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Editor for this Issue—Phil Perington

Good Morning Optimists

The morning started with an energetic greetings led by **Steven Hick** and **Don Ross**. High fives and high spirits were in the air on the start of the Veterans Day weekend. Steven was sharing the good news about his new venture youth program that was preparing for an archery excursion in early December.



Steven Hick & Don Ross
Photos Noel Hasselgren

Veterans Day

Monday, November 11th

By presidential proclamation, Veterans Day, Americans commemorate the service, sacrifice, and immeasurable contributions of our Nation's veterans who have proudly worn our country's uniform to defend and preserve our precious liberty.



As we celebrate Veterans Day, we pause to recognize the brave men and women who have fearlessly and faithfully worked to defend the United States and our

freedom. Their devotion to duty and patriotism deserves the respect and admiration of our grateful Nation each and every day. We are forever thankful for the many heroes among us who have bravely fought around the world to protect us all.

Morning Observations & Conversations

First, there was quite an assortment of hats and outerwear this morning. It was an eclectic blend of GQ, LL-Bean plus a smattering of Cherry Creek Saks Fifth Avenue flare.

Tom Overton reported that he and his wife, Sheryl, were still a little exhausted from their recent 7,000 mile

tour of America across 24 states, however, details of the tour were slowly unfolding at his table.

Peter Dimond was having a great time explaining the transformation of his last name from its Irish roots and Scottish interloping. It was a fascinating tale of a Kansas family farming and new Colorado beginnings.

It was a pleasant moment watching **Don Thomson** and **Frank Middleton** discussing the Proposition CC ballot issue in a civilized and respectful manner. **Joe Marci**, **Noel Hasselgren**, and **John Stoffel** appeared to be lost in conversation and proceeded to discuss the process of acquiring the Clubs Tree Lot Permit from the City and County of Denver. Cohorts **Gary Miller** and Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier**, were once again giving change for breakfast purchases in drawing tickets. As they called it the "morning breakfast deal." A good breakfast and four drawing tickets all for ten dollars. Who knew?



A bit of MSOC hobnobbing or camaraderie.

John Young was amusingly sitting and listening to **Tom Hoch** and **Ed Collins** discussing the advantages of saltwater aquariums over fresh water. Ed was still heard trying to sell his aquarium at the end of the meeting as well.

Charter member **Bill Litchfield**, now permanently residing back in Denver once again, was still basking in the glory of winning his 1st winning cup in 10 years last week; explaining what one can do with unexpected financial gains.

Tom Glazier, **Perry Allen**, and **Al Gapuzan** circled the room with big smiles and warm greetings to all.

Craig Eley said he had agreed to hand out Tree Lot advertising flyers at his barbershop, but lamented his next appointment was in March. While **Mark Smith**, **Curt Boell**, and **Dick Nickoloff** were enjoying their weekly confab of stories, rumors, and odd facts.

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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******

First Bell

Vice President **Dan Rodriguez** standing in for President **Bob Meyer**, gavelled the collected together at 7:00 a.m. sharp. The invocation was then presented by **John Oss**, who remembered those who have given their service and lives so we may continue the enjoy and cherish the freedom America blesses the world with. The Pledge of Allegiance followed with the ever optimistic cheer of "Play Ball!"



Dan Rodriguez
Photos Noel Hasselgren

Announcements

Thanksgiving Dinners: **Michael Chavez** reminds us that the Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner is coming up November 21st at the Boys and Girls Club on 3480 W. Kentucky and Girls Inc. is at 1499 Julian St. It is best to be at either place by 3:30 p.m. to assist with setup and service prep. Dinner will be served until approximately 7:00 p.m. with clean-up to follow.

Tree Lot Update: **Tom Kramis** provided an update and "thank you" for all who helped move the sales trailer and who are assisting with some updating. **Steve Kady** once again has arranged for signage, traffic barrels, and got the dumpster delivered. The next move will be to get the Santa Haus.

Eley Local Honey: Beekeeper **Craig Eley** announced that he just harvested and bottled his honey. He has it for sale for \$10 a bottle until he runs out. Contact Craig if interested.



OC (Ocie) Larson Celebration of Life: **Bryce Slaby** reminds us of the Celebration of Life for OC Larson at Jeff Larson's home on Saturday, November 16th from 2 to 5 p.m. All of OC's friends and all Optimists are invited; however, please spread your arrivals out so that not too many arrive right at 2 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet for those interested in riding together to Parker. Please contact **Joe Marci** if interested. Or, RSVP directly to Jeff Larson at 720-851-5802.

King Soopers Fundraiser: **Frank Middleton** again was promoting the King Soopers Rewards fundraiser program by reaching out to members to signup. You can do it online or just called 800-576-4377, pressed 3, to get their card linked using the Club NPO code WA161. After the card is linked at the bottom of your receipt it will say King has just donated to the Optimist Club of Monaco South, Denver. Should you have questions, see Frank.

OCMS Bylaws Update: **Greg Young** said next week, November 15th, we will vote on the updated club bylaws. If you have not reviewed them they are attached here and you can also find them on the GUMS distribution email, are the changes (with changes highlighted in yellow) and a copy of the updated Bylaws in full. The two main changes are to incorporate wording required by OI, and to revise the election procedures as we are currently doing per our policies. Should you

have questions, contact **Bob Meyer**, **Tracy Sorensen**, or **Greg Young** immediately.

Dues are Dues: Once again **Greg Young** reminded us that if you have not paid your 2019-2020 you need to do it ASAP. If you did not receive your dues statement see Greg.

Channel 4 Toy Drive: **Vice Prez Steve Kady** reminded us that the Channel 4 Toy Drive is underway and anyone wanting to help collect toys or gifts for this drive are welcome to do so. Our Santa will deliver these gifts on Thursday, December 12th at 5:30 a.m., at the U-Hills King Soopers. See the wish list here. Steve is working with the Retired Fire Fighters Association to help with the delivery. More details will be forthcoming.

Thanksgiving Basket Delivery: **Jim Easton** reminded us that the date for Thanksgiving basket delivery this year will be Saturday, November 23rd. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the American Legion to assemble and deliver baskets to needy families, identified by the social workers at our Super Citizen schools.

Annual Holiday Party: **Jim Easton** announced that the Club's Christmas Party, or the Rhinestone Cowboy Holiday Soirée, will be in conjunction with the Tamarac Optimist Club on Friday, December 13th at Calvary Baptist Church, 6500 E. Girard, starting at 5:00 p.m. The gathering has a western theme, so wear your best holiday western duds. The cost is \$25 per person. See flyer attached to **GUMS** distribution email.

New Membership Directory: Again **Craig Eley** and **Tom Mauro** have made available a new Membership Directory. If you have not received a copy as yet, see either Craig or Tom for your copy.



In the News

Monaco South member **Casey Funk** made the news in the *Denver Water Tap* newsletter regarding Denver Water's move to a new Administrative Building. See it here and watch the video clip, CLICK HERE. More than 600 Denver Water employees are moving from the existing Administration Building completed 40 years ago, in 1978, to their new building.



Casey Funk

Friday Baseball Quote

"I accidentally developed the slider playing catch in St. Louis. I could feel it when it left my hand, and that son-of-a-biscuit moved. Ted Williams always said that he could not pick up the spin from my slider. That pitch made the difference in my major-league career." - Ned Garver



Editor's Note: On this date in 1951, Yogi Berra beat out Ned Garver for the AL MVP award, in a very close contest. Both got 6 first-place votes, but Yogi out-poled Garver in secondary votes. All Yogi's Yanks did that year was win the World Series ... and Garver went 20-12 and threw 24 complete games for a St. Louis Browns team that went 52-102. Quite an accomplishment, actually. And Garver batted .305 that season.

That 1951 season was certainly the high point of Garver's career in which he went 129-157 with a 3.73 ERA. In his career he struck out 881 batters and walked 881 batters.

Greg Young
Optimist Club of Monaco South Treasurer

Greg Young started his annual budget report by first recognizing those who served in one of the five military branches: The Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. He then played a collection of the official marchpasts/songs and asked members who served in that branch to stand and sing along. Unfortunately what was heard was not really recognizable, so the editor suggests that the next time he use a "sing along" video clip with the words. Here is the "US Military Songs: United States Armed Forces Medley," [CLICK HERE](#).

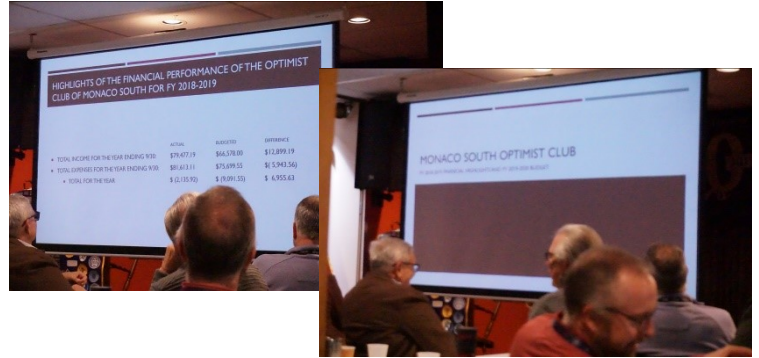
Having gotten everyone awake Greg then presented the Clubs annual budget report in detail. Reporting that we are in good shape with more than \$40,000 in reserve but we need to sell lots of trees this year in a shorter season than last to support all we do. By the



Greg Young
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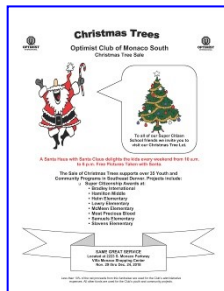
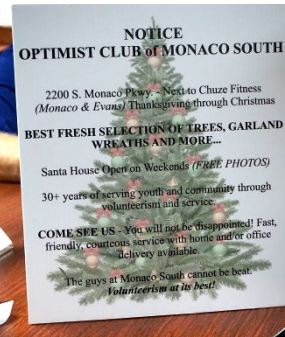
way, if you have not reviewed the Club's project list for sometime, you can take a look at it. It is easily accessible from the clubs webpage. Go to <https://www.monacosouth.org/page/projects-and-activities>

Currently money is available for these programs and possibly some new ones. If you have a suggestion, please submit any new ideas to the Board for consideration.



Help Market the Christmas Tree Lot

Are you aware that you can help the club by marketing our biggest project of the year — our Christmas tree lot. **Don Thomson and Dan Rodriguez** have created a flyer and a table poster for that purpose. Should you like one to place in your office or place of work see either of them. Additionally, Super Citizen Coordinators



should be giving out flyers at assemblies to all of our Super Citizen schools. **Bob Finkelmeier** has a few organization specific flyers already—just ask.

Holiday Humor



Drawing

Our November newsletter note taker **Phil**

Perington claims he left his iPad in Loveland at his attorney's office conference room Friday afternoon. So he expresses his sorrow for the sketchy notes and missing information.



Therefore he reports that he does not recall who won what, but he empathized that there was no big pot winner this week and it will grow to \$80 for next week.

Editors Question

Although **Phil Perington** may not have had much to share but he did manage to find this question to share with all of us.

In what country did the practice of making jack-o'-lanterns originate?



Answer: Ireland. The Irish began by making jack-o'-lanterns out of turnips and potatoes for Halloween, and Irish immigrants to America applied the technique to pumpkins.

Weekly Greeters	
11/15/19	Curt Boell & Bill Blunden
11/22/19	Al Gapuzan & Allen Malask

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd Year — Chartered in 1976
See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

Nov 13	Wed	1:00 pm	New Date: Super Citizen: Lowry Elementary
Nov 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Nov 18	Mon	6:15 pm	Note Change OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale
Nov 19	Tue	2:30 pm	Super Citizen: Most Precious Blood
Nov 21	Thu	3:00 pm	Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner, Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc.
Nov 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: David Schunk, Volunteers of America
Nov 22	Fri	8:00 pm	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary
Nov 22	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International
Nov 23	Sat	9:30 am	Thanksgiving Basket Delivery
Nov 26	Tue	9:00 am	TREE LOT SET UP Need Help for lot opening on Friday the 29th

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Past Presidents

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Stan Cohen	2000-01	Paul Simon	2012-13
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	Everett Gardner	2018-19
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		
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Cy Regan	1999-00	Randy Marcove	2011-12		

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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.