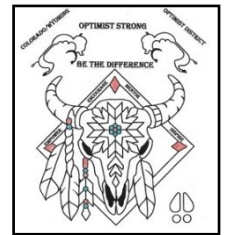




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Good Morning Optimist

The fog is thick this fall morning, the last Friday before Daylight Savings ends, **Allan Malask** and **Perry Allen** are bringing the cheer as our greeters today.



Left, Allen Malask and Perry Allen serve as our end of daylight savings time greeters.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

First Bell

President Jim Easton rings the rings the bell promptly at 7:00 a.m. and gives his early morning greeting and immediately calling on **Cy Regan**.

Invocation & Pledge

Cy Regan reads the invocation this morning asking for guidance of Good Government. *"Oh God, Governor of the Universe, help us promote an active interest in good government. Guide us to consider the intelligent pursuit of the public good. Good governance is at the core of who we are as a community, as a country and as a leader in our world."* Cy then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Guests

Like clockworks, **Prez Jim** calls us to recognize our guests. **Carl Brown** introduces **Don Miller**, who used to be an Optimist with University Hills and currently lives in Westcliff.

Don Thomson introduces **Jack Kitchell**, a member we have not seen in some time. Jack reports that he was having lunch with Don earlier in the week and had mentioned to Don that he probably would not renew his membership with the club. As Jack drove away from that lunch he thought about what the club has really meant to him since he joined in 1992.



Jack Kitchell
Photo Craig Eley

The memories and friendships that he recalled were enough to lead him to decide to rejoin the club. Welcome back Jack!

Harry Arkin introduces a lawyer friend, **Jacques Machol**. Harry explains that Jacques has over 60 year's experience in bankruptcy, business and general practice. Harry says Jacques serves as an inspiration on continuing to be productive and working well into the ages.

Welcome guests!

From the Prez

President Jim Easton notes the great World Series of baseball and the wonderful achievement for the city of Houston. See for yourself, the highlights of game 7, click the picture.



Funeral services for **Bill Anderson** was held this past week and 18 members from the club attended. Bill passed away unexpectedly on October 24th. He was a member of Monaco South since 1984 and made the long trek from his home in west Littleton every Friday morning, sometimes on his BMW Motorrad, until it was crushed by a garbage truck, or by car. He will be greatly missed for his humor and project participation.



William (Bill) Anderson
Photo Craig Eley

Prez Jim indicated that the annual Thanksgiving Baskets distributed will be on Saturday, November 18th, starting at 8:00 a.m. and it is a great way to begin to spread the holiday spirit.

Announcements & Reflections

Bill Anderson: **John Young** noted that with a heavy heart that he met **Bill Anderson** and his wife **Kathy** in kindergarten and recalls his friend. All three grew up in Colorado Springs, and were in school together K-12. Their parents were friends, too. John was best man in Bill and Kathy's wedding 49 years ago. And, of course, John sponsored Bill as a member back in 1984. We will miss him greatly!

Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** that Junior Golf for this year is completed, but he and Bob Meyer are already planning for 2018 and looks for a banner year. Every-

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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 & Reflections Continued

thing is in motion for the new year. Joe also mentioned that **Bill Anderson** loved to be involved in the Christmas Tree lot.

Bill Anderson: **Bob Avery** recalled now Bill Anderson would put a couple of pennies in the drawing monies as a way of adding his two-cents worth. Bill would usually show up a few minutes late, because of the long distance Bill had to travel. Bob would always hold the member attendance tally until Bill arrived.

Santa Claus Haus Builders: **Kent Gloor** updated us on the Santa Haus construction for the Tree Lot, and says we are making "a purse out of a sow's ear." Those getting us started were **Tom Kramis, Greg and Andrew Hurd, Les Larsen, Eldon Strong, Craig Eley, Bryce Slaby, and Al Gapuzan**, but a special thanks to **Peter and Karla Dimond** for the use of their car port space to construct the Santa's house. This weekend looks to be the big push on completing construction.

In an email, **Craig Eley** reported on Sunday that the construction of the Santa House is in full swing, with Monaco South builders racing against snow and the impending opening of the Tree Lot. Starting with a 16-foot trailer purchased from **Tom Overton's** brother-in-law, Project Manager **Kent Gloor** and Santa Wrangler **Craig Eley** drew up plans for a permanent but portable abode for the Jolly Old Elf.

Peter Dimond volunteered an RV pad next to his house near Smoky Hill Road and Chambers for a construction site. He and Karla have opened their home, garage and rest room to the builders for their comfort and convenience. In just a week, the house has risen from decking the trailer to all the wall studs being affixed in place, with the help of **Kent and Craig, Les**

Larson, Greg and Andrew Hurd, Eldon Strong, Everett Gardner, Tom Overton, Tom Kramis, Bob Avery, Mark Westlund, Al Gapuzan and Mark Metevia.

Most recently, yesterday, November 4th, with beautiful weather, good fellowship and some serious house-raising as studs for doors, walls and windows were built. The engineers present put their heads together and decided on the spot that, rather than heavy wooden roof trusses, they would use metal ones. They designed a prototype, measured and cut the metal, and screwed it together. As Tom Kramis stood on the

apex of the truss in a very scientific stress test, the brain trust pronounced it good and truss production commenced. Thus, future Santa's need not worry (very much) that the Santa Haus might come down upon their heads.

Those who want to get in on the edifice action should contact Kent at 303-880-5444 for a construction schedule.

Thanksgiving Dinner: **Michael Chavez**

updates us on the new possibilities for preparing the Thanksgiving turkeys and trimmings. Plans are in place and Michael is working feverishly to prevent any interruption. Thank you Michael for your efforts! *Editor: Save the date, the **Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner**, will be at the Boys & Girls Club, 3480 W. Kentucky Ave. and the Girls Inc., 1499 Julian St., on Tuesday, November 21st starting at 3:30 p.m.*

New Member Mentor Program: **Tom Glazier**

said that **John Scarborough** has again graciously offered the facilities at his Silicon STEM Academy for the Monaco South Orientation on Wednesday, November 15th starting at 7 p.m. Pizza and libations will be provided. If you have particular dietary requirements, let him know.

The Silicon STEM Academy is located at 4201 E. Yale Avenue, Suite 130, on Yale Avenue one block east of Colorado Blvd, across the street from the University Hills shopping center. There is a free parking lot on the east side of the building. The building's east entrance is accessible to all.

Let Tom know if you will be able to attend so that he can get a head count. Keep in mind, that the meeting is open to all. This will be the last orientation offered for 2017 since it is a busy time of the year.

Habitat for Humanity: **Craig Eley** reported that there is still time to volunteer for Monaco South's Habitat for Humanity Build Day scheduled for this coming Friday, November 10th. Advance registration is required, so contact Craig Eley via email as soon as possible if you wish to participate. We will leave right after the meeting next Friday and head to the build site at 3701 S. Irving St, arriving by 8:50 a.m. End time is 4:30 p.m. No tools or experience are necessary. So far, MSOC joist monkeys are **Al Gapuzan, Bill Blunden, Tom Kramis, George Buzick, Everett Gardner, and Bob Avery.**

Time-A-Day: **Perry Allen** is working on the Dime-A-Day fundraiser for our club. We are down a little this year, so please consider donating to this worthwhile



Photos by Bob Avery and Craig Eley. more can be seen by [Clicking Here](#).



Announcements & Reflections Continued

project. The \$36.50 goes to Optimist International Foundation and supports Childhood Cancer fund. See Perry Allen for details and/or bring him a check.

Veterans Day Breakfast: As a reminder, in a "tradition"



begun last year, military veterans get a free breakfast at the November 10

meeting in honor of Veteran's Day and their service. Bring your appetites!

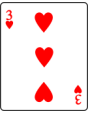
Did You Lose Your Glasses?: Our caterer, Heather Nossaman said she found a pair of prescription glasses in the area where **Cy Regan** was sitting.



If they are yours, see her next Friday, or give her a call at 303-726-6400.

Drawing

Do we have a drawing? Yes, we do and there is \$60 in the pot and the lucky card is the 3 of Hearts. Members holding tickets this morning include **Ron Cisco, Karl Geil, Eldon Strong, Allen Pierce, Allen Malask, John Stoffel**, takes a cup, while **Gary Strowbridge** and **Mark Metevia** go for the pot, but with no luck.



Ron Gustas' name was drawn out for wearing his name tag; but again no luck. While **Scott Walker's** name was called for a book donated by Don Miller, guest of **Carl Brown**.

Christmas Tree Lot Overview

Joe Marci, Tree Lot Chair

Joe Marci provides an overview and some instructions for this year's Tree Lot sale. The Tree Lot is the largest fund raiser for the club. It started back in 1978, and we have sold trees for 40 years in pretty much the same spot since that time. We had great sales last year but the club now pays rent, and the rent has increased once again this year.

This year the lot will be in the same location as last year. Some logistics will change as the deliveries will be much larger and storing them will be a challenge.

Thankfully the sales have been good and this good fortune has continued. Joe handed out Guidelines for Selling Trees, which provides the *Do's and Don't's* — see *GUMS distribution email*. We do offer free delivery in metro area, and are in need of members to help deliver these. Two more people are involved in the delivery, and often the grateful recipients offer a tip. But, keep in mind, the tips come back to the club. Last year we did about a dozen deliveries.

Last year **Lynn Jones** opened the lot almost every day, made coffee, and got the place organized for the day to come. Lynn moved to Idaho this past year and we are in need of a new "Lynn Jones" to do this for us this year.

Things have changed regarding how the trees will be delivered this year. We will be getting loads this year in semi-trailers directly from the source. The trees will come again from Michigan and Oregon. The Nobel and Nordman Fir are coming from Oregon, while rest are coming from Michigan. This year we have a large variety of trees, such

as Black Hills Spruce, Balsam, Concolor, Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, Noble Fir, Nordman, Scotch Pine, and White Pine.

Most of the trees are being cut this month, Joe placing orders for trees back in August. Much has been done already and the wheels are in motion.

The drilling of the trees will be done and with help from the Tamarac Optimist club doing the pricing, plus assistance from Thomas Jefferson High School students.

The morning of possibly the 21st, will be the first delivery. On that date we will need at least 15 guys to help unload, drill the trees, set up the racks. We will also need members/volunteers with trucks to go over to the storage space to retrieve the supplies. So please get ready and plan to help.

Email from **Steve Kady: Denver**
Firefighters from Station 22 once again climbed the stick to secure the tree lot sign over the old Jiffy Lube sign. Just as they were spreading materials out, the bell went off to a reported fire at 600 South Dayton. Lucky for everyone it was just burnt food. They returned a short time later and got it done.

Thanks to all of the Firefighters of Station 22!



Photo Steve Kady

November Super Citizen Presenters

Nov 9 @ 1:00	Lowry	Greg Young
Nov 9 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Dean Sotiriou

Weekly Greeters

11/10/17	Joe Marci & Greg Young
11/17/17	Mark Westland & John Oss

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

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

Nov 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Karl Geil, The 2018 Brain Bowl is Coming!
Nov 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
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 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

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
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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.