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Good Morning Optimist



Photo Noel Hasselgren

On this last day of November, the 334th day of the year, it is a chilly fall morning. However, our greeters this morning, **Woody Thibodeau**, left, and your editor **Robert Wardlaw**, right, sharing a warm good morning greeting.

First Bell

President Everett Gardner promptly rings the bell at 7 a.m. calling on **Peter Dimond** for the invocation.

Invocation & Pledge

Peter Dimond gives the invocation this morning. He remembers Kelly Dimond, his daughter-in-law who died unexpectedly leaving a husband and two young children. *We remember also all those from our club who have gone before us and we realize that life is a race in which we will all come to the finish line, some sooner than others. We among all your creatures, may be the only ones to understand that our tenure upon this earth is limited.* Peter then leads us in the pledge of allegiance to our flag of the USA.



Welcomed Guests

James Dockter introduces **Steve Hick**. Steve visited us a couple weeks ago, was an Optimist member in Texas some time ago and he has recently moved to Colorado. Steve teaches at DU. Steve has now filled out an application, with a check, for joining us. Welcome Steve!

Announcements

Tree Lot Update: **Joe Marci** tells us that the tree lot has sold a lot of trees and we are 105 trees ahead of last year! That is phenomenal! He also recognizes **Mike White** and thanks him for the use of his truck to made deliveries. The Tamarac Optimist Club ladies have also been a big help. Joe emphasizes that we need lots of help, last year on this particular weekend we sold over 300 Trees. Please sign up and show up if you have signed up.

Christmas Basket Delivery: **Michael Chavez**, who is feeling better and can now see again, after the problem he had with his left eye. Holiday food baskets distribution is coming up on Saturday, on December 22nd. We will meet at the Legion Hall at 8 a.m. to distribute the baskets. We need volunteers to help distribute.

Annual Together 4 Colorado Toy Drive: Tom Kra-



mis gives an additional call for the tree lot and thanks members for all the help. He then focuses his attention to the Channel 4 Toy Drive and shares that he has over \$650 and has purchased \$500 worth of toys so far, with the help of Timbuk Toys. The distribution will be Thursday, December 13th at 5:45 a.m. at the University Hills King Soopers, to help fill up the toy bin.

OCMS Holiday Party: **Frank Middleton** who is back with us, announces that the Holiday Party is Saturday evening, December 15th. It will be held at the Cherry Creek Country Club, cost is \$38 per person and includes a London Broil steak dinner and a fun evening. Please sign up.

King Sooper & Safeway Reloadable Cards:

While **Frank** has the floor he also talks about the reloadable King Soopers, Safeway cards that are an excellent gift ideas for postman, mail carriers, teachers, etc.

Santa Haus Update: **Craig Eley** gives a shout for a couple of Santa volunteers for the tree lot. He has two spots left for this season. One is coming up for next weekend. Craig also shares that the club has an opportunity to sort and organize Christmas gifts for kids. See Craig for details.

Lowry Elementary Super Citizen: **Greg Young**, the SC photographer for Lowry, reports on the recent Super Citizen Assembly. Twelve kids were recognized at the assembly. Greg mentioned that while working at the tree lot that evening, some kids came in with their parents and recognized him as the "Super Citizen guy." It turns out that they brought their parents to buy a tree.

New Members: While **Greg** had our attention, he reported that he has received two applications for new

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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

members. In addition to **Steve Hick's**, he says we are delighted to have **Frank Ross** back in the fold. He also shares that **OI President Rebecca Butler-Mona** has established a special incentive for the 2018-2019



Optimist year to help Clubs reach out to past Optimist Members who are not currently Members of a Club. These past Members may be recruited into ANY Optimist Club, whether it be the Club they were originally part of or a different Club for only \$30 in international dues for their first year back! The \$15.00 registration fee is also waived! Members may not be dropped and re-added within the same Optimist year.

Prez Everett challenges each one of us to bring a new or former guest next week!

Kids Book Collection: **Don Thomson** mentions that he has over 100 books to give away at the Santa Haus, when youngsters visit Santa Claus. Also, cashiers can mention that to families who bring in youngsters when paying for their Christmas tree.

TJHS ArtFest: The Thomas Jefferson High School, ArtFest formerly known as the TJ Art Fair is next weekend. It will be held on Saturday, December 8th, the club helps with parking and **Dan Rodriguez** is looking for volunteers to help. Contact Dan if you can assist.



Working the Tree Lot

Les Larson, one of MSOC's proud nonagenarians whom we have not seen in a few months, showed up at the Tree Lot on Saturday just to make sure we were doing it right. You may remember that last year we learned that, for some unknown reason, the perfect fireplace we needed for the Santa Haus was not sold in Colorado. So Les and his wife, Ruth (a Tamarac Optimist member) drove to Wyoming to get one for us. *Great to see you, Les!*



Photo Craig Eley

These wonderful customers came in while we were unloading tress and helped us out a bit before buying one to take home.



Photo Phil Perington



Harry Fegley's Travels: Goodwood Revival

Our own **Harry Fegley** is our speaker this morning. Harry's topic this morning is about his trip this past September to Goodwood Revival.

Goodwood Revival is as popular in England as the Indy 500 is here in the US. Goodwood Estate is quite large, and the story begins with the First Duke of Richmond. His love of hunting led him to Goodwood in the 1690s, where one of the first and most fashionable hunts in the country was based. Ever since, sport has played a pivotal role here, with golf, cricket, motor racing, horseracing and flying on the estate.



Harry Fegley
Photos Noel Hasselgren

Goodwood Motor Circuit was officially opened in September 1948 when Freddie March, the 9th Duke and renowned amateur racer, tore around the track in a Bristol 400. He received a rapturous response from 15,000 spectators who had come to see the opening of Britain's first professionally organized motor-racing event since before the War. The race continues in popularity and appeal.

Harry had to sign up two-years in advance to book tickets for he and his wife Linda. England is the largest producer in the world of sports cars.

Harry explains that on their first day they went to the Jaguar plant, where you are not allowed to take pictures. They went to the manufacturing plant that makes the Land Rover, and two others, including the Jaguar where humans do not touch the car during the assembly process, until it is painted. Over 800 cars are assembled each day there. It takes 3 1/2 days to make each car. After they are painted, workers have to assemble each car. They followed that trip with a visit to the Jaguar museum.

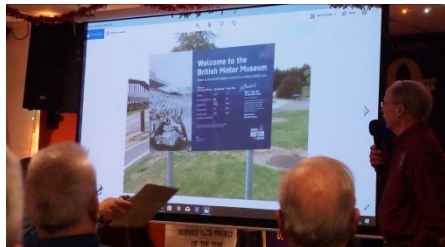
Harry showed us a picture of one car that is one of only six which are still running today. In another photo the 2008 XFR, looks like a regular car, but inside only has one seat, and ran over 200 mph at the Bonneville Flats. He also shows us a replica of a car that ran in the first race, Morgan Car company.

On another tour of a manufacturing plant, Harry shows an aluminum chassis, and how clean the factory floor is. Harry also visited the operation of Desmond J. Smail Ltd. Desmond is affectionately known as "Mr. Aston Martin," telling you everything you need to know. He is one of the most renowned characters in the Aston Martin world, having first worked on the brand in 1976 as an apprentice mechanic. With a reputation as one of the world's leading Aston Martin specialists and a 6,000 ft showroom in Olney, the business continues to go from strength to strength, as Desmond approaches 40 years in the industry. This gentlemen goes around the world to find Austin Marten's that are not working, brings them back to Only England and refinishes them. Business model seems to be working.

Williams Factory is the Formula 1 factory. Williams is one of the world's leading Formula 1 teams. They also visited the Beaulieu Museum which boasts: From the earliest motor carriages to classic family saloons, the world-famous National Motor Museum has one of the finest collections of cars, motorcycles and motoring memorabilia in the world. It is as big as Disneyland. One of the special cars was 1903 French car that has 6 horsepower. After all the museums they got to attend the race track to see the lay of the land.

Harry Fegley Continued

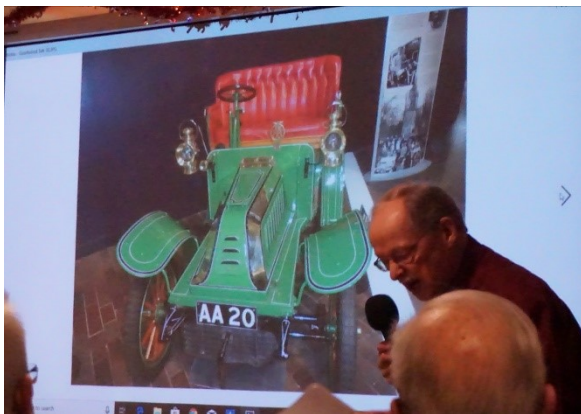
During dinner Harry and his group were joined by drivers of several race cars. As you get to the entrance to the race track, you see people dress up in period costumes and are only allowed in when they are dressed that way. The race is televised throughout England. Steve Atwood, men dressed up in period costumes as well as women.



Entertainers floating around, and over at the BMW tent, if you got bored you could go over to listen to the Glenn Miller Band.

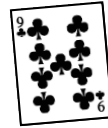
They also had a vintage airplane show. They have 16 races during the two day event. Harry shows a picture of pedal cars, some of them selling for thousands of dollars.

See Harry's itinerary from Steve Austin's Automobilia & Great Vacations attached to the GUMS distribution email.



Weekly Drawing

Do we have a drawing? Yes, we do and there is \$100 in the big pot with the lucky card being the 9 of Clubs. Members holding tickets this morning include a new member, **Roy Jarrett**, who donates his cup to the Channel 4 Toy Drive. **John Stoffel**, **Allen Malask**, and **Roy Jarrett** wins again. As luck has it **Allen Malask** also does it again. **Perry Allen** follows Roy's generosity and donates his winnings to the Toy Drive. While **Frank Ross** and **Woody Thibodeau** are forced to draw a card, but no big winners for this week.



Some Weekly Camaraderie



December Super Citizen Presenters

Dec 7 @ 8:30	Slavens	?
Dec 13 @ 5:30	Hamilton	?

Weekly Greeters

12/7/18	Dick Nickoloff & Jon Wachter
12/14/18	Noel Hasselgren & ?

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 41st Year — Chartered in 1976

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

SIGN UP: The OCMS Christmas Tree Lot & Santa Haus is OPEN at Villa Monaco, 2223 S. Monaco Pkwy.

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 CHRISTMAS
Dec 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Jan 1 Tues The start of 2019 — HAPPY NEW YEAR
Jan 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Karl Geil, The Brain Bowl is Coming

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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	Tom Overton	1996-97	Phil Perington	2008-09		
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Peter Dimond	1997-98	Ron Cisco	2009-10		
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Ralph Symalla	1998-99	Ed Collins	2010-11		
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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.