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Good Morning Optimist

Ron Cisco and John Young were our jolly greeters today, festively adorned in matching red flannel shirts. That can only mean one thing! They called each other last night to coordinate.

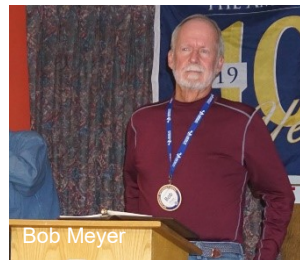


Ron Cisco & John Young
Photos Noel Hasselgren

No, that is not it! — It means it is Christmas!

And it is our last meeting before the big holiday, Friday, December 21, 2018. Thank you Ron and John!

First Bell



Bob Meyer

Vice President **Bob Meyer** was pinch-hitting for our President today, but was able to get Everett on the phone from Boise, Idaho, and they both got the meeting started right on time.

Invocation & Pledge

Frank Middleton then delivered an invocation with a theme of promoting international accord. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States.

Call for Guest



Dr. Ben Marshall, an osteopathic medicine specialist physician at the University of Colorado, attended today as a guest of our President **Everett Gardner**. Even though Everett was absent, many members made Ben feel welcome. Ben is a back specialist, which could

be good news for those with tree-lifting aches and pains. Ben was asked many times to return for a normal meeting, but when pressed, no one could come up with a description of “normal” that sounded “normal”! Welcome Ben! C’m on “back” and join us! (Editor, Get it? Back!)

Announcements

Due to the seasonal festivities this morning, announcements were limited, however, a couple got called out anyway.

Chili Cook Off at the tree lot:



Ron Cisco, chili contest organizer, rule-maker, past champion (multiple years), judge, historian, and connoisseur of all things chili, gave us the results of Sunday's contest at the tree lot.

There were five (5) entrants:

Craig Eley, Bob Avery, Tom Kramis, Jim Easton, and a senior high school student



Uryah Mingo
Photos Steve Kady

from Overland High School named Uryah Mingo. Uryah came to the lot the week before and did a great job and worked hard. He aspires to be a chef and plans to attend the Chef Academy of London, United Kingdom. So, he asked to come back for the chili contest.



Everett Gardner,
taste testing.

Steve Kady and Everett

Gardner helped Uryah with funds for him to secure the chili ingredients. And not only did he come back, he won the contest! As the proud winner, he will receive a Chili's gift certificate and an autographed copy of Ron Cisco's "Put a Stamp on it: Ron's First Class Chili" cookbook. By the way, all Ron needs to do before that happens is write the book!



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

Tree Lot Workers: With the last day for the tree lot being on Saturday, **Tom Kramis** present the editor with the names of those who put in the most hours.

For over 30+ hours they were **Bob Avery, Paul Bernard, Pat Bush, George Buzick, Keith Galloway, Kent Gloor, Joe Marci, Greg Young, Bob Meyer, Russ Paul, Phil Perington, Don Roth, Mark Smith, and Gary Strowbridge.**

For 25+ work hours they were **James Dockter, Everette Gardner, Tom Glazier, Noel Hasselgren, Greg Hurd, Steve Kady, Dick Nickoloff, Woody Thibodeau, and Robert Wardlaw.**



The Tree Lot on Sunday, December 23rd with just a few trees left.
Photo Steve Kady

Christmas Basket Delivery: Michael Chavez reminded



Jim Easton and Allen Pierce delivered a food basket and a small Christmas tree.

with **Ron Gustas, Gary Miller**, his son-in-law **Matt Nelson** and grandchildren **Liam and Lily Nelson.**

those in attendance that on Saturday morning we would be delivering Christmas food baskets to some needy families. Some photos that were share in carrying out these deliveries are shown below. Past Prez **Jim Easton** reported that, *"All went well. This family was grateful for the tree we gave them with a basket today."*

While **Kent Gloor** shared this photo



Watch out for Spoof Email: Recently your chief **GUMS** editor received an email appearing to be from Past President **Jim Easton**. However, the email address being used was "presidentclub00100@aol.com." Should you see an email from Jim, be sure it is coming from his current email address of jim.easton.co@gmail.com.



White Elephant Gift Exchange

A white elephant gift exchange is a party game where amusing, impractical gifts are exchanged during festivities. Usually, the goal of a white elephant gift exchange is to entertain party-goers rather than to gain a genuinely valuable or highly sought-after item.

The term white elephant refers to an extravagant, but

impractical, gift that cannot be easily disposed of. The phrase is said to come from the historic practice of the King of Siam (now Thailand) giving rare albino elephants to courtiers who had displeased him, so that they might be ruined by the animals' upkeep costs. While the first use of this term remains a matter of contention among historians, one theory suggests that Ezra Cornell brought the term into the popular lexicon through his frequent social gatherings as early as 1828.



Santa, aka Craig Eley's attire seemed to present a dichotomy of Jolly Old St. Nick. He wore a Santa hat that was decorated with a "humbug" sticker. Craig clearly has some confusion regarding the type of Christmas spirit that has come over him. **Bob Meyer** served as Santa's helper/elf, and the eager gift recipients made their way forward.

The following pictures are some of the gift highlights and lowlights of this gathering.



Santa Claus, aka Craig Eley
Photos Noel Hasselgren



Some of the gifts included Colorado Rockies underwear, Santa apron, an ice cream making ball, candy dispenser, small crockpot, Christmas tree stand, Viagra ring, hormone supplements, memory mints, multiple inappropriate gentlemen's periodicals, fishing ornaments, silver slippers, feather duster, wine opener (industrial strength), Rockies and Broncos giveaway items, mini golf clubs, tiny train set, a can of dehydrated water (just add water!), candy nipple tassels, stuffed reindeer, grill apron, a wood beer caddy with assorted beers, etc.



Weekly Drawings

Due to the seasonal festivities this morning, there was no drawing! (Were it not for drawings, your editor would not know how to spell "Kleinheksel.")

Closing Bell

Weekly Greeters	
12/28/18	Frank Ross & Bob Meyer
1/4/19	?

Due to the seasonal festivities this morning, there was no drawing! (Were it not for drawings, your editor would not know how to spell “**Kleinheksel**.”)

Bob Avery, a member of the elite Santa Claus corps at the tree lot's Santa Haus, led us in the recitation of our creed. ***Promise yourself...***



Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 42nd Year — Chartered in 1976
See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

Dec 25 Tues MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dec 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

Jan 1 Tues The start of 2019 — HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

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

Jan 12 Sat 7:00 am Brain Bowl Central, Heritage High School, 1401 W. Geddes Ave., Littleton, CO

Jan 17 Thur 6:15 pm OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level

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

Jan 25 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

Jan 26 Sat 7:00 am Brain Bowl North, Standley Lake High School, 9300 W. 104th Ave., Westminster, CO

Feb 1 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Audry Reyes, Manager Volunteer Mentor Program, Denver Kids, Inc.

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Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bill Walters	1991-92	Karl Geil	2003-04	Michael Chavez	2015-16
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Kent Gloor	1992-93	Bryce Slaby	2004-05	Craig Eley	2016-17
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Donlie Smith	2005-06	Jim Easton	2017-18
John Young	1982-83	Mark Metevia	1994-95	Paul Bernard	2006-07		
Pat Bush	1983-84	Bob Safe	1995-96	Greg Young	2007-08		
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Tom Overton	1996-97	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.