

Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South



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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist

Beautiful clear and crisp fall morning we enter the holiday season starting with Thanksgiving, a day that



with Thanksgiving, a day that encompasses all that the holidays inspire – appreciation, gratitude, the love of friends and family, and so much more. As Margaret Cousins, an Irish-Indian educationist, suffragist and Theosophis, said, "Appreciation can change a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary."

Our Greeters



Our greeters this morning were **Mike White** and **Don Thomson** who greeted us with a smile and a warm handshake.

First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

President Everett Gardner promptly rings the bell at 7 a.m. and calls on **Harry Fegley** to read the invocation this morning. *"Oh, generous God, as we celebrate our National Day of Thanksgiving inspire us to share our blessings"* Harry then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Guests

Prez Everett asks for the morning guests. **James Dockter**, our clubs secretary, introduces <u>Steve Hick</u>. Steve was an Optimist member in Texas. He has since moved to Colorado and is happy to be here.

While Past Prez **Jim Easton** brought <u>Tracy</u> <u>Sorenson</u>, Jim has worked with Tracy for 15 years, and knows his family and considers him a good friend.

Welcome guests, why not come and join us!

Announcements

As we do every week, **Prez Everett** calls for every-

one to line up for announcements.

OCMS Holiday Party: Back with us from Palm Beach and first in line, **Frank Middleton** announces that the Holiday Party is Saturday, December 15th, starting at 6 p.m. It will be held at the Cherry Creek Country Club, 2405 S Yosemite St. The cost is \$38 per person and includes a London Broil steak dinner, plus a fun evening. Please sign up.

<u>Santa's Needed</u>: Craig Eley is still in need of some Santa volunteers. He says he only has 10 spots for this season. The Santa Haus runs on the weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Santa's work twohour shifts. The Santa uniform, beard, and belly fat are provided. See Craig if you have a good ho, ho, ho.

TJHS ArtFest: Dan Rodriguez talks about the up-

coming ArtFest at Thomas Jefferson High School, formerly known as the TJ Art Fair. It will be held Saturday, December 8th. The club helps with the early morning parking and



Dan is looking for volunteers to assist. Dan will be sending around a signup sheet at the next meeting.

Upcoming Train Shows: **Greg Hurd** shares that the Rocky Mountain Train Collectors Association's annual December train show will be in Loveland, CO this year. It is called the Rocky Mountain Train Show and will be held at the Ranch Events Complex at the intersection of I-25 and US Highway 34 which is the main Loveland Exit on I-25. The address of the building is 5280 Arena Circle Loveland, CO. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5

Rocky Mountain Train Show November 24th & 25th, 2018 at the Ranch Events Complex First National Bark Building, Lariner Contry Fargurads Saturday Bark 2018 Journal CO 8038 Battrady Bark 5 Journal Co 8038 Bark 5 Journal Co

p.m., on Saturday, November 24 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 25th. There will be 160 tables with trains for sale and several operating layouts. Cost is \$8 per adult for both days.

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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****

Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

Hey Gang,

Here's a NEW column for GUMS for your readership <u>PAST:</u>

Great Job on Thanksgiving Dinners; **Michael Chavez** and **Tom Kramis** Coordinators, and many others for pies and other preparations and all of US helpers that made it happen. A Good feed was had by ALL!

Great Job VP **"Thumper" Kady** for the Christmas initial tree lot setup in **Joe Marci's** absence.

HAPPENING NOW:

Thanks for the tree unloading from our Denver Fire Fighters and of course MSOC volunteers.

FUTURE:

Board Meeting November 19 @ 6:30 Food/Drink @ 6:15 If anyone has a matter to bring to the Board, please let me know by Sunday, November 18 before 12 Noon to be it is included on the agenda.

If I have slighted anyone or forgotten something, I need a direct call, text to me at 949-246-0954, about their issue. Communication is the only solution!

PS: <u>Bring a GUEST next week</u> ... It's the key to our Vitality and Achievement of Century Club from OI!

Prez Everett

Announcements Continued

The Brain Bowl is Coming: Karl Geil announces that

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the Brain Bowl is Coming and it is time to mark your calendars. This year there are some difference:

1. the Central Tournament will be held first, and

2. the South Tournament will be held in a new location.

The tournament information is as follows:

- <u>Central Region Tournament</u>, Saturday, January 12 Heritage High School 1401 W. Geddes Ave.
 - Littleton, CO 80120
- <u>North Region Tournament</u>, Saturday, January 26 Standley Lake High School 9300 W 104th Ave Westminster, CO 80021
- <u>South Region Tournament</u>: Saturday, February 2 Challenger Middle School 10215 Lexington Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80920
- <u>Championship Tournament</u>: Saturday, February 23 Hamilton Middle School 8600 E Dartmouth Avenue Denver, CO 80231

For those of you who plan on being **Readers**, attending a training in advance of the tournament(s) at which you will be working is required.

The **Reader Training** sessions will be held:

- Saturday, January 5, 2019 9 a.m. to noon 1325 S. Colorado Blvd. Room B-018 (N Bldg.) Denver, CO 80222
- Tuesday, January 8, 2019 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Heritage High School, rooms 2841 and 2843 1401 W. Geddes Ave. Littleton, CO 80120
- Saturday, January 19, 2019 9:00 a.m. to noon Scott Osgood's office

2586 Trailridge Drive East, Suite 200 Lafayette, CO 80026

All other volunteers receive training the day of the tournament as well. For further information see <u>https://</u>

www.optimistbrainbowl.org/index.html

<u>Tree Lot Set Up:</u> Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday-November 20, 21, and 23

We will begin setting up the tree lot on Tuesday, November 20th. All members who can help, please meet at the tree lot between 8:00 & 10:00 am. We especially need people with trucks and/or trailers who can haul items from the storage unit to the lot. On Wednesday and Friday, all hands are requested to report to the tree lot to help assemble racks, lights, and organize the trailer, drill and price trees and load the racks. We open for business on Saturday. We may even sell some on Friday. Manpower is needed for selling and cashiering. The Tree Lot Schedule shift sign up list will go live on 11-16 (See below).

We still need 4 manpower day managers for either Thursdays or Fridays, so if you can volunteer your time to monitor the schedule during the week, please notify President Everett Gardner asap. Steve Kady will be conducting training for cashiers on a new cash register.

<u>Tree Lot Sign Up</u>: <u>All members</u> are requested to sign up for tree lot duty. The Schedule is now live at <u>www.msocxmas.org</u>. We ask that all members sign up for at least 5 shifts. **Instructions for signing up**:

- ♦ Go the schedule website at <u>www.msocxmas.org</u>
- On a day you can work at least one 3 hour shift, click on EDIT. Shifts begin November 23rd in the afternoon. You are allowed to work consecutive shifts and multiple days.
- You will see a CASHIER SLOT and then blank space below that. <u>Cashier spots are reserved</u> for those members who absolutely cannot work the lot and lift trees.
- O Using the arrow key, drop down below the Cashier and enter your name for the shift you can work.
- IMPORTANT: If the shift is fully manned, <u>DO NOT</u> add your name. Choose another shift or day. DO NOT just show up at the lot without first adding your name to the schedule.
- IMPORTANT: Once you have added your name, REC-ORD the day and time for your calendar and click on <u>SAVE</u>. If you change your mind or need to go to another day, click cancel.
- If You Sign Up, Show Up. If circumstances require you to cancel, you are responsible for calling and recruiting someone else to replace you, and then updating the schedule.
- Be courteous and helpful to the day managers. Help them recruit workers. Family and friends are welcome if over 16. Be sure to put them on the schedule.
- ◊ To just view the schedule to see how it is doing, click on VIEW, or at the end of each row: VIEW WEEK or VIEW WEEKEND.

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Dues are Due: **Greg Young**, the Club's Treasurer, said, if you have not paid your membership dues to the club please do so.

<u>Small Truck Help</u>: Greg also mentioned, anyone who has a truck we need you help this week. Tuesday morning a truck caravan will form to help load items from the storage area to the Tree Lot. He reminds us that we also need people to help deliver trees on those rare occasions that customers need their tree to be delivered. So far members who stepped up with trucks are **AI Gapuzan** and **Kent Gloor**.

Books For Santa Haus: **Don Thomson** collects children's books for the Santa House, so if you have any or would like donate some he would be happy to come by and pick them up. Don is looking for gently used books for kids age from Kindergarten through 3rd grade.

King Sooper & Safeway Reloadable Cards: Frank



Middleton is back and announced that reloadable King Soopers and Safeway cards are the best ways to give the gifts. They make good gifts as stocking



stuffers, for giving to your mail and newspaper delivers, etc. Annual Together 4 Colorado Toy Drive: Tom Kramis



wants to thank those for stepping up to donate toward the Toy Drive, total so far over \$700. We received \$335 to add to the \$350 for toy drive. We now have a total of \$685 in the kitty. If someone would like to help Tom pur-

chase all of these toys, he would welcome your help to be a Santa's helper. To date Toys for Tots cash donors are Tina <u>Swonger</u>, last weeks speaker; John Young; John Oss; Steve Kady; Don St John; Greg Hurd; Gary Miller; Mike White; Tom Kramis; Bob Meyer; Harry Fegley; Perry Allen; and Ned Ziegenhagen.

Tom added, "I used the donations from last week to purchase \$353 dollars worth of toys from Amazon. The toys are already starting to pile up at my house. Please mention the toy drive I am coordinating with **Steve Kady** that is ongoing until Dec. 12th, the day before event at Kings. We will gladly take toys or cash!

Kent Gloor has volunteered to be Santa for the toy hand off. **Steve Kady**, **Jim Easton**, and I will also be in attendance as Santa's Helpers on Thursday morning, Dec. 13th at 5:45 a.m., at the University Hills King Soopers. I am hoping Prez **Everett Gardener** will also join us. We plan on loading toys, that Steve and I will purchase and delivering them to King Soopers for Santa, a.k.a Kent, to hand out."

Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner: Michael Chavez recaps the Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys and Girls Club on W Kentucky, as well as the Girls Inc. on Julian Street. Club members, their family members, and friends served about 900 meals at Boys & Girls Club. At the Boy's and Girl's Club we had kids coming in as far away as Wheatridge. **Brian Williams** even showed up and was a tremendous help.

The report from Girls Inc. was that this year's event had the largest turn out in many years. It seems that moving the date up to Thursday before the Holiday was a great idea. I would like to thank the following for in the coordination of the event. **Brian Williams** for being Co-Chairing this year's

November Super Citizen Presenters							
Nov 27 @ 2:30	MPB	?					
Nov 30 @ 3:00	Bradley	?					

event. **Pat Bush** for ramrodding over at Girls Inc. **Noel Hasselgren** and **Tom Glazer** for transporting all our gear back and forth. **Robert Wardlaw** and **Woody Thibodeau** for picking up and delivery of the bread. **Steve Kady** for arranging for the deserts and the caters for delivery of the food. **Greg Young** for helping out at storage unit, shopping for pies and supplies, and arranging for Miles. It was a privilege to working with you all.

Steve Kady says give a shout out to Michael Chavez as he had some eye issues and worked on through to make this event one of the best.

The members at the <u>Boy's & Girl's Clubs</u> were **Bob** Avery; Pat Bush; Joe Campana; Michael Chavez; Ron

Cisco; Ed Collins; James Dockter; Jim Easton; Bob Finkelmeier; Keith Gallaway and wife Lois Jean; Everett Gardner; Karl Geil and wife Lesley; Tom Glazier; Kent Gloor; Greg Hurd and son Andrew; Steve Kady; Tom Kramis; Allen Malask; Tom Mauro and wife Joie; Mike McMahon and sons Max and Nate; Bob Meyer; Gary Miller; John Oss; Allen Pierce; Terry Shroyer; Oscar Sorensen; Paul

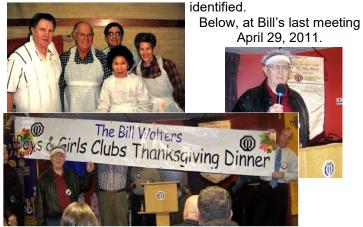


Stratton and son Luke; Gary Strowbridge; David Telpner; Woody Thibodeau; Mike White; Brian Williams; Allen Yockey and Mey; and Jed Ziegenhagen.

At <u>Girls Inc.</u> it was **Tom Hoch** and wife Laura; **Noel Hasselgren**; **Don Roth**; **Al Gapuzan** and wife Donagene; **Jon Wachter**; **Pat Bush**; **Ed Leuty**; **Paul Gibson** and wife Vickie; **John Greene** and wife Verlee; **Greg Young**; **Mark Smith**; and **Robert Wardlaw**.

More pictures will be made available in with the next <u>GUMS</u>. **Remembering Bill Walters**

For those who did not know **Bill Walters**, here he is on the left, at one of the first Thanksgiving Dinners, with **Allen Yockey** and Mey, **Paul Simon**, and someone who is not



Being recognized as a MSOC past president and founder of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Bill Walters stands before the banner that will be displayed for all future dinners. Photos Don StJohn

Click this link and then play Bill Walters last comments to the Club, an m4a file at <u>https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uzuxghe40dlne3l/AADyGLmUDmS</u> _90WwyDSWhzCta?dl=0

Weekly Greeters					
11/23/18	Michael Chavez & Don Roth				
11/30/18	Robert Wardlaw & Woody Thibodeau				

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8000	Nov 19 Nov 20	Mon Tues	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level Start: OCMS Christmas Tree Lot & Santa Haus Setup			
Ś	Nov 22		Thanksgiv	ring Day			
Ś	Nov 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day & Tree Lot Training			
Ś	Nov 23 Fri OCMS Christmas Tree Lot & Santa Haus OPENS at Villa Monaco, 2223 S. Monaco Pkwy.						
Ś	Nov 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA			
Ś	Dec 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA			
Ś	Dec 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA			
Ś	Dec 15	Sat	6:00 pm	Annual Holiday Party, Cherry Creek Country Club, 2405 S Yosemite St.			
Ś	Dec 20	Thurs	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level			
Ś	Dec 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Annual Santa's Gift (White Elephant) Exchange			
- \$	Dec 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Annual Kid's to Breakfast			
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Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Jack Rife	2002-03	John Oss	2014-15
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		
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Peter Dimond	1997-98	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.