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Good Morning Optimist

Greeters **Bob Avery** and **Joe Marci** merrily waved the arriving members and guests in the door this morning. Joe was busily getting folks to sign up for the upcoming Junior Golf Tournament and reminding everyone that the Tree Lot and Santa time is just around the corner.



Bob Avery & Joe Marci serving as our greeters today.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Welcome By New Prez

This was new **President Jim Easton's** first day on the Job who candidly suggested we get atomic clocks to insure accurate starting time. He then honored outgoing **President Craig Eley** for his reign of Humor and Good Cheer. Randy Marcove was invited to the podium and presented Craig with a weight and swing tested gavel as a tribute to his service.



Past president Randy Marcove, president Jim Easton, and immediate past president Craig Eley.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

Invocation & Pledge

Bob Avery brought forward a thoughtful Invocation. "Make your friends feel there is something good in them and give encouragement in all they do." He also forgave Craig for not inviting him to the recent past presidents secret cabal of wisdom dinner party. However, this was overshadowed by an energetic *Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag*, and the ever present cry of "Play Ball!"

The morning Opening Ceremonies followed by a round of hearty handshakes and camaraderie with lots

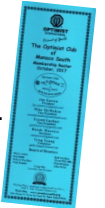
of members touring around the room, glad handing and truly enjoying the moment.

Guest

Eldon Strong introduced his brother **Norman Strong**, who lives in Larkspur as does missing and lovable member **Howdy Fry**. No juicy brother disclosures were proffered. However, sit-down comedian **Tom Hoch** added his touch to the flavor of the moment.

New Directory

Tom Mauro announced his "guest" that turned out to be the new blue October 2017 membership directory. Never a guy to miss an Opportunity to share Optimist Family business. Thanks to the work of **Craig Eley** and Tom, MSOC has one of the best and most up to date membership rosters.



From the NEW Prez

President **Jim Easton** announced he was "Taking control" — well he was attempting — and began his first report of the new administrative year.

Marilyn Morton, beloved wife of our recently passed brother **Doug Morton** has sent the Club a healthy donation that will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Prez Jim added, all Board Meetings are open and he encouraged interested members to attend.

Club Financials: Next week treasurer **Greg Young** will present an overview of the club's funds and projects. Greg also reminded everyone to please pay your dues. If you have not received a dues invoice, check your email or give Greg a call, 303-759-3921.

New Club Member Orientation: A new member orientation organized by chair **Tom Glazier** will meet on October 11th. As a note, new member mentor chair **Ron Cisco** will follow up with additional assistance.

Prez Jim closed by offering a heartfelt "Thank You" to all the members that do the little things that make the club, meetings, and projects happen — especially grateful for all the guys that show up, including the morning crew and greeters.

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

Tamarac Optimist Chili Supper & Silent Auction:

Kent Gloor announced that our sister club Tamarac, will be holding a Chili Supper and Silent Auction on Friday, November 3rd at Calvary Baptist Church from 4 to 7 p.m. All proceeds from this event support Tamarac's programs for youth in our communities. Please see the flyer attached to GUMS distribution email.

Orientation Box for Guests & New Members:

Tom Glazier proudly reported the Orientation Box sitting on the Greeters Table every Friday morning has been re-done and requested everyone to bring their old OI magazines for guest and new member distribution. He also urged everyone's assistance for getting new members to the orientation meeting. A prolific use of the U.S. Postal Service was urged by **Ron Cisco**. He has apparently invested heavily in the stamp futures market.



Santa Haus Update: **Craig Eley** said, "Santa Claus is coming to town." Please Sign up for the Santa Haus. We are working on a new and improved Santa Haus this year. There is a substantial prize for the 1st person who can name the original Santa Claus volunteers at the inaugural Santa at the Tree Lot seven years ago.

Santa Haus Materials Needed: **Craig Eley** also shared the new Santa Haus construction is underway and some building materials are need. So, if you have building materials laying around that you will never use, the Santa Haus builders may be able to use them. This would save construction costs and help you clean out your garage at the same time! If you have any of the materials listed below and would like to donate them, contact **Craig Eley** at craigceley@gmail.com or **Kent Gloor** at smturboeng@outlook.com. Items needed are:



- 4 x 8 exterior plywood – ¾"
- Exterior French door
- Metal studs – 2" x 4"
- Windows – 2' x 3' (approx.)
- Steel "U" Channel
- Exterior siding – T-111- ¾"
- Metal roofing, ridge cap, or flashing – red
- Electrical conduit – PVC - ¾"
- Romex, grooved – 14/2
- 4' x 8' Interior paneling – ¾"
- Roof felt – 30 pound
- Wall insulation – R-13, 15 inch wide rolls

Note: an email from Kent indicated he needs some additional materials, which he will communication.

NorthWest Optimist Club: **Randy Marcove** proudly and happily announced he and his lovely and delightful "better-half," **Sue Brown** have joined forces

with the **NW Optimist Club** by promulgating a new Super Citizen Program at her school, Denver International. He is also selling a limited number of tickets to the club's \$10,000 grand prize Reverse Raffle and Spaghetti Dinner on November 4th at the Sons of Italy Hall. The entry fee is \$100 each (tickets can be split). Long-time NW member and legendary Northside barber, **Ernesto Romero** has passed the baton to Randy and the heat is on. Note, only 300 tickets will be sold.

Dime-A-Day: **Perry Allen** reported that we are now in a brand new year for Dine-A-Day contributions. The money collected is used exclusively for Grants and funding all the OI major programs. Last year one-third of Club members donated. This year's first Dime-A-Day participant is **Gary Miller** followed by Prez **Jim Easton**. He is confident we will meet at least 50 percent participation this time around.



Optimist Junior Golf Tournament Volunteers: **Joe Marci** said volunteers for the upcoming Junior Golf Tournament are needed and anyone who wants to enjoy the fabulous Fall Season is urged sign up. The event is scheduled for October 14-15th at Green Valley Ranch Golf Course. So far those signed up are:

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	BOTH DAYS
Ed Collins	Gary Strawbridge	Barry Barker
Mike White	Mike McMahon	Russ Paul
Michael Chavez	Cap Hermann	Pat Bush
Noel Hasselgren	Tom Hoch	Bob Meyer
Bob Avery	Allen Pierce	Ron Cisco
Don Roth		Joe Marci
Harry Fegley		

Volunteers should plan on being at Green Valley Ranch Golf Course in Aurora by 8:30 a.m. each day. You will work as spotters on the course and some members will help with registration on Saturday from 7:30. We will also drive some of the golfers to their starting holes so that we can all begin the tournament each day at 9 a.m. If you cannot arrive until after 9 a.m., we will still assign you to a hole as a spotter. We expect the tournament to run until around 2 p.m. Thanks to everyone who volunteered. Members who have not had the opportunity to signup who wish to help call Joe at 303-771-3748 or send an email to marcifrog@aol.com.

Super Citizen Program Presenters: **Dr. Rob Gardner** reported the Super Citizen Program is coming — well it is actually here. Please signup for the upcoming awards ceremonies at our assorted schools. Each event requires a presenter, handout assistant, and photographer. If interested contact Rob — see bottom of page 3.

Halloween Pumpkin Patch: **Bob Avery** was a bit flummoxed to learn the recent Hurricanes have created a serious shortage of over the road truck drivers,

Announcements Continued

but thanked everyone for signing up for the Boy Scout pumpkin unloading. Unfortunately, no truck was available and the delivery has been rescheduled. He also cautioned against having dual Santa's on the Tree Lot at the same time. The kids get confused and ask pesky questions. Note: Word has it that this did occur yesterday, Saturday, October 7th.

MSOC Hats: Greg Young said there are "cool-groovy Monaco South hats" displayed on the bar for \$10 each. There will also be a shirt order coming up in a month or two. Short-sleeved polos will be available. And the colors are plenty.



Hurricane Relief Fund: Eldon Strong thanked everyone who had donated or participated in the Houston Good Sheppard Church Hurricane assistance outreach effort. It has been very successful by getting hands on resources, necessary equipment, and household goods delivered to many folks in desperate need of help. Should you like to donate more, please see Eldon.

Closing Comments from the Prez

Welcome back **Ralph Pedersen**! Great to see ya buddy!

President Jim shared a great **Easton-Pasternack** Christmas party Santa story, It was a real gem. See Jim for a recap and full details.

Jim invited all the members of the 2017-18 team to join him on the stage and thanked everyone for their willingness to be a part of the new administration. He went on to say that becoming an Optimist member, "is one of the best things I have done in my life, and is very grateful for that. As we become more familiar with members we discover all the things we can do."

Jim will keep the FOCUS on membership and work with the District Strategic Growth (SGC) Committee program and get more volunteers and people to become involved. Happy Bucks will be on the increase. He closed by saying, "if you have an idea for the Club please present it. If you need something please ask."



Jim Easton, center, with his 2017-18 team who were present, Rob Gardner, Mike McMahon, Tom Kramis, Randy Marcove, and Robert Wardlaw.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

Do We Have a Drawing

With a bit of coaching from the "old guard" we had a drawing. With a new deck of 52 cards, the "6 of Hearts" was the lucky card. Plus a



new pot starting at \$20 and growing bigger every meeting. Those going for the \$20



pot were: Prez **Jim Easton**. Sorry Charlie!; and **Gary Strowbridge**. Not Today! Cups went to: **Randy "Rockyboy" Marcove**; **Perry "yahoooo" Allen**; **Robert Wardlaw**; **Dick Zolman**; and **Paul Gibson**.

Getting an opportunity to draw because his name was called and he had his name tag on was **Tom Hoch**, but "No Dice." One down 51 more to go.

Pledge & Closing

Kent Gloor started us out, "Promise yourself ..."

Your Editor at Work



Photos Noel Hasselgren

October Super Citizen Presenters

Oct 13 @ 8:20	Holm	Joe Marci
Oct 13 @ 1:00	Samuels	?
Oct 17 @ 2:30	MPB	Dave Peck
Oct 20 @ 8:30	Slavens	Tom Kramis

Weekly Greeters

10/13/17	Steve Kady & Eldon Strong
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 13 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
 Oct 20 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
 Oct 27 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

**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.