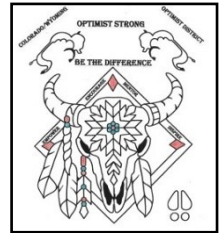




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Good Morning Optimist

On this Friday the 13th our Dynamic Duo Greeters this morning were **Harry Fegley** and **Steve “Thumper-McDonald” Kady**.

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Friday, Oct 13th 2017

Good Cheer and morning camaraderie filled the air. Harry was excited over his Colorado State University football Rams recent run to first place in the Mountain West Conference.

Morning Camaraderie

John Greene when asked about this golf game winced and said he “*couldn’t hit the rear end of a bull with a banjo*” and that his game was on hold. **Joe Marci** quietly smiled and shook his head in comforting fashion.

Randy Marcove, the Northwest Optimist Club raffle ticket vendor, was busily convincing members their \$100 opportunity at instant fame and fortune was slipping away and now was the time to make a sound financial investment for kids and club.

A few Past Club Presidents were proudly wearing their blue jackets as the Fall Season approached.



Gary Miller's breakfast pay station was especially busy this morning.



Steve Kady & Harry Fegley
Photos Noel Hasselgren

Harry Arkin and Uncle **Bob Avery** were seen at the buffet line trying to out pile each other with their breakfast grub.

The “Table of Wisdom” offered their guest seat to **Pat Bush** for the second week in a row ... something must be brewing.

The ever-dapper **Craig Eley** and **Tom Mauro** both dressed in GQ blue tones head to toe and were seen fashionably passing out the new blue member directories.



Russ Paul was sitting patiently waiting for someone to congratulate him for being one of the first two Santa's at the tree lot in 2009. NOTE: There is a substantial prize to anyone (except Russ) who can name the other guy.

Ticket sales for the drawing were on the up tick, even with **Jack “gimme 10” Kleinheksel** missing.



Scottie Walker and **Allen Yockey** are both on extended trips – one to Ouray Colorado and the other to Australia. *Happy Trails to you ... please return home safely.*

And finally, a smiling (just a little late), **Allen Pierce** made a sly entrance through the back hallway door and grabbed a breakfast Danish. It did not go unnoticed by **Gary Miller** however.

First Bell

President **Jim Easton** using his new atomic clock brought the gavel down at 23 seconds after 7:00 a.m. The morning festivities began with his son

Evan and guest, who gave the Invocation: “*The future development and growth of youth and what they will bring us, is nurtured by the help of their elders and those who offer a helping hand.*”

The Pledge of Allegiance followed by shouts of “*Catch the ball!*”

Guests

Steve Kady introduced his guest, **James Massick** who has spent the last 30+ years on the road, preaching the gospel of fellowship and goodwill, following several years as a basketball coach and youth coun-



Evan Easton gives the morning invocation and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

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*****

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Guests Continued

selor. He is now retired at the age of 73 and looking for a place to be with friends and continue his support for community outreach. Welcome James!

From the Prez

President **Jim Easton** urged everyone to use our MSOC Invitation Cards and always carry a few extra to share with potential members. They make a great ice breaker and give an air of credibility to anyone interested in becoming an Optimist member.



The MSOC budget is in good shape but we need to need to spend money on more Youth Programs, as Treasurer **Greg Young** will report — see page 3.

Tom Glazier led a very successful Mentor Orientation with the assistance of **Mark Metevia, Jon Wachter, Ron Cisco, and Karl Geil**, held at the Silicon STEM Academy provided by **John Scarborough**.

Announcements

Second Annual Choir Fundraiser: **Evan Easton,**



son **Jim Easton**, shared that he is taking orders for his Choir's second annual fundraiser, selling red and white poinsettia plants that will arrive around December 8th and all orders will then be delivered to

buyers. There are both red and white plants and a special one in a box that can be watered and sustained through the year. The money raised will be used to attend the National OAKE Choir Conference in Oklahoma City in March of next year. It was noted that the large poinsettia plants are like a small Christmas tree. Payment can be made to either Evan or his dad.

Junior Golf Tournament: **Joe Marci** said that the Junior Golf Tournament on the 19th is at the Green Valley Golf Ranch, 4900 Himalaya Road, NOT at Fitzsimmons. **Noel Hasselgren** will be the photo journalist on site and everyone should be there by 8 a.m. Coffee and breakfast vittles will be available. There are currently 84 kids signed up and ready to play.

Holiday Party: **Tom Overton** proudly announced the multi-club "Snowflakes and Sleigh Bells Holiday Party." It will unfold on Saturday, December 16th and looks like a very festive entertaining event. It will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, starting at 5:30, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. See the flyer attached to *GUMS* distribution email.

Heather Gardens Annual Pancake Breakfast:

Donlie Smith reminded us that the Heather Gardens Annual pancake breakfast is tomorrow and features tableside service. Unlimited pancakes, sausage, and juice are on the menu. The coffee is free.

Boy Scout Pumpkin Patch: Boy Scout Leader **Bob Avery** reported that the pumpkin unloading finally took place last Saturday, while Bob was out of town. However, he wanted to thank everyone who helped Troop 457, but had forgotten his list and asked every-



one who helped to raise their hand. Apparently, 43 member and friends showed up unbeknownst to Bob. The pumpkin patch is located at 5600 East Bellevue Avenue in Greenwood Village.

MSOC Invitation Cards: As Prez **Jim Easton** had mentioned **Jon Wachter** passing out MSOC Invitation Cards to be used on camaraderie day when we have our first badge and card chip drawing. According to a rumor you need have one on your person along with your badge to take advantage of that chance drawing.

In addition, Jon mentioned that t-shirts for our JOI Club are on order and the kids are excited. They are conducting their annual "coin harvest campaign" beginning mid-October, so please save your change for their big fundraiser.

Tamarac Optimist Chili Supper & Silent Auction:

Craig Eley reminded everyone of the upcoming Tamarac fundraiser on Friday, November 3rd and is passing around a donation list. These donations will be used for their silent auction. See the flyer attached to the *GUMS* distribution email.

Craig mentioned he already has three Christmas Trees from **Joe Marci** and assorted books from **Tom Glazier**. But Craig reminded us not to recycle White Elephant gifts, especially the ones related to male anatomy.

Santa Haus Update: Last **Craig Eley** said the "Do you want to be a Santa," signup sheet is rapidly filling up, so if you want to be Santa for a day, you'd better hurry. Many Santa accessories are furnished, just talk with Craig.

King Soopers & Safeway Cards: **Greg Young** made everyone aware of the benefits of purchasing a King Soopers card and announced **Al Gapuzan** just bought two cards. The cost is \$10 and you can reload the card up to \$500 as long as you like. The club is the paid 5 percent of gross sales you make and we have earned over \$3,000 in the last year. A big "hooray" to **Cy "sooperman" Regan** for his past work managing the card sales and making the program so successful.



Welcome Back

Welcome back to **David Telpner, John Greene, Harry Arkin, and Ed Leuty**.

Drawing

This week with \$30 in the pot and the "4 of Spades" the card to draw, no one won. However, cups went to guest, **Jim Massick, John Stoffel, Robert Duvall, Ron Cisco** with two in a row, **Karl** "thank you very much" **Geil**, and **Cy Regan**. Both **Evan Easton** and **George Buzick** could not find the "4 of spades."

Closing Creed

The Optimist Creed was lead by **Cy Regan**.

Our Speaker

Treasurer Greg Young

Greg Young provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Club's 2016-17 fiscal situation over the past year and provided details on the 2017-18 budget, plus the inner workings and fiscal operations of our Club. Among the Highlights are:

There are a lot of plus and minuses, but the Club had an excellent and well budgeted year. General contributions were over budget in part by John and Clara Young New Santa House donation.

The Tree lot net was \$9,000 over budget and a real bonus. The OI Annual



Greg Young
Photo Noel Hasselgren

please keep eating to break even at the current 25 meal magic number.

Overall \$33,000 was spent on Youth Services and we had a +\$4000 increase in revenue this past year from the tree lot. We ended the year at +\$6,900, which translated to a \$12,000 favorable budget increase.

Currently, we provide 35 youth service projects touching and helping approximately 3,500 to 7,000 kids. Super Citizen kids watching us in action is a tremendous asset to both of our eight School's and their students. Our esti-

mated Manpower contribution is calculated to at least 7,000 hours or more.

Our reserve line reflects \$54,000 in assets held in multiple accounts. OI Foundation holds two accounts that accrue interest at 3 percent. Total Equity is \$52,000, which is \$10,000 over the Board recommended \$40,000. A detailed report will be shared for further review once it is approved by the Board.

There was a big *Thank You* to **Greg**, past president **Craig Eley**, and new president **Jim Easton** from **John Oss**, followed by a confident round of applause. Its good to be financially sound and in custody of a healthy reserve.

Optimist Club of Monaco South YTD Income and Expense, Actual vs. Budget For the Fiscal Year Oct 1, 2016 - Sept 30, 2017									
	Actual	Budget	Diff	Actual	Budget	Diff	Actual	Budget	Diff
Income									
General Contributions	15,700.00	15,700.00	0.00	15,700.00	15,700.00	0.00	15,700.00	15,700.00	0.00
Tree Lot	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
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Expenses									
General Contributions	15,700.00	15,700.00	0.00	15,700.00	15,700.00	0.00	15,700.00	15,700.00	0.00
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Convention allowance was not spent and saved the Club \$3,000. The downside is that not a lot of members attended. The Budget is 10 percent under budget.

The Annual cost to run the Club is approximately \$32,000. He stressed that we need to balance the cost of meals to break even on breakfast. The club is committed to 25 meals per meeting, so

Nonsense to Ponder

For those who love the philosophy of ambiguity, as well as the idiosyncrasies of English

1. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.
2. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
3. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
4. If a deaf child signs swear words, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
5. If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
6. Is there another word for synonym?
7. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
8. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
9. Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will break-in and clean them?
10. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
11. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
12. How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
13. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
14. If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?
15. If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?
16. If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
17. Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have "s" in it?
18. Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?
19. Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?

October Super Citizen Presenters		
Oct 17 @ 2:30	MPB	Dave Peck
Oct 20 @ 8:30	Slavens	Tom Kramis
Oct 25 @ 1:00	McMeen	Dave Peck

Weekly Greeters	
10/20/17	Bryce Slaby & Ron Cisco
10/27/17	Tom Glazier & Robert Wardlaw
11/3/17	Perry Allen & Allen Malask

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40th Year — Chartered in 1976

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

Oct 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
 Oct 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
 Nov 3 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Joe Marci, Tree Lot Update and Instructions

**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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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.