

Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South



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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimist



Don Roth and **Frank Middleton** were brighteyed and bushy-tailed greeters this morning, shaking hands (and shaking awake) the men of Monaco South rising from their post-turkey comas.

Frank Middleton & Don Roth Photos Noel Hasselgren their

Don't Blame the Bird!

A common myth holds that turkey is especially high



in tryptophan, resulting in sleepiness after it is consumed, as may occur at the traditional meal of the North American holiday of Thanksgiving. However, the tryptophan content of turkey is comparable to chicken, beef, and other

meats, and does not result in higher blood tryptophan levels than other common foods. Certain foods, such as soybeans, sesame, and sunflower seeds, and certain cheeses, are high in tryptophan. Although it is possible these may induce sleepiness if consumed in sufficient quantities, this is not well-studied. *Editor: The preceding facts were found on the internet, where everything you read is true or your money back.*

Invocation & Pledge

President Everett Gardner asked Phil Perington

to deliver our invocation. Phil gave us a message regarding talking health, happiness and prosperity. Though it may be challenging, let see if we can make our optimism contagious! He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Guests

Were there any guests? Why yes, there was—<u>Skip</u> <u>Johnson</u> who joined us from Illinois, a guest and newly found brother of **Perry Allen**. Perry and Skip recently discovered each other, and there is a



definite a family resemblance! Welcome Skip—We are glad to have you! And, yes, is a true brotherly resemblance, as seen on the right—Skip Johnson and Perry Allen.



Announcements

<u>Bill Walter's Thanksgiving Dinner</u>: Steve Kady reported that Channel 4 covered our Bill Walter's Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys and Girls Clubs on the Thursday evening news. <u>Click the link here</u> for the video or review the picture story in this weeks <u>GUMS</u> <u>Supplement</u>.

Annual Together 4 Colorado Toy Drive: While Steve Kady had the floor, he reported that Channel 4 once again has requested that out Santa and Club members to come down to the University Hills King Soopers, on Thursday, December 13th at 5:45 a.m. to help fill up their toy bin. **Prez Everett** will be the spokesperson for the club and Santa will be there to help unload the toys. See the *"Together 4 Colorado Toy Drive"* webpage by <u>Clinking Here</u> and their suggested items for gifts here.

<u>Thanksgiving Basket Delivery</u>: Allan Pierce reported that last Saturday 54 Thanksgiving baskets were delivered by the club. Five went to Boys and Girls Clubs and 49 went to families from our Super Citizen schools. See photos from this project in this weeks <u>GUMS Supplement</u>. Thanks to all who joined in on the deliveries—for better or worse, there were no slippery, missing turkeys, or any covered in road rash!

<u>Cy Regan Update</u>: Frank Middleton and Mike White reported that Cy Regan had a fall a few weeks ago but is recovering pretty well. Keep improving Cy, we look forward to seeing you on a Friday morning soon—take care with that new dogs!



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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



OC & Pat Larson: Bob Avery reported that he dropped in on OC Larson last week. Evidentially OC's wife Pat also had fallen and therefore she moved in with him at the Cherry Hills Assisted Living Center, 6325 S. University Blvd. Bob said that OC and Pat seemed happy and hearty.

OC & Pat Larson Photo Bob Avery

Tree Lot Update

Steve Kady announced this past week Brink's Heavy Towing moved the Tree Lot Trailer and Santa Haus to the lot. And, last Friday 12 Fire Department



volunteers unloaded 500+ trees. Unfortunately only 4 Optimists were there helping!

Therefore, be sure to thank the next firefighter you see, and Steve will think of a

formal way for the club to recognize their contribution.

Steve also reports that there is now a cash register in the trailer for those members who will be working as cashiers. Although using the register is not mandatory, but Steve has instructions and they will be in the trailer also. The register is easy to use, it is programmed with the various tree prices, and it calculates the tax for you. Editor: That sounds like an upgrade - thanks Steve!

Kent Gloor added that 199 more trees should be arriving at 9:00 a.m. today and we need all hands on deck after today's meeting! Trees need to be offloaded, drilled, tagged, and set out. Additionally, some can start making sales!

With that said, Greg Young distributed Optimist Guide to Selling Trees, which includes not only sales tips, but also guidance on how to tie a tree to a car. Click here for a copy.

Working the Tree Lot

All members are requested to sign up for tree lot duty. The schedule is now live at www.msocxmas.org. We ask that all members sign up for at least 5 shifts. Instructions for signing up:

- ◊ Go the schedule website at www.msocxmas.org
- 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. Cashier spots are reserved for those members who absolutely cannot work the lot and lift trees.
- Output 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, DO NOT 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 SAVE. 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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Kids, 16-years or older, from local High Schools are also going to help, let Greg know if you have any groups of High Schoolers that want to help and he can coordinate.

First 2018 Customer

Via email Phil Perington reports that Melissa and



Steve Debot visiting from Milwaukee are shown purchasing a surprise for their Daughter Margot, a resident Surgeon at Denver Health. According to Mom, this is her first "real" Christmas tree. They

showed up early to make sure they got a fresh and healthy tree. What a great way to kick off the season at our World famous Tree Lot! Also pictured Russ Paul and Craig Eley, the Santa Haus coordinator. Snow Strom Blowing Through





Announcements Continued

... on Saturday night the lot was hit by 70 MPH winds and heavy snow and many racks and signs were blown over and damaged.



Bradley International Helping Hands JOI Club On November 13th, Jon Wachter inducted three 5th

On November 13th, **Jon Wachter** inducted three 5th graders as JOI Club officers at Bradley to help spread optimism and organize club activities. This year they are raising funds to donate to charities that help our community, organizing three teams to compete in the Know Brainer, and planning field trips to visit our elderly neighbors who live at the University Hills Senior Residences.

This particular week we focused on the third line of



Jon Wachter, left, conducts an induction of new officers to the JOI Club officers at Bradley International school.

the Optimist Creed, "... make all your friends feel that there is something in them." Under that umbrella Club members practiced giving compliments to one another and received a modest homework assignment of giving three compliments to a family member or friend before our next meeting after Thanksgiving. Although they were not keen on complimenting a sibling, they

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

did like the idea of giving a compliment to Mom for making "yummy turkey" or Grandpa for "looking so good." After giving and receiving compliments in the meeting several talked about how good it felt to give a compliment to a classmate.

If another MSOC member wants to be of assistance with the JOI Club at Bradley, contact Jon (c 303-204-5645 or email <u>jon wachter@msn.com</u>) to get on the upcoming schedule as the year is already flying by.

Camaraderie

With a bit of a light attendance for this post-Thanksgiving meeting, camaraderie ensued. Our

crowd was predictably light this morning, but



there were stories, jokes, and good times to be shared.

Drawing

We had a drawing and \$90 awaited the lucky Optimist who found the Two of Dia-



monds. **John Young** held the first number drawn, and immediately went for the big bucks, but no luck. He then reached in

an pulled his own number. For his second win, he took the sure thing a cup o' dough. Other cups went to: **Kent Gloor, Tom Hoch, Greg Young, John**



Oss, and Frank Ross. Mike McMahon, having gotten the last chance for this weeks pot, searched for the elusive Two of Dimond's, and alas, it was not to be. While Phil Perington was proudly donning his nametag when Pres Everett called his name. He pulled out the Four of Hearts, so he too was not a winner this time.

Closing Bell & Creed

Phil Perington's consolation prize was that he led us in our Optimist Creed: *"PROMISE YOURSELF...."*



Weekly Greeters							
11/30/18	Robert Wardlaw & Woody Thibodeau						
12/7/18	?						

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		See t	he Online Calendar @ <u>http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar</u>
SIG	SN UP:	The OCMS	S Christmas Tree Lot & Santa Haus is OPEN at Villa Monaco, 2223 S. Monaco Pkwy.
Nov 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Dec 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Dec 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Dec 15	Sat	6:00 pm	Annual Holiday Party, Cherry Creek Country Club, 2405 S Yosemite St.
Dec 20	Thurs	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level
Dec 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Annual Santa's Gift (White Elephant) Exchange
Dec 22	Sat	8:00 am	Christmas Basket Delivery, American Legion Hall
Dec 25	Tues	MERRY C	CHRISTMAS
Dec 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Annual Kid's to Breakfast
Dec 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Harry Fegley
Jan 1	Tues	The start	of 2019 — HAPPY NEW YEAR
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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Avery	1989-90	Don St. John	2001-02	Jon Wachter	2013-14		
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		1996-97	Phil Perington	2008-09				
Tom Mauro	1985-86		1997-98	Ron Cisco	2009-10				
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87		1998-99	Ed Collins	2010-11				
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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.