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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist The Day After Thanksgiving

On this absolutely beautiful Colorado late November morning, members are greeted by **Harry Fegley** and **Ed Leuty** pictured below.



Photo Noel Haseelgren



Although the group is somewhat smaller than usual (it is the day after Thanksgiving), they wait, with the thought of the usual ringing of the morning bell at precisely 7:00 a.m. But, alas, the time comes, **Steve Kady** looks at his watch and shakes his head. There is no bell sounding. Five minutes come and go—still no bell. After ten minutes, **Everett Gardner**, current vice-president, is coaxed into calling the meeting to order and calls on **Frank Middleton** to give the invocation.

### Invocation & Pledge

**Frank Middleton** urges us to “*Forget the mistakes of the Past,*” and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guests

**VP Gardner** asks if we have any guests and **Ken Duffy** introduces his guests, **Joel Hinrichs**. Welcome!

### Where's the Prez

After several minutes of camaraderie, our illustrious President **Jim Easton** makes his appearance and explains that he was trying to get his son off to skiing and totally spaced the meeting. Editor: *There is speculation by some that President Jim has let his recent appearance on CBS Denver Channel 4 News, he has decided to be fashionably late, so he could make a grand entrance, or that he had spent the night at the local Best Buy to get a good deal on electronics. Jim claims he thought today was Saturday!*

### From the Vice Prez

While Prez **Jim Easton** was eating his breakfast, Vice-Prez **Everett Gardner** continued to chair the meeting and did a great imitation in the absence of **Karl Geil** by announcing “*The Brain Bowl is coming!*” Be sure and put these dates on your calendar and sign up for the reader training, which is required, if you plan on being a reader. Find details at [www.optimistbrainbowl.org/](http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org/).



### From the Prez

**Thanksgiving Food Baskets:** **Jim Easton** thanked those who had participated in the Thanksgiving food basket delivery which was spearheaded by **Jim** and **Allen Pierce**. Fifty-three baskets were delivered to needy families throughout the southeast metro area, most of home were identified by the social workers at the various schools at which we have Super Citizen Programs. **Jim** mentioned that we will also be delivering Christmas baskets on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, with the possibility of delivery some toys along with the food. See the signup sheet for this event.



Photos Jim Easton

**Recognition to Marilyn Brown:** Prez **Jim Easton** shared that he purchased some holiday flowers and delivered them as a gift as well as a thank you letter from our club to **Marilyn Brown**, wife of **Doug Morton**, who passed away last year. Attached is a picture of us with the flowers. **Jim** reported that **Marilyn** was in good spirits and grateful for the flowers.



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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

### **Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner: Michael Chavez**

announce that the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc. happened and were both huge successes. More than 500 were served at the Boys and Girls Club, with able guidance of Michael and a whole bunch of other volunteers, all of our guests enjoyed turkey, dressing and all the fixings. Michael shared special kudos to **Steve Kady** and **Randy Marcove** for lining up The Colorado Food Pantry, who not only prepared the food, but delivered it to the two sites. Also to **Tom Glazier** and **Noel Hasselgren** for delivering all the supplies and to **Pat Bush** for ramrodding the Girls Inc. dinner, where 180-200 girls were served. This event really demonstrated the flexibility and, yes, the optimism of club members, who worked hard to make this whole thing happen.



File Photo 2016

**Ron Cisco** shared that we had 33 Optimist members at Boy's and Girl's Club and 14 of our guys at Girls Inc. Plus, we also had 8 wives, 6 children, and 3 adult guests helping.

Those in attendance were: **Harry Arkin, Bob Avery, Barry Barker, Sewell Black, Pat Bush, Joe Campana, Michael Chavez, Ron Cisco, Ed Collins, James Dockter, Jim Easton, Keith Gallaway, Everett Gardner, Paul Gibson, Tom Glazier, Kent Gloor, John Greene, Noel Hasselgren, Tom Hoch, Greg Hurd, Steve Kady, Tom Kramis, Les Larson, Ed Leuty, Allen Malask, Tom Mauro, Mark Metevia, Frank Middleton, Gary Miller, John Oss, Russ Paul, Phil Perington, Allen Pierce, Don Roth, Terry Shroyer, Donley Smith, Mark Smith, Oscar Sorensen, Eldon Strong, Gary Strowbridge, David Telpner, Don Thompson, Mike White, Brian Williams, Alan Yockey, Greg Young, John Young, Robert Wardlaw.**

Here is a link to Tom Hock's videos that includes [CBS Denver Channel 4 News report and his from Girls Inc.](https://www.cbs4.com/news/report-and-his-from-girls-inc)

**Santa Haus Dedication:** On Wednesday, November 22, nineteen days after the first screw was put into the Santa Haus, it arrived at the Tree Lot at 11 a.m. Built on a 16-foot trailer in **Peter Dimond's** driveway, **Kent Gloor** drove it slowly to the Tree Lot from Chambers and Smoky Hill Road with **Everett Gardner** as co-pilot and **Tom Kramis** driving lookout. They arrived to a beehive of activity as Optimists were setting up the lot and making runs to the storage unit for Tree Lot trappings.



Kent Gloor and part of his crew stand on the entrance to the new Santa Haus.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

It was a beautiful day in the high 60s, and to celebrate the (almost) completion of the Santa Haus **Craig Eley** brought in a grill and cooked up brats for the crowd of about 50. When everyone had their firsts brat there was a short dedication ceremony, in which Craig and Kent thanked those who made the Santa House a reality. See the dedication as captured by Noel Hasselgren at <https://youtu.be/cF0mICwDDC4>.

**John Young**, whose financial contribution made the Santa House possible, christened the house by smacking it with a bottle of champagne, which enthusiastically exploded and soaked John in bubbly. He was a thoroughly happy camper, though, posing for photos with the jagged neck of

the bottle in his hand.

Kent and Craig drew up the plans for the house, and Kent headed up the construction crew. He and Tom Kramis put in hundreds of hours in the short time between the commencement of construction and the opening of the Tree Lot. The house is pretty tall because it is built on top of a trailer and the ceiling had to be raised in order to allow room for a train to run around the upper inside perimeter of the main room in the house. This raised safety concerns when it came to installing the green metal roof. Tom solved the problem by tying a climbing rope between two trees at Peter's house and then attaching his safety harness to it while he drove the screws into the roof panels.

Others who put in a lot of time on the house were **Eldon Strong, Greg Hurd, Everett Gardner, Al Gapuzan, Les Larson, Bob Avery, and Mark Metevia**. Helping when they could were **Mark Westlund, Andrew Hurd, Gary Strowbridge, Wyatt McCallie, Craig Eley, Mike White, and Michael Chavez**.

**Bryce Slaby** and **Tom Overton** obtained construction materials, and **Ruth and Les Larson** drove to a Walmart in Cheyenne, Wyoming to pick up the Santa Haus fireplace, which for some reason cannot be sold in Colorado. **Wyatt McCallie** and the **Dimond's** provided food and drink for the workers, as did Peter's neighbor, former MSOC member **John Marinos**.

As Craig said at the dedication, it takes a village to raise a Santa House! See some of Craig Eley's dedication photos at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/bkxVbCUUdoDftyfi2>.

**TJHS Art Festival:** **Tom Glazier** remind us that he will be having a book sale at the TJ's Art Festival, Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Tom could use some help in arranging the books. Also, anyone who has books to donate can drop them off at the school or bring them to the next few meetings.



**Dime-A-Day:** **Perry Allen** made an appeal for participation in the "Dime-A-Day" program to support the Optimist International Foundation (OIF). For a donation of \$36.50 you, too, can become a member of this illustrious program. Perry also said that the program next week would explain how the OIF operates and where your money goes. **Ron Cisco**, is the current CO-WY District OIF Representative, and Perry will be presenting.

**Joint Holiday Party:** Kent Gloor mentioned, do not forget the "Snowflakes and Sleigh Bells" holiday party on December 16<sup>th</sup> at Calvary Baptist Church (Monaco and Hampden), starting at 5:50. Cost is \$35/person. For those of you who have signed up, make check payable to Tamarac Optimist Club. You need to pay in advance. You **cannot** pay at the door. See the flyer attached to GUMS distribution email.

**Christmas Tree Lot:** **Joe Marci** reported that Nick's, our longtime supplier of Christmas trees has decided not to sell trees any longer, causing a significant supply problem. So, Joe is dealing directly with the nurseries in Oregon and Michigan and trying to coordinate transportation and delivery of the trees. There is a nation-wide shortage of Christmas trees, as reported by [CBS Denver Channel 4 News](http://denver.cbslocal.com/2017/11/23/national-tree-shortage-affects-price/), see <http://denver.cbslocal.com/2017/11/23/national-tree-shortage-affects-price/>, so prices will be up slightly, and varieties may be limited compared to past years.

**Greg Young** thanked those who helped set up the lot on

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## Announcements Continued

Wednesday and said we need "All Hands-on Deck!" (He is a Navy guy) on both this Friday and Sunday, as 375 trees will be delivered on Friday and over 600 on Sunday. He also said we would have several kids from George Washington High School on Friday. **Steve Kady** suggest asking the fire-fighter's from Station 22 and 13 to assist us in unloading the trees on Friday and Sunday. So on Friday three Fire trucks showed up at the tree lot as shown below.



Photo John-Oss

On Friday, November 24, we got assistance firefighters from Station 22, S. Monaco Parkway and 13, S. Yosemite.



Photos Steve Kady



**Tree Lot Sign Up:** Please sign up. Keep in mind, that the money we raise goes to fund the 35 different projects we do like Thanksgiving dinner, baskets, Super Citizen and the rest. Everyone needs to step up and work at least 5 lot shifts, with at least one on each weekend. To sign up on the Tree Lot Manning Schedule go to:

[http://www.msocxmas.org/xmas\\_schedule.php](http://www.msocxmas.org/xmas_schedule.php)

### Weekly Drawing

"Do we have a drawing!" But a tradition has been broken. For whatever reason, **Jack Kleinhessel** did not buy his

We also had assistance from some George Washington HS students and one of Bradley International's Super Citizen students, and neighbor of Tom Glaser, Ben Finke.



A GWHS student working with Mike Miller pricing trees.

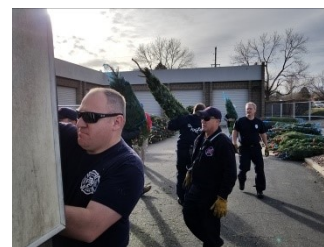


Ben Finke, a Super Citizen from Bradley lends a hand.

On Sunday, it was reported that over 680 Michigan trees were unloaded again with the assistance of firefighters.

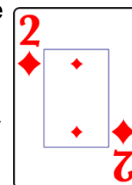


Fire engineer (driver) Twannica Clark pulls trees out of the truck.



Fireman line up and carry trees into a fenced in security area to be drilled and priced.

usual supply of tickets this week. Those who did were unable to draw the Two of Diamonds and win the \$90 that goes with success. Both **Michael Chavez** and **Ken Duffy** took a shot at drawing the elusive 2, but neither was lucky enough to win. **Everett Gardner** had an opportunity by way of wearing his name tag, but also failed. Those taking the petty cash were: **Don Thomson, Ed Leuty, Gary Strowbridge, Ken Duffy, Perry Allen, and Tom Glazier.**



### November Super Citizen Presenters

Nov 30 @ 1:00	McMeen	Mike White
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### Weekly Greeters

12/1/17	Eldon Strong & Russ Paul
12/8/17	Frank Middleton & Michael Chavez

### Optimist Club of Monaco South 2017-2018 41<sup>st</sup> Year — Chartered in 1976

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

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
Dec 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Dec 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Dec 16	Sat	5:30 am	Annual Christmas Party, Calvary Baptist Church, 6500 E. Girard
Dec 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Santa's Gift Exchange
Dec 23	Sat	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Christmas Food Basket Delivery
Dec 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Kids to Breakfast

**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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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.