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Good Morning Optimist

Greetings with the sound of “tom-tom drums” was in the air this morning ... as in **Tom Glazier** and **Tom Kramis**. The morning got off to a rousing start as these two “happy go lucky” guys gave high fives and howdy do’s to everyone coming in the door. In fact, **Dave Moore** mentioned that he was so excited about coming to breakfast he woke up at 3 a.m. Now that’s a first.



Tom Kramis & Tom Glazier
Photos Noel Hasselgren

Morning Conversations

Maytag historians, **Kent Gloor**, **Eldon Strong**, and **Greg “Choo-Choo” Hurd** were deeply engrossed in conversation surrounding the evolution of the Maytag motor. Apparently, it all began as a gasoline fired, 2-cycle foot controlled engine, that eventually evolved into today’s miracle of laundry excellence ... Who knew? Editor: If you are curious see, [“A Brief History of Maytag,” by Steve Owens](#).

Resident sit down comedians, **Tom Hoch**, **Bryce Slaby**, **Mike White**, “Super Citizen” **Don Thomson**, **Ed “Funhouse” Collins**, and “Volunteer Specialist” **Mike Chavez** were all chuckling, sitting at the same table and pretending to hear what everyone else was saying.



Dr. Rob Gardner and **Les Larson** were tongue in cheek, gleefully deep in conversation discussing spy agencies, plots, conspiracies and clandestine operations.

Occasional member **Kevin Koalenz** was dusting off his badge and giving **Jon Wachter** an update on his recent adventures. **Russ Paul** and others were paying Prez **Jim Easton** for poinsettias his son Evan had sold them for his National OAKE Choir Conference

fundraiser. **Curt Boell** was a guest at the table of wisdom this morning, but **Pat Bush** who said he “*Had finally run out of wisdom*,” was no longer seated.

Immediate Past Prez **Craig Eley**, ever the energized bunny, was prowling the room looking for auction donations for the upcoming Tamarac Optimist Club fundraiser on November 3rd.

While new member **Dan Rodriguez** was still wearing a temp name tag, eagerly awaiting his official badge that **Jon Wachter** was making and **Ron Cisco** claimed was in the mail.



Greg Hurd & Eldon Strong
getting advise from
Frank Middleton.

First Bell from the Prez

Gavel Down promptly at 7 a.m. by President **Jim Easton**, who sadly informed the gathered that our brother **Bill Anderson** suddenly passed on Tuesday, October 24th. Bill was a friend of optimism and lived a good and decent life. Jim had talked with him just last week and reported he was in good spirits. Jim asked that we send our thoughts and prayers to his wife Kathy, and family. Bill was an active member and wore his Monaco South shirt occasionally to many meetings and activities. His favorite place to stand at meetings was at the Greeters corner next to the table of wisdom. Bill joined the Club 33 years ago and was sponsored by **John Young** who presented the morning Invocation. See Bill’s obituary on the next page.



William (Bill)
Anderson
Photo Craig Eley

Invocation & Pledge

“Remember our friend Bill and remember those who have gone before us. Live each day to the upmost and help us to live in the best way we can.”

The Pledge of Allegiance followed and ended with the ever present “Play Ball!”

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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*****

William (Bill) Anderson

July 13, 1942 - October 24, 2017

A memorial service will be held at Abiding Hope Church,
6337 South Rodd Way, Littleton on
Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Obituary



William Belknap Anderson, 75, of Littleton, Colorado passed away unexpectedly on October 24th, 2017 in his home. He was born in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado on July 13th, 1942 to Robert and Mary Lou Anderson.

Bill is survived by his wife, Kathy, his sons, Brad and Patrick, and three grandchildren: Morgen, Isabelle, and Peter.

Bill grew up in Colorado Springs, where he attended high school. He graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a bachelor's degree, and completed a master's of taxation degree from the University of Denver.

Bill was a CPA and worked for several firms throughout his career. He had a love of understanding tax regulations and was a resource to many. Foremost, Bill loved skiing and instructing with the Eskimo Ski Club. He was involved with the club for more than 50 years and was a clinic leader for the club's instructors. He was a certified instructor with the Professional Ski Instructors of America and could outski his younger instructor counterparts and friends. He knew the Winter Park Ski Resort like the back of his hand.

Bill had numerous other interests throughout his life; flying, cycling, and amateur radio to name a few. He was a private airplane pilot and the infamous CEO of "Anderson Airlines." He became an avid cyclist and would participate in tours and rides throughout Colorado; a ride of 60 miles was not unusual.

In lieu of flowers, Bill would be honored if a donation was made in his name to a charity of your choice ... especially if it touched the lives of kids.

There will be a memorial service held at Abiding Hope Church, 6337 South Rodd Way, Littleton, CO 80127, on November 1, 2017 at 11:00 AM. There will be a reception after the service and a light lunch.

[Source Colorado Crematory](#)

Guests

There were no guests this morning, however new member **Joe Campana** took a bow, and was cheered.

President Reports

Prez **Jim Easton** thanked everyone who helped make his son **Evan** a success by purchasing poinsettias plants for his upcoming trip to Oklahoma City. Jim also stated there will some Tree Lot sales as well.

The October Board Meeting was well attended and first time members **Rob Gardner**, **Tom Kramis**, and **Harry Arkin** were among those in attendance. The Board approved an additional \$1,000 for a new Cyber-Super Citizen program. Their mission is to help students fight cyber bullying. A report on the evolution of the program will follow later in the year. Board member **John Swick** will go until February 2018, traveling to Texas to spend time with his wife's ailing father.

Announcements



There was a long line for announcements this morning.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

McMeen Super Citizen: Don Thomson said that McMeen's Super Citizen program on Wednesday, Oc-

tober 25th, recognized 27 students and all are determined to win the **Charlie Korsoski Award** at the end of this academic year.

Thanksgiving Dinner Cook: **Michael Chavez** said it a bit of urgency, since he was informed that the DTC Hyatt Regency will not be able to prepare food for the Boys & Girls Club's Thanksgiving dinners this year. We need to get busy and focus on securing a new provider. Time is of the essence. **Steve Kady** reported later in the meeting he may have located someone to take over the project and will meet with Michael. Hopefully this will be good news. *Way to go Steve!*

New Member Directory & Tamarac: **Craig Eley** said the new baby blue Directory is available. See him to obtain a copy.

Additionally, Tamarac Optimist Club is still looking for auction donations for their November 3rd Chili Supper and Auction. See the flyer attached to the GUMS distribution email.

Habitat for Humanity: While **Craig** still had the mike, he reported that for the third time this year, Monaco South has been asked to raise a crew to help build a Habitat house. We will leave right after the meeting on Friday, November 10th and head to the build site at 3701 S. Irving St., hoping to arriving by 8:50 a.m. The end time is 4:30 p.m. No tools or experience are necessary. So far, MSOC hammer-swinging volunteers are **Al Gapuzan**, **Bill Blunden**, **Tom Kramis**, **George Buzick**, and **Everett Gardner**. To get on the crew, contact Craig @ craigceley@gmail.com.

Craig added, Habitat houses are not free. Their purchasers obtain a mortgage from Habitat and must keep up their payments. The price of the homes, however, are much less than market value due to lower construction costs since much of the labor is donated. A family must put in 400 hours of labor on its home.

Rocky Mountain Train Show: **Greg Hurd** shared that the Train Show will be in Loveland this year on November 25 & 26th at the Budweiser Event Center, 5280 Arena Circle Loveland, located at Hwy 34 and I-25. The old Train Show and Exhibition has been replaced by a New Hobby Expo Show at the Merchandise Mart this weekend. The hours are 9 - 5 p.m. Saturday, and 9 - 3 p.m. on Sunday. More details can be found at <https://rockymountaintrainshow.com/>.

OCMS Dues: Treasurer **Greg Young** made a request to pay your 2017-18 dues! When asked who had already paid their dues half the group raised hands. As a bonus, he said he had free CO-WY District Shirts from 2012-13 (no small sizes are left) and a few Monaco South hats @ \$10 are available. Greg asked for a small contribution be made for the shirts.

Bradley Super Citizen & Northwest Optimist: **Randy Marcove** convened the Super Citizen Ceremony at Bradley International was held on October 20th and **Tom Glazier** a first-timer, **Jon Wachter**, **John Scarborough**, and **Aaron "T-shirt Master" Beery**

Announcements Continued

were present. Randy added, there is a chance at easy money for only \$100 at the November 4th Northwest Optimist annual fundraiser. The monies will help the club with starting a new Super Citizen program at Brown International Academy, 2550 Lowell Blvd.

New Member Mentor Program: Ron Cisco Mentor Chairman reported there are 17 recently new members to the Club and he needs three more mentors. A mentor will take a new member to lunch or breakfast explain how the Club works, including the weekly drawing, and then introduce them to the Tree Lot. If you can assist in this process, see Ron or **Tom Glazier**. The next New Member Orientation is on Wednesday, November 15th. Please invite all new members to meet with mentors at the Silicon STEM Academy, 4201 E. Yale Avenue, Suite 130, starting at 7 p.m.

Santa Claus Haus Builders: Kent Gloor reports that the Santa Claus Haus Builders of Excellence now have most of the big materials for framing and roof. The first screw will be driven on Sunday as weather should improve to 70 degrees.



Kent Gloor, Bryce Slaby, & Tom Kramis went on a buying spree to gather materials for the new Santa Haus construction.

Photo Tom Kramis

Tree Lot Managers Needed: President **Jim Easton** said we need a few more Tree Lot managers. Please see him before he starts making these appointments.

Slavens Elementary: Tom Hoch who is the Slavens Super Citizen Coordinator attended Slavens band recital which he reported was great and featured an arousing concert of jazz, recitals, and the National Anthem and it highlighted the awards ceremony.

First Super Citizen Presentation: Tom Glazier following up on his first Super Citizen presentation said it was great and that he also saw some student's 3-D printing class projects that included race cars and a speaker system. He said, "Those 10 year old's are amazing." He suggested an Awards to the STEM Academy in the future and noted that Middle schoolers can pay attention better than most teenagers.

Updates

Dick Nickoloff: Dick said his wife Janis had surgery on her broken leg last Monday and is doing well. He also mused "Why does Walmart have a book department?" Editor: I guess you have to think about that for awhile.

Tom Mauro: Tom shared that **Bill Litchfield** (past President and Lt. Gov.) recently had a heart pacemaker implanted. He is doing well and has a positive outlook. We all wish Bill well as he recovers at his home in South Carolina.

Jim Easton: **Allen Malask** recently had a delicate stent inserted following his birthday on October 22nd and is now recovering. Editor: *Happy Birthday Allen, but what a birthday present — Come back soon!*

Gary Miller: This week we had 24 breakfast sales and the break-even number is 25. Help the club—buy a breakfast—one of the best deals in town! Note to all: Our cooks counts the plates so please only take one plate when piling on the delicious buffet chow.

Do We Have a Drawing?

With the 9 of hearts needed for the big pot, which is now at \$50, many were asking, "How many cards are in the deck?" The response, "Well figure it out, 4 from 52 equals forty-eight." So those taking cups this week were **Don Roth** (twice), **Ken Duffy**, **Allen Pierce**, **John Oss**, and **Mike White**. While those who were more adventurous and took a chance to find the 9 of hearts, were **Harry Arkin**, and **George Buzick**. Neither had the right touch.

For wearing his badge, **Bob Avery** got an opportunity, but it too came up as, "Sorry Charlie!"

Closing Creed

Past president **Michael Chavez** led us in the Creed, "Promise Yourself"

Are you aware of the Purposes of Optimist: To develop optimism as a philosophy of life utilizing the tenets of the Optimist Creed; to promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; to inspire respect for the law; to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; to aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of humankind, community life and the world.

November Super Citizen Presenters

Nov 9 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Dean Sotiriou
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Weekly Greeters

11/3/17	Perry Allen & Allen Malask
11/10/17	Joe Marci & Greg Young

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

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

Nov 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Joe Marci, Tree Lot Update and Instructions
Nov 3	Fri	4:00 pm	Tamarac Optimist Chili Supper & Silent Auction, Calvary Baptist Church
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

**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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NEWSLETTER EDITORS: Nov **Robert Wardlaw**, Dec **George Buzick**, Jan **Pat Bush**, Feb **Paul Stratton**

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.