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Good Morning Optimist

On the start of this Veteran's Day Weekend, Joe



Marci and Greg Young are serving as the "official greeters" and bringing the cheer as we gather this morning.



Greg Young & Joe Marci
Photos Noel Hasselgren

First Bell

Tom Kramis, board member, is standing in for President **Jim Easton** this morning, and he rings the rings the bell promptly at 7.



Jack Kleinheksel & Tom Kramis

After conferring with **Tom Kramis**, **Jack Kleinheksel** reads the invocation this morning, as we remember all of our Veterans. "O Merciful God, the remembrance of those who suffered is painful for us, but it is doubly so when we remember those who have laid down their lives for us in battle, passing on to us a debt which we can never repay. Bring peace to those among us who have suffered the brutality of war, and to all veterans, known and unknown, who sacrificed to answer the call of our country."

Then Jack then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance ... "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

To All Veterans



In Honor of Veterans Day ...

Greg Young plays a recording of an Armed Services Medley and asked members of each military service to stand — US Army, founded June 14, 1775; US Navy, founded October 13, 1775; US Air Force, founded September 18, 1947; US Coast Guard, founded August 4, 1790; and the US Marine Corp, founded November 10, 1775, which was celebrating its 242nd birthday this day. *Thanks to all that served!*



From the Prez

*Well from **Tom Kramis** standing in for the Prez ...* Tom notes the recent work that has been done on the new Santa Haus. Members who have been working on this project—the builders of excellence—include **Kent Gloor**, **Greg & Andrew Hurd**, **Les Larsen**, **Eldon Strong**, **Craig Eley**, **Bryce Slaby**, **Al Gapuzan**, **Everett Gardner**, **Tom Overton**, **Tom Kramis**, **Bob Avery**, **Mark Westlund**, and **Mark Metevia**.



Photos Kent Gloor

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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*****

From the Prez Continued

Special thanks to **Peter & Karla Dimond** for the use of their car port to construct the portable Santa Haus. This weekend looks to be the big push on completing construction.

Thanksgiving Baskets: The other important note, was that **Jim Easton** secured thanksgiving dinner ingredients from the new manager, Ryan, at the Safeway, Monaco and Yale. We will be delivering these Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need on Saturday, November 18th. It is not too late to sign up for helping with the delivery of these baskets on the 18th.

Tree Lot Managers: Prez Jim said, we are still in need of tree lot managers. Please contact Jim if you can help with a specific day for staffing.

Thanks to Steve Kady: One thing I forgot to mention, thanks to **Steve Kady** who arranged for Station 22 firefighters in putting up our Optimist Christmas Tree Banner over the old Jiffy Lube sign at Monaco and Iliff. See the picture in last weeks *GUMS*.

Announcements

Santa Haus Duty & Art Fest: **Craig Eley**, mentioned he only has a couple of spots left for the Santa duty. If interest, please contact him.

The Thomas Jefferson HS Art Fest is coming up on



Saturday, December 9th. We help with the parking for this fundraiser, starting at about 7:00 a.m. This event will feature crafters that bring in unique homemade crafts. You can find

everything you need for your holiday shopping. There will be pottery, hand painted glass stem wear, metal sculptures, and designs in wood.

Friday Morning Greeters & Invitation Cards: **Jon Wachter** has a greeter signup sheet going around. Be a greeter to start our Friday meetings!

He also has some new invitation cards to hand out to guests reminding them of our meetings. Jon suggests you fill out the card with your information before sticking it in your wallet. When you meet someone you want to invite, hand them a card.

Thanksgiving Dinner: **Michael Chavez** reported that he has secured a place to prepare the food for the Bill Walter's Thanksgiving Dinner. It is the Food Bank of the Rockies, 10700 E. 45th Ave. who has stepped up to provide the essentials. Signup sheets are going around for the Bill Walter's dinner at Girls Inc. and the Boys & Girls Clubs. It will all happen on Tuesday evening, November 21st. Michael also wanted to thank **Randy Marcove** and **Steve Kady** for their help in securing the resources for this dinner. The kids, their



families really enjoy this dinner. This is exactly what the world needs now. *Once again, save the date, the Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner, will be at the Boys & Girls Clubs, 3480 W. Kentucky Ave. and Girls Inc., 1499 Julian St., on Tuesday, November 21st starting at 3:30 p.m.*



Some of the members who participated last year at the Boys & Girls Clubs dinner.
Photo Craig Eley

Dime-A-Day: **Perry Allen** is working on the 2017-18 Dime-A-Day fundraiser for our club. We are down a little this year, so please consider donating to this worthwhile project. The \$36.50 goes to the OI Foundation and supports Childhood Cancer.

Hamilton Super Citizen Program: **Karl Geil** shared that the recent Super Citizen presentation at Hamilton Middle School was very successful. They held their first Super Citizen program of the year on Thursday, November 9th. **Tom Mauro** was the master of ceremonies, **Wyatt McCallie** took photos, **Karl Geil** handed out t-shirts, and **Dean Sotiriou** did a wonderful job explaining to our 18 new Super Citizens what being a Super Citizen is all about.

TJ Art Fest Book Sale: **Tom Glazier** said his book sale project is coming up at the TJ Art Fest, and he will again be selling books. He could use some help with setup, so please see Tom, if you can lend a hand.

New Member Mentor Program: **Tom Glazier** also stated that the new member orientation meeting will be coming up on Wednesday evening and he needs contact information for the new members who can participate. The Monaco South Orientation will be on Wednesday, November 15th starting at 7 p.m. at John Scarborough's Silicon STEM Academy, 4201 E. Yale Avenue, Suite 130. Pizza and libations will be provided. The meeting is open to all members. If you have particular dietary requirements, let Tom know. This will be the last orientation offered for 2017.

A Generous Donation: **Gary Miller** reported he received a check from Joe Liberatore for \$150 to support the club's Bill Walter's Thanksgiving Dinners. Gary met Joe doing a wood working project for Joe's church several years ago. Joe had expressed how much his deceased wife loved kids so Gary convinced him to write a check to Monaco South instead of paying him for the work. Ever since Joe has been contributing at Thanksgiving to help support the Boys and Girls Clubs Thanksgiving dinner project. This year he gave \$150 thinking we might have more kids to feed due to those who may have migrated to Denver following all the hurricane storms. Joe is 87, retired from the USAF, and in failing health but he still has a very big heart. *Thank you, Joe!*

The movie, "Only the Brave": **Bryce Slaby** tells us that we need to see the movie, "Only the Brave." A true story of a team of elite firefighters determination, sacrifice and the drive to protect families and commu-

Announcements Continued

ities, in the Granite Mountain area of Yarnell, Arizona. The Granite Mountain hotshots welcome a new recruit while tackling some of the fiercest wildfires in Arizona.

MSOC Hats, Found Flask, & SC at Lowry: **Greg Young** said he has some MSOC hats left for \$10 each. He also shared that he found a metal flask that and he is in search of its owner.

Last he recapped the Lowry Super Citizen presentation and shared what a great, fun, and exciting presentation it was. Greg encourages members to go to a Super Citizen presentation and see how excited these kids get for the certificate and t-shirt. Check out what happens at one of these events and you will want to become involved.

Habitat for Humanity: **Craig Eley** reminded us of the Habitat for Humanity project coming up one week from today. Those signed up, six Optimists, are looking forward to the day and the project. If interested contact Craig.

Santa Claus Shifts: **Craig Eley** also noted that he has six shifts left for Santa's, so if you are interested please let him know. The Santa Haus is only open on weekends from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and of course you will be in the new warm Santa Haus, so you will have a joyful time.



2018 CO-WY Optimist Brain Bowl is Coming

Karl Geil

Karl Geil gave us an over view presentation of this years CO-WY Brain Bowl. The event is coming up right after the New Year and promises to be a banner year. Karl started out with a news story from KWGN-TV, channel 2, on the events from last years "Super Bowl of academics." The kids take it very seriously and it share in that interesting video clip.

Years ago when the event was in danger of being discontinued because it had become too big, **Tom Mauro** and **Karl** took it over from Buckingham Optimist Club. Brain Bowl is for kids grades 6th through 8th, and every school in the state is invited to participate. There are three regional Saturday tournaments, North, January 6th; Central, 20th; and South, February 3rd, culminating with a



Karl Geil standing in the dark sharing his PowerPoint presentation.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

championship on Saturday, February 24, 2018.

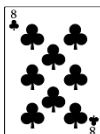
Volunteers are needed to be readers, written test proctors, scorekeepers, and runners. Readers must attend a training session for the event to prepare for this new year, and to be updated and refreshed on the competition rules and procedures. Everyone gets to train on "game day." More than half the clubs in the CO-WY district participate in this event. The event takes over 100+ volunteers to put on, so please sign up. You will be fed a good lunch, so consider that as a fringe benefit.

View Karl's PowerPoint presentation attached to **GUMS** distribution email. More on 2018 Brain Bowl can be found at <http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org>.

This Week's Drawing

Do we have a drawing? Yes, we do and there is \$70 in the pot and the lucky card is the 8 of Clubs.

Members holding the correct tickets this morning include **John Stoffel**; **Jack Kleinhessel**; **Noel Hasselgren**; **Michael Chavez**, who goes for a draw for the 8 of Clubs with our a match; **Terry Shroyer**, **Dick**



Nickoloff, **Mark Smith**, and **Ed Collins**, who also comes up short looking for the 8 of Clubs.

The Name Tag drawing goes to **Gary Miller** who has his name embroidered on his shirt, but he too comes up short.



November Super Citizen Presenters

Nov 21 @ 2:30	MPB	Paul Gibson
Nov 30 @ 1:00	McMeen	Mike White

Weekly Greeters

11/17/17	Mark Westland & John Oss
11/24/17	?

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2017-2018 41st Year — Chartered in 1976

See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

Nov 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Nov 18	Sat	8:00 am	Annual Thanksgiving Basket Delivery, American Legion Hall
Nov 21	Tues	3:30 pm	Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner, Boys & Girls Club, 3480 W. Kentucky Ave. & Girls Inc., 1499 Julian St.
Nov 22	Wed or Thurs	—	First load of trees will arrive — help is needed, contact Joe Marci
Nov 23	Thur		THANKSGIVING DAY
Nov 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Nov 24	Fri	8:30 am	Christmas Tree Lot Set-up, 2223 S. Monaco & E. Iliff
Nov 24	Fri	9:00 am	Christmas Tree Lot Opening
Nov 29	Wed	6:30 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Cy Regan	1999-00
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Don St. John	2001-02
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Jack Rife	2002-03
John Young	1982-83	Karl Geil	2003-04
Pat Bush	1983-84	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Greg Young	2007-08
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Phil Perington	2008-09
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Bill Walters	1991-92	Paul Simon	2012-13
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	John Oss	2014-15
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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.