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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Morning Optimist

On this Friday morning we had a slight change in the weather. Instead of being overcast, drizzling, and cold; it was chilly but with bright and sunny skies. However, it was bright, sunny, and warm inside as it always is. Our greeters this morning were **Woody Thibodeau** and **Paul Stratton**. Both had broad smiles and hearty handshakes.



Woody Thibodeau & Paul Stratton  
Photos Noel Hasselgren

### Opening Bell

President **Everett Gardner** was on the road again, but he was spiritually. He actually attempted to join us via cell phone to call the meeting to order from somewhere Indiana. While Vice President **Bob Meyer** handled the ringing of the meeting bell.



VP Bob Meyer coordinates with Prez Everett via cell phone to ring the meeting to order.

### Invocation & Pledge

VP Bob called upon **Greg Young** to deliver the invocation and lead us in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

At this point, **Prez Everett** must have had a low battery, or he ran out of minutes because **VP Bob** took charge for the rest of the meeting. Bob must have experience at this because he needed no reminder, he immediately asked if we had any guests present. As it turned out, he did not need to ask because we had no guests. Today, however, was Camaraderie Day so we proceeded to enjoy our breakfast and comrade until it was time for announcements.



### Announcements

**New Membership Directory:** **Tom Mauro** announced and handed out the new October 2018 member directory/roster, while given credit to **Craig Eley** for pulling it together and getting it published. If you missed getting an updated directory, you can pick one up at any membership meeting. You can also find member information on the Optimist Club of Monaco South ClubRunner program. More on that later.



**Hamilton Middle School Super Citizen Program:** While **Tom Mauro** had our attention, he shared that thirteen students were recognized as Super Citizen on Thursday. He thanked his presenter **Karl Geil** and photographer **Wyatt McCallie**.



Left, one of the proud SC recipients, in his SC t-shirt, and his family. His dad is so proud that he is displaying Governor Hickenlooper's congratulatory letter.  
Photo Wyatt McCallie

**Dime-A-Day Program:** **Perry Allen** wanted to correct his year-end Dime-A-Day report from a couple of weeks ago. As you recall, **Ron Cisco** led a last-minute solicitation of donations for the OI Dime-A-Day program allowing Monaco South to break our previous record with a total donation sum of over \$3,000 dollars for the 2017-18 Optimist year. Well, Perry received the final report from Optimist International and as it turns out, there were an additional 51 "secret" donations made to Dime-A-Day that Perry knew nothing about. That raised the total donation to over \$4,000 breaking the \$3,000 record we thought we had just set. What a special club we have, when we are already smashing records we have not even set yet.

**Heather Gardens Pancake Breakfast:** **Donlie Smith** made an announcement that the Heather Gardens Optimist Club is sponsoring a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at

**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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## Announcements Continued

the Rendezvous Restaurant at 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Of course, if you are just learning this from this article you are just after the nick of time.

**Super Citizen Award Presentations: Robert Wardlaw**, chief SC Coordinator, reported that we have two Super Citizen Awards presentations coming up on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> — one at Samuels Elementary School at 1:00 p.m. and another at Bradley International at 3:00 p.m. Should like to officiate at one or both of these let him know. Robert also requested any ideas to help improve the program. A couple of suggestions that he is contemplating is the printing of the Optimist Creed on the back of the t-shirts and uploading the pictures of the Super Citizens to our website for easy access for the parents and teachers. If you have any other suggestions, please relay them to him.



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

**Chavez** reminded us that the Bill Walters Memorial Thanksgiving Dinners for the Boys and Girls Clubs and Girls, Inc. will be on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. That is the Thursday before Thanksgiving rather than the usual Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Michael is looking for volunteers to help serve dinner to approximately 900 people. We need 30 to 40 volunteers to help with this project. If you have not worked this project yet, you will find it fun and rewarding. Family members and prospective members/guests are welcome to assist.



### **FRACSOC Pancake Breakfast: Paul Simon**

reminded us that if you missed Heather Gardens Pancake Breakfast or just have a craving for pancakes then you won't want to miss the Front Range American Cancer Society Optimist Club (FRACSOC) pancake breakfast. It will be held on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Strides Breast Cancer Walk, Fiddler's Green, 6363 S. Fiddlers Green Cir., Greenwood Village. For more details give Paul a call, 303-300-9940.



**Boy Scout Troop 457 Pumpkin Sale: Bob Avery** reminded us that the Boy Scouts are still selling the pumpkins on the southeast corner of Bellevue and Holly streets now through Halloween or until the supply is gone. If you have not picked up your pumpkins for Halloween yet, you can still do so and support the Boy Scouts. Carving is not included.

**Send Off Party: Jon Wachter** invites all optimist members to hear the Glass Half Full Band play at Maddie's Biergarten tonight starting at 7:30 p.m. Maddie's is located at 330 Third Street in Castle Rock. They plan to turn the event into a send off party for **Randy Marcove**. Randy will be moving to Costa Rica for the winter. Do not worry; Randy will be back next spring. You can email him at [rsmarcove@gmail.com](mailto:rsmarcove@gmail.com).

**Optimist Club's Fall Kickoff Social: Greg Young** is still collecting auction items for the silent auction to be held during the Colorado/Wyoming District Fall Soiree. If you have any items of interest to donate to the auction, please bring them to a membership meeting and give them to Greg. All money raised will be split up to all clubs participating in the auction. The Soiree will be held at the Pinehurst County Club on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for the event are \$40 per person that includes the dinner of your choice between prime rib or salmon. A cash bar will also be available. See the registration form attached to GUMS distribution email.

### **Reloadable Card Waving Day: Frank Middleton**

reminded us that today was King Soopers/Safeway Gift Reloadable Card Waving Day. He asked all the members to get their King Soopers or Safeway cards out of their wallets and then waive them in the air. Any member that does not have a King Soopers or a Safeway Gift Card can purchase one from Frank for the low cost of ten dollars. You can use the gift card, just like a debit card, for ten dollars' worth of stuff from either of those two stores so the card is actually free. But it does not end there, the cards are refillable, so you can add more money onto the card at the customer service centers located in the stores. Every time you add money to the card, Monaco South Optimist Club gets 5% back to help fund the many youth projects that we sponsor throughout the year and you still get full value on your card. So, you are donating 5% of what you spend at the stores back to the club without actually writing a check to the club. Frank promises to reveal the secret behind this magical process at a later meeting, but it is a powerful way to fund club activities without donating a cent.



### **Announcements That Were Not Announced**

The following were unannounced announcements submitted after the close of the membership meeting:

**Dues Are Due!** Club Treasurer **Greg Young** reports members have been invoiced for their dues. If you have not received your invoice, check your Spam Folder. Trust me, it is not spam! If you do not find it, contact Greg Young right away if you want a copy. Regular dues are \$128, and Life Members pay \$88 for the year. If you pay now, you can take a \$5 discount! Quarterly dues are \$32.00 if you want to pay four times a year. If you want to pay by credit card, go to the Monaco South store (Annual dues only, no discount available). The link is on the website: [www.monacosouth.org](http://www.monacosouth.org) under LINKS/Monaco South Payments.

**Monaco South Website:** When is the last time you went to the club website? At [www.monacosouth.org](http://www.monacosouth.org). Take a look! The website has a new updated look. All the functions work the same, but now it looks better on mobile devices. Want to be able to see the membership directory on your mobile device? Download the **ClubRunner app** from your app store, and sign in with your user name and password. You can also login to

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the Member Login on the website on your computer and update your profile and see other information. All the current



and upcoming activities are listed on the calendar. Project managers can use the sign up capability and email capability to remind participants. If you have questions or need instructions, contact Greg. If you need your login name or

password, go to Member Login in the upper right hand corner, and click for the login screen, then click **Forgot Login Name?** or **Forgot Password?** and you will get instructions sent to your email about how to change or recover those. See an overview of the **ClubRunner app** by [CLICKING HERE](#).

**Santa's Needed:** What is the best job at the Tree Lot? Being Santa, of course! Monaco South has a heated Santa House with a large, semi-comfortable Santa Chair for your two-hour shifts as that Jolly Old Elf. Meet the kids and have your photo taken with them, as well as with the random adults, dogs and ferrets that just have to see Santa each year. We provide the Santa suit, beard, wig, and boots — you provide the ho, ho, ho!



Shifts are Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m., beginning Saturday, November

24<sup>th</sup>. Santa Wrangler **Craig Eley** passed the Santa signup sheet around, and of the 40 available shifts only 12 of them remained open by the end of the meeting. To snag one of the remaining shifts, signup online by going to [signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ea4a6283-santa2](http://signupgenius.com/go/5080e4ea4a6283-santa2). Need help, contact Craig, at [craigceley@gmail.com](mailto:craigceley@gmail.com).

**OJ Junior Golf Tour, Green Valley Ranch:** VP **Bob Meyer** shared that we had 86 junior golfers show up for the shotgun start of last weekend's Junior Golf Tournament. We had some cancelations, primarily from out-of-state entries, because of the weather forecast. But several others from the neighboring states still showed up. We had seven states represented in the field of players proving again that, "If you build it, they will come." The weather turned out exactly as predicted so the Sunday round had to be canceled. The planned 36-hole tournament was reduced to only 18 holes. This helped keep the scores down, but we could only qualify 23 golfers for the International Tournament in Florida next summer despite the lower scores. Bob thanked the seventeen Monaco South Optimist members that showed up to work the tournament. See Bob's report attached the GUMS distribution email and the event photos by [CLICKING HERE](#).

### Christmas Tree Lot Instruction

**Joe Marci** had a wide grin on his face all morning long. We found out why when he announced that the Christmas Tree Lot project had already started, and this will be his last

year running it. This will be the fortieth year of the Optimist Tree Lot but not for Joe's involvement. He ran it for many years with the Southeast Denver Jaycees prior to bringing the lot to Monaco South Optimist Club. **Tom Kramis** will be heading up the project starting next year. However, most of the sub-chairman will be staying on. Guys like **Ron Cisco, Gary Miller, Steve Kady, Mike Miller, Greg Young,** and others will be there to help make the transition seamless.

Joe has ordered 1,200 trees from Oregon and Michigan. The trees will be arriving the weekend before Thanksgiving and the lot will be getting set up the week of Thanksgiving. We should be ready to hit the ground running when the lot officially opens the day after Thanksgiving otherwise known as Black Friday.

Joe says that job training will be conducted at a membership meeting just before the lot opens but that most procedures will remain as in past years. This training will be essential for members that have not worked the lot previously but is always a helpful reminder for those who have worked before.

Joe did say that we cannot run the lot with eight cashiers. People will have to sell trees, garland, wreathes, boughs, bags, stands not to mention tote trees, tie them on top of cars and restocking racks. Of course, the usual perks will be available as well. Any members working five FULL shifts will get a tree at cost. Any member working more than 100 hours will get an extra bonus, although, Joe says the bonus has yet to be determined. Steve Kady registered the first official complaint. He said the TV in the trailer, in his words, "sucks." **Jack Kleinhessel** resolved that in short order by saying he would purchase any TV of **Steve Kady's** choosing for the trailer which presents the first problem to be solved. How do we get an 80" flat screen into the trailer? We will also need 14 Day Managers. Two Day Managers will be assigned to each of the 7-days of the week. The Day Managers will monitor their assigned days to be sure all the shifts are adequately shafted and make calls to recruit help where needed.

As in the past, we will be seeking help from high school clubs for manpower on the weekends in exchange for a cash donations to their organizations. As most of you already know, this project raises the vast majority of the cash needed to fund over seventy projects conducted by our club during the year. In large part, it is the reason the Monaco South can continue to lead the Colorado/Wyoming District and be one of the leading clubs in the Optimist International.

### Winning The Cash

The lucky drawing winners this week included **Oscar Sorensen, Allen Yockey, Bob Avery, Dick Nickoloff, Tom Glazier,** and **Woody Thibodeau** all staying away from taking a chance at the Pot. Once the only thing left was the pot **Allen Yockey** and **Ron Cisco** were drawing winners but had to play one card stud and lost.

**Craig Eley**, having worn his name badge, also played one card poker but had the same luck. Like Mega Bucks, the pot keeps growing.



Craig Eley goes for the last draw, but with no luck.

October Super Citizen Presenters		
Oct 26 @ 1:00	Samuels	?
Oct 26 @ 3:00	Bradley	?

Weekly Greeters	
10/26/18	Terry Shroyer & Ken Duff
11/2/18	?

**Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 41<sup>st</sup> Year — Chartered in 1976**

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

Oct 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Don Thomson, Through My Lens: Aspen Vistas
Nov 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Kendra Black & Frank Rowe, Land Acquisition for New Parks
Nov 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Tina Swonger
Nov 9	Fri	5:00 pm	CO-WY Optimist Club's Fall Kickoff Social, Pinehurst Country Club, 6255 W Quincy Ave.
Nov 15	Thur	3:30 pm	Bill Walters Thanksgiving Dinner, Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc.
Nov 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Nov 17	Sat	8:00 am	Thanksgiving Basket Delivery, American Legion Hall
Nov 22	Thur		Thanksgiving Day
Nov 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Nov 19	Mon	8:00 am	OCMS Christmas Tree Lot & Santa Haus Setup
Nov 19	Mon	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level
Nov 23	Fri		OCMS Christmas Tree Lot & Santa Haus Opens at Villa Monaco, 2223 S. Monaco Pkwy.

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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		
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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- 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.