



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## The Optimist Club of Monaco South

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Serving Youth and the Community for 35 Years

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Editor for this Issue—O.C. Larson



### Good Morning Optimist

Greeting us this morning were **Rich Mahoney** and **Steve Kady**. Thanks guys!

### First Bell

Missing today was President **Ed Collins** so Vice President **Paul Simon** called our meeting to order at 7:00am. Paul also read our morning invocation and lead the pledge to the Flag.

### Guests

**Kent Gloor** introduced his invited guests today: Everett Gardner who is going to join our club and Tom Wos a HDR engineer. Another guest was Paul Treavor. Welcome to all of you!

### New Member

Paul took on an official role and inducted John Oss into our club with assistance from former Prez Phil Perington and the MSOC Board of Directors.



From the left, Frank Middleton, Les Larson, new member John Oss, Paul Simon, and Phil Perington.

Photo Don St.John

### Announcements

**Christmas Tree Gathers:** **Paul Simon** read off the member's names that helped gather "Charlie Brown trees" on **Ed Collins'** property. They were: **Rich Wagner, Tom Mauro, Gary Strowbridge, Lew Lerner, Harry Fegley, Russ Paul, Brice Slaby, Oscar Sorensen, Paul Gleditsch**, and of course **Ed Collins** and **Paul Simon**.

**TJ Holiday Craft Fair:** Paul also reported the following members who worked the TJ Holiday Craft Fair: **Gary Laman, Gary Strowbridge, Russ Paul, Oscar Sorensen, Tom Mauro, Wyatt McCallie, George Buzick, Jack Kitchell, Joe Marci**, and **Craig Eley**.

**MSOC Annual Santa Claus Gift Exchange:** **Oscar Sorensen**, reminded the members that December 24<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas at the Optimist Club. Each member is to bring in a wrapped present, don't put a name on it. And if you forget Oscar will have extras. Make sure the gift is something used, but not abused.

**Boys & Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner:** **Donlie Smith** who chaired the Thanksgiving dinner project reported it was a great success. At the **Boys and Girls Club**, on W. Kentucky, we had about 45 members and friends or relatives serving dinner. They included: **Paul Simon** and daughter **Stephanie** and her boyfriend **Gus**; **Howard Fry**, and daughter **Rory**; **Kent Gloor** and his daughter **Jennifer Nelson**, with her 3 daughters **Natalie, Melinda Arnold**, and **Carmen**; **Jim Easton** and son **Evan**; **Terry Shroyer**; **Greg Young**; **Don Iley** with his children **Amy Grace**,

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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

David, Emily, and Molly; **Fred Daniels**; **Doug Morton**; **John Greene**; **Jim Vanderamp**; **Woody Thibodeau** and son Jack; **Keith Gallaway**; **Russ Paul**; **Matt Nelson**; **Harry Fegley**; **Michael Chavez**; **Paul Gleditsch**; Brian Williams; **Allen Yockey**, **Gary Strowbridge**; **Kale Smith**; Andrew Herd, son of **Greg Hurd**; **Oscar Sorensen**; **Tom Mauro**; **Karl Geil** and wife Lesley; **Phil Perington**; **Craig Eley**; **Bob Avery**; and of course **Donlie**.

At the Denver Girls Club on Julian, we had 13 members and friends or relatives serving dinner. They were: **Ron Carlson**; **Al Gapuzan**; **Jack Kitchell** and wife Jan with friends John and Jill McKume and Grandkids Ryan and Savanna; **John Stoffel**; **Don St. John**; **Don Thomson**; **Bill Walters**; and **Mark Goodbody**.

**Rocky Mountain Toy Train Show:** **Greg Hurd** announced that the Rocky Mountain model train show will be held this weekend at the Merchandise Mart. It's the largest in Denver history.



Both Greg and **Frank Ross** will be showing and sharing their wears. Greg is a collector of American Flyer model trains and Frank collects Lionel model trains.

**New Signs at Tree Lot:** John Young, with the help of others, displayed three new signs that he had made. They will be used at our tree lot to promote sales. Thanks John!



Photo Don StJohn

**Thanksgiving Baskets Project:** **Bob Avery** shared his thanks to the following members who came out on an early morning last Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and delivered 35 Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families. He reported, we were able to help 30-families from six schools we sponsor through the Super Citizen Program, as well as 5-families with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Denver. Thanks to all members who helped put the food baskets together in a fast and efficient manner. Those hearty souls included: **John Greene**, **Phil Perington**, **Terry Shroyer**, **Woody Thibodeau**, **Jim Easton** (and son), **Greg Young**, **Bob Finkelmeier**, **Paul Gleditsch**, **Fred Pasternack**, **Ron Gustas**, **Russ Paul**, **Gary Strowbridge**, **Joe Marci**, **Ed Collins**, **Gary Miller**, **Tom Mauro**, **Oscar**

**Sorensen**, and **Les Larson**. Also had new members, **John Oss** and **Fred Daniels**, in addition to potential new member Paul Trevor giving of their time. **Allen Pierce** not only handed out a couple baskets downtown, he came back and delivered the 5 baskets to the Boys and Girls Clubs at 8th and Inca. Bob says, "I would like to give special thanks to **Michael Chavez**, **Fred Daniels**, and **Randy Marcove**, who helped pick up turkeys and food at the WalMart and Safeway stores. **Donlie Smith** was instrumental in getting us a reasonable price on turkeys at WalMart. **Randy Marcove**'s son Max and friend, Evan Domagala, helped and gave the following observation, 'I really enjoyed handing out the Thanksgiving baskets. The smile on those people's faces made me feel all warm and fuzzy inside. I can't wait to deliver Christmas baskets! Although I wasn't too happy about getting up so early on a Saturday, still it was all worth it!'"

**Christmas Baskets Project:** **Don St. John** reminded us that a new chairman for the Christmas Baskets Project is needed. He is willing to trains and mentor anyone who is interested in taking on this endeavor.

**Leftover Pies:** **Phil Perington** auctioned 24 leftover pumpkin pies from the Thanksgiving Dinner event. He started a \$5.00 then went to \$3.00 and finally accepted \$2.00. Whomever purchased them, enjoy!

## Drawing

The jackpot drawing with \$50.00 was not won today, those who won the \$5.00 +/- cups were: **Les Larson**, **OC Larson**, **Russ Paul**, **Donlie Smith**, **Phil Perington**, and **Don Iley**. The losers that drew from the pot were **Paul Gleditsch**, **Wyatt McCallie** and **Frank Ross**. Better luck next week!

## Super Citizens at McMeen



Photos by Don StJohn

## Speaker



**Paul Bernard** was our speaker today who gave us an overview of the Monaco South Website. Paul is our web master and keeps this site up to date. Our website is [www.monacosouth.org](http://www.monacosouth.org). A lot of information is available here, such as: past newsletters, calendar for super citizen, sign up sheets for various projects, etc. The Christmas Tree Project can be found under the username: [msoctrees](#) and password: [xmas2010](#). The brain bowl has its own website at: [www.optimistbrainbowl.org](http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org).



## Some Airport Humor

Super Citizen Presenters for December		
8 @ 8:00 am	Highline	Rich Mahoney
9 @ 5:30 pm	Hamilton	Paul Bernard
15 @ 2:30 pm	McMeen	Bob Avery
15 @ 2:30 pm	MPB	Nick Newey
17 @ 8:30 am	Slavens	Doug Morton
17 @ 3:00 pm	Bradley	Fred Pasternack



Weekly Greeters	
Date	Greeters
12/3/10	Paul Stratton & Keith Gallaway
12/10/10	Howard Fry & Jon Wachter
12/17/10	Phil Perington & Jim Vander Kamp
12/24/10	Randy Marcove & Woody Thibodeau
12/31/10	Paul Gleditsch & "Father Time"

## Monaco South Calendar

Dec 1-9	Festival of Lights, Hanukkah 🕯️		
Dec 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Emma Whitehead, Up With People
Dec 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Karl Geil, Brain Bowl
Dec 15	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Dec 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day
Dec 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Santa Claus Gift Exchange
Dec 25	Sat		<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 🎄
Dec 31	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Kids to Breakfast
Jan 1	Wed		<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b> 🎉
Jan 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Pending
Jan 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Speaker Pending
Jan 19	Wed	6:30 pm	Board Meeting, District 4 Council Office, 3540 S. Poplar St., Suite 102
Jan 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall - Camaraderie Day

## Past Presidents of the Optimist Club of Monaco South

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

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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.