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Good Morning Optimist

An unusually warm morning and the sun is peaking over the horizon as we gather.



Photos Noel Hasselgren

Mark Westland and John Oss and are bringing the cheer as our greeters today.

Camaraderie Day

It is Camaraderie Day, so **Frank Middleton**, who orchestrates the seating arrangement hands your editor the *Eight of Hearts*, indicating I am to sit at table 8. I sharing a table with members, **Barry Barker, Russ Paul, and Michael Chavez**. With this new sitting arrangement it becomes a lively group this morning, with lots of new conversations going on.



First Bell

President **Jim Easton** rings the rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. Board member **Ken Duffy** reads the invocation this morning in preparation for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. "O Generous God, you have

provided all that we need, although perhaps not with all that we want. As we celebrate the bounty which will adorn our tables, let us not forget that, in the midst of plenty, there are those who are hungry, those who are trapped in war, and who are ill. Let us celebrate the good fortune that we are blessed with."

Ken then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Allen Malask introduces his guest, **Tina Swonger**. Tina is a realtor from Colorado Springs. Allen shares that there are approximately 3,900 Realtors in El Paso County and she is in the top one percent. Tina is also involved with Mosaic in Colorado Springs, a group that helps people with intellectual disabilities and who need help with housing and family. Welcome Tina!

From the Prez

President Jim, just returning from a trip to Mexico, shares a personal message about what a great time it is to be an Optimist. The upcoming week of Thanksgiving Baskets on Saturday and serving a dinner at the Boys and Girls Clubs and at Girls Inc. on Tuesday evening demonstrates real community service.

This past Wednesday evening the club hosted a New Member Orientation meeting. Participating were **Tom Glazier, Karl Geil, Joe Marci, Ron Cisco, and Everett Gardner**. They helped welcome and inform new members **Mark Smith and Dan Rodrigues**. The new member orientation program is a great time to learn about what the club has to offer. Everyone is encouraged to review the "Projects and Activities" list on the Club's website @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/>. There is much to involved in!

Announcements

Hats, Gift Cards, & Help: **Greg Young** announced he has four hats left, and says to give him \$10 to get a snazzy hat.

We once again, have reloadable Safeway cards available for groceries and gas. The club gets back a small percentage back from *Safeway or Kroger's King*

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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

Soopers, and it is an easy and great way to support the kids.

Greg also needs 5 or 6 guys to retrieve stuff for the Tree Lot from storage on Wednesday the 22nd. Contact Greg if you can assist. Additionally, of Friday the 24th, right after our meeting we need "all hands-on deck" for Tree Lot setup and preparation.

Habitat for Humanity Project: Bob Avery provided details on last Friday's Habitat for Humanity project. **George Buzick** was handy at the saw, **Everett Gardner** helped out, and **Bill Blunden** was helping out on the second floor rafters with Bob. They all put in some good work for a great cause.

Santa Haus Update: **Craig Eley** reported that the Santa Haus is 90 percent done; we will putting the roof on today. He said that old guys who should not climb



An exterior and interior view of the new Santa Haus.

Photos Kent Gloor

ladders are encouraged to attend. **Kent Gloor** is heading up the construction, and that we will christening the new haus at noon, this coming Wednesday at the Tree Lot. Come by, since he will be served brats. Santa will be on the job starting on Saturday —right after Thanksgiving. **Randy Marcove** is assistant Santa wrangler.

Thanksgiving Dinner: **Michael Chavez** reports that the **Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner**, to be held on Tuesday evening, November 21st, at both Girls Inc., 1490 Julian and the Boys & Girls Clubs, 3480 W. Kentucky Ave., starting at 3:30 p.m., is coming together. A signup sheet is going around, but he needs more assistance at Girls Inc. It is anticipated that 600 people will show at the Boys & Girls Clubs, and another 100+ at Girls Inc. Family members are also invited to participate with this annual event.

Brain Bowl is Coming: **Karl Geil** reminds us that the *Brain Bowl is Coming* and that you need to signup now for various roles at three regional and one Championship Tournament. All the information you need can be found on the Volunteer page of the CO-WY Brain Bowl webpage at <http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org/>. Over 1000 kids will take part in these three regional

events and it takes over 130 volunteers to support them. In you are interested in being a reader, you must attend a reader training, the first on is on Saturday, December 30th. **Nancy DeNiro**, of the Tamarac Club, is the volunteer coordinator. Again, more details can be found on the Brain Bowl webpage.

Know Brainer: Not to be confused with the Brain Bowl, **Pat Bush**, reminds us all to mark our 2018 calendars now for the Know Brainer competition coming up on April 28, 2018. This competition is for 5th grader students and is held in conjunction with the Tamarac Optimist Club. Volunteers will be needed.

Replication of Super Citizen Program: **Randy Marcove** shared that the Super Citizen assembly this morning at Bradley International will be handled by **Jon Wachter**, **Mike McMahon**, and **John Oss**, while he will be presenting at the first Northwest Denver Optimist Club Super Citizen program at Brown Elementary. Randy has assisted this new Optimist Club with their SC student recognition program over the past few weeks, and he showed us a very nice Super Citizen t-shirt they will be presenting.

Christmas Tree Signup

The Christmas Tree lot is the major fundraiser for the 35+ activities which the club sponsors every year. Set up of the lot requires a lot of manpower and will take place immediately after next week's meeting, Friday, November 24th, actually some of that will start on Wednesday, November 22nd. In addition to setting up the tree stands, lights, etc. the first load of trees will be delivered and we need to drill and set them into place. We also need people with pickup trucks to haul stuff from our storage area at Iliff and Valencia. We will be assisted by members of the Tamarac Optimist Club in pricing the trees.

Paul Bernard tells us to signup for various day shifts we need to go to the online calendar at www.msocxmas.org.

There are two co-managers for each days shift's, whose responsibility it is to ensure the lot is properly staffed.

The key to a successful tree lot is staffing.

TREE LOT DAY MANAGERS 2017			
LOT CELL PHONE:	JOE MARCI	303-847-7844 C	
CHAIRMAN:	Tree Deliveries, Tree orders	303-771-3740 H	
FACILITIES:	MIKE MILLER	303-698-8584 H	
	Heater, propane, w/reads	720-281-4513 C	
ELECTRICAL:	GARY MILLER	720-225-8616 C	
TRANSPORT:	GREG YOUNG	303-886-1110 C	
	Change, cash collection	303-759-3921 H	
FOOD:	RON CISCO	303-652-7795 C	
SANTA HAUS:	CRAIG ELEY	720-771-4866 C	
IF YOU CANNOT ACCESS OR UPDATE THE ONLINE SCHEDULE, CALL A DAY MANAGER TO DO IT FOR YOU!			
DAY MANAGERS:			
Make sure each shift is covered with workers each day, 4 shifts, per the staffing level indicated on the schedule			
MANAGER	Cell Phone		
MONDAY:	303-983-7719		
	Everett Gardner	949-246-4984	
TUESDAY:	303-667-3663		
	Randy Marcove	303-832-4578	
WEDNESDAY:	303-917-5299		
	Tom Kramis	720-987-7084	
THURSDAY:	720-254-3741		
	Pat Bush	303-480-5072	
FRIDAY:	720-210-8056		
	John Oss	303-366-6375	
SATURDAY:	303-931-1470		
	Steve Kady	720-339-8025	
SUNDAY:	303-745-3210		
	Dundie Smith	303-541-4888	
	Harry Arkin		

THANKSGIVING DINNER SIGNUP SHEET											
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Christmas Tree Signup Continued

Once you are at <http://www.msocxmas.org/>, clicking on the "edit" button on the day(s) you want to work. Type in your name and do not forget to save! Once you have signed up, you are responsible for ensuring that the shift is staffed, either by yourself or by someone else. If you are unable to work the shift, you must find someone else to cover. Those who work 15-hours or more can buy anything on the lot at cost. Shifts are normally 3-hours, but you can work longer if your able.

Keep in mind, there are jobs for everyone, including those who may not be able to schlepp trees. Our goal is having at least 100 of our 140+ members participate. This is also a great time to meet your fellow

members and to get to know them a little more personally.

Most of our customers are repeat customers and are here not because we have the cheapest trees in town, but because they are treated well, and they know we support our communities and, especially, their kids at Super Citizen Schools, etc.

On the GUMS Distribution email see the "Guide to Selling Trees & Securing Trees to Car Tops," plus the OCMS "Tree Lot Press Release," and several tree lot ads. Should you like a personalized ad for a specific organization contact **Bob Finkelmeier**.



Tree Lot Taking Shape

Thanks to **Steve Kady** for working with **Brink's Heavy Towing**—Debbie Renck, owner, and Manager/Driver, Dick Boucher—for making that happen. They got the Office Trailer in place. Steve also arranged for Denver Firefighters from Station 22 to mount our sign. Plus, thanks to **Gary Miller** for arranging the generator.



Photos Steve Kady



Drawing

Do we have a drawing? Yes, we do and there is \$70 in the pot if you get an opportunity to draw the lucky card, which is the Seven of Diamonds.

Members holding tickets that were called this morning include **Ron Cisco, Barry Barker, Jack Kleinheksel, Ed Collins, Phil Perington, Jack again, Cap Hermann**, plus **Jack** again for a "hat-trick." However, no one who went for the \$70 was a winner.



Name Tag Drawing

Kent Gloor's name was drawn out of the name tag jug, but he too came up short.

Closing Creed

Tom Mauro leads us in the creed. Now, go out and spread the word of Optimism by words and by your own deeds!

Thanksgiving Baskets

Arranged by **Allen Pierce** and **Jim Easton** we had a good turn out for delivering food baskets with the assistance of the Safeway store at Monaco and Yale on Saturday.



Photos Jim Easton

November Super Citizen Presenters

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

Weekly Greeters

11/24/17	Ed Leuty & Harry Fegley
12/1/17	Eldon Strong & Russ Paul

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

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

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
Dec 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Perry Allen & Ron Cisco, Dime-A-Day

**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
Mark Metevia	1994-95	Michael Chavez	2015-16
Bob Safe	1995-96	Craig Eley	2016-17
Tom Overton	1996-97		

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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.