wiring the lot. He will allow us to flip the switches in the trailer but we should not be messing with his generators. **Ralph Pedersen** is the *Bookkeeper Czar*. **Mike Miller** is the *Lot Czar*. Mike will be in charge of lot setup and tear down. The club Board of Directors will be the *Labor Czars*. They will be in charge of get the members to staff the lot and sell the trees. He will oversee all the other Czars. Some other do's and don'ts from the editor:

DO:

⇒ Work 5 three-hour shifts to get a discount.
⇒ Hang the wreaths and greet the customers.
⇒ Tie the trees on top the car and put the customers in the car.
⇒ Offer the kiddies some popcorn or a hot chocolate.
⇒ On weekends, tell the families about the Santa Haus. They can get a free photo.
⇒ Put the large denomination bills in the cigar box at the back of the trailer.
⇒ Sweep the lot and throw in the dumpster.

DO NOT:

⇒ Miss out on spending an evening or two at the tree lot, most particularly on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday evenings.
⇒ Hang the customers and greet the wreaths.
⇒ Put the trees on top of the car and tie the customers in the car.
⇒ Offer the kiddies a cold beer.
⇒ Put the large denomination bills in your pocket.
⇒ Sweep the dumpster and throw on the lot.

Sign-up Online @ http://www.monacosouth.org. Click the List Link, lower right corner.

Name: mosc76
Password: xmas2013
Tree Lot Phone: 720-278-0749

We Need All Hands!

Tree Lot Set-up Friday, November 29th
Right after the meeting.
Tree Lot will be Open for Business by Noon until 9 p.m.
Sign-up Online for Your Tree Lot Times
(Everyone Needs Five (5), Three-Hour Shifts
Bring Warm Cloths, Tools, & Truck, if you have one.
Jack Rife rifedvm@msn.com
303-349-1280

Drawing Winners



Cap Herman (twice), **Ron Carlson**, **Craig Eley**, **Karl Geil**, and **Ed Collins** won cash cups. **Russ Paul**, **Robert Duvall** and **Don Thomson** won a chance to draw the card for the big pot but lost the draw (so sad). Maybe next week.

Senior Humor



Super Citizen Presenters for December		
Dec 11 @ 2:30	MPB	George Buzick
Dec 13 @ 8:30	Slavens	Michael Chavez
Dec 17 @ 1:30	Samuels	Phil Perington
Dec 19 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Mike Mauro

Weekly Greeters	
11/29/13	Barry Barker & Curt Boell
12/6/13	Terry Shroyer & Rod Winget
12/13/13	Don Thomson & Cap Hermann
!2/20/13	Ron Carlson & Steve Kady

Monaco South Calendar

Nov 26	Tues	4:00 pm	Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner @ Boys & Girls Clubs and Girls, Inc.
Nov 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Tree Lot Sign Up, Set Up, for Saturday Opening
Nov 29	Fri	7:00 am	Tree Lot Set-up 2200 S. Monaco Pkwy.
Dec 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Bob Coulson, Congressional Youth Awards
Dec 7	**Sat**	**6:00 pm**	**Christmas Holiday Party, Aurora Hills Golf Course Clubhouse**

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Bob Hugo	1984-85	Karl Geil	2003-04
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Greg Young	2007-08
Bob Avery	1989-90	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Walters	1991-92	Ed Collins	2010-11
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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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