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## ATTENTION MEMBERS! SOC REVERSE RAFFLE

We would like to congratulate our 2019 Winners:

February - Jessie & Judy James and Dan & Susan Fukushima

March - Gene Murakami

April - Karen Chow

## MAY BOARD MEETING

May Board Meeting - All new and old officers are encouraged to attend.

Date: May 1, 2019

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Silver Palace  
15326 Whittier Blvd.

## ANNUAL DHH YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT

Please come out and join your fellow club members on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. We will be honoring the graduating students from the University High School Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program. Again, David Longo, Principle, will be conducting the colorful and emotional recognition of each student.

It is always a heartwarming event to share the joy and enthusiasm of the attending students, families and school personnel as the school year draws to a close.

We hope as many members as possible will be able to attend this event. Please let Stan Enomoto know if you are able to join us.

Call Stan at 714-827-9409 or stanleyenomoto@sbcglobal.net. **RSVP is required.**

## 51st ANNUAL SUBURBAN OPTIMIST GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 20, 2019 - Yorba Linda Country Club

Everybody is encouraged to come out and participate in our 51st Annual Suburban Optimist Club Golf Tournament. The Tournament is being held on Monday, May 20, 2019, at the Yorba Linda Country Club, 19400 Mountain View Ave., Yorba Linda 92886, (714) 779-2461. Cost for the Tournament is \$150. Registration is at 9:00am, Shotgun Start at 10:00am. Luncheon will be held after the Tournament is finished. Deadline for entries is May 1, 2019. Tournament Fee includes Green Fees, Range Balls, 1/2 Cart, Coffee, Prize Fund, Hole-In-One Contest, Fabulous Door Prizes and Lunch. Chairmen Miles Yano and Eiji Yoshihiro promise a great event. Those of you who are non-golfers can also participate by helping with the registration, assist on the course and record the scores. There's something for everyone.

## UPCOMING SUBURBAN BUENA PARK OPTIMIST CLUB PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Attention members! We need your support and help with the upcoming programs and events. Please contact the Chairperson or President Baez if you wish to lend a helping hand.

Past President Dinner - TBD - Chairperson: Al Baez

High School Senior Youth Recognition - April 25, 2019 - TBD - Chairperson: Ray Okazaki

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Recognition - May 23, 2019 - Chairperson: Stan Enomoto

Golf Tournament - May 20, 2019 - Chairpersons: Miles Yano/ Ray Okazaki

Walk The Farm - June 2019 - Tanaka Farms

If you wish to attend one of these Quarterlies or Convention, please contact Al Baez at (714) 752-3565 or [miwakiwa@earthlink.net](mailto:miwakiwa@earthlink.net).

# OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

July 1-3, 2019 - Louisville, Kentucky

If you wish to attend one of these Quarterlies or Convention, please contact Al Baez at (714) 752-3565 or [miwakiwa@earthlink.net](mailto:miwakiwa@earthlink.net).

## PAST EVENTS BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS APPRECIATION NIGHT March 2019

On Thursday, March 7, 2019, SOC hosted our annual Scout Recognition Dinner at Hibachi Grill and Buffet in Norwalk. This year, we honored three Boy Scouts who earned the rank of Eagle Scout and three Girl Scouts who earned their Gold Award.

The Eagle Scout honored were: Joshua M. Higa, Glen K. Nagamoto, Brandon Wong.

The Gold Awardee honored were: Sarah Ando, Amy Leung, Jennifer Lui.

After an A.Y.C.E. dinner, each Scout presented their Eagle or Gold Award projects. It was amazing to see how much time and effort went into each project and the impact it made to others. Their projects showed how they are leaders and how they can make a difference in someone's life.

Our guest speaker this year was Marissa Katsuda. She is a math teacher at Norwalk High School. She gave a very entertaining reflection to the group about her Gold Award experiences. She spoke on how her experiences helped her become the person she is today, how it helped her achieve her [current and future] goals, and challenged the Scouts to make their mark in the world.

## 2019 SOC ESSAY CONTEST

On Friday, Feb. 22, 2019, SOC graded our 2019 essay contestants.

A special thank you to the SOC Essay judges: Stan Enomoto, Tracy Okida, Sharon Okazaki and Lisa Kiyohara.

After the long and arduous task of counting each word in a 700-800 word essay, grading for spelling and grammar, and reading each essay for content. The winner of the SOC OI Essay contest is:

1<sup>st</sup>. Amy Leung - \$50 for first place

2<sup>nd</sup> Ashley Munoz - \$30 for second place

3<sup>rd</sup> Allison Lemon - \$20 for third place

## 2019 SOC ORATORICAL CONTEST

On Thursday March 21, 2019 SOC conducted their Oratorical contest.

A special thank you to the SOC CCDHH judges: Kasie Leung, Duane Koba, Ellen Higa, Gene Murakami, Tracy Okida.

SOC had 5 applicants for the Oratorical contest

Autumn Gilmore, Jennifer Morales, Allison Lemon, Hana Hurtado, and Jennifer Yoo.

The winner of the SOC OI Oratorical contest is:

1<sup>st</sup>. Jennifer Yoo - \$50 for first place - qualified for Zone 1 competition.

2<sup>nd</sup> Hana Hurtado - \$30 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place - qualified for Zone 1 competition.

3<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Morales - \$20 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place

On Monday April 1, 2019 PSED zone 1 Oratorical competition was held. This competition will determine who will qualify for District competition. There were 7 students in the competition ranging in age from 7<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We are proud to announce that Jennifer Yoo, SOC Oratorical winner also won the zone 1 competition. She will be representing SOC in the District finals on 5/5/19. With a chance to win \$2500.



## 2019 SOC CCDHH CONTEST

On Thursday March 21, 2019 SOC conducted their CCDHH contest.

A special thank you to the SOC CCDHH judges: Bette Eastland, Kasie Leung, Duane Koba, Ellen Higa, Gene Murakami, Tracy Okida.

The winner of the SOC OI CCDHH contest is:

1<sup>st</sup>. Samuel Ervin - \$50 for first place - qualified for District competition on May 4, 2019 in Ontario.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast Another Success

Thanks to all who came out to make this a successful event. OCBC is the perfect venue. We hope OCBC will have us for years to come. Weather was great. Special thanks to Kent and Nancy Suzuki. Members and volunteers made every thing go smoothly.

Ticket sales were \$14,700 with additional \$500 donated by Wintersburg. According to our extremely accurate count from Becky Ishii and her sisters Ruby and Terry, we served 1,110 breakfasts. Sean and Kyle Suzuki made Mickey Mouse and snowmen (Eric Shishima's relatives) pancakes which were a big hit with kids. Thanks to Arnie Sakamoto (former SOC Sports Group parent) who brought the bread donation from Galasso's Bakery and stayed to help the whole time.

Member Tommy Iwashita was there working the round grill as usual. He will be there earlier next year to make sure the grill is ready before 7AM. We missed Bobby Iwashita's smiling face. We were happy to see Jane.

Our charter president Bob Wada attended as well as charter members' wives-Sue Hirai and Helen Takata. Jane Taira, one of our past presidents wives and Past President Garry Wada attended as well.

Someone bought too many plates, too much milk, too much syrup, too much catsup, too much sugar, too much Coffeemate, too many gloves.

The boutique was very successful thanks to Eleanor Higashi's efforts. Nancy Omura participated in the boutique as well.

Thanks to Eddie Higashi who helped out in a lot of areas including assisting his brother, TOP PANCAKE GURU DAVE HIGASHI. The pancakes were a big hit again. DELICIOUS. Even the critic was satisfied. The cheap vanilla was just fine.

SOC Octagons sold spam musubi, cereal mixes, tsukemono, and drinks. OCBC Boy Scouts did well on their bake sale.

Thanks to Sheila Koba who happily drove Duane to OCBC and stayed and helped from beginning to the end.

Great job, everyone. Our fundraising allows us to continue our work to support the youth.

Give all criticisms and comments to our President Al Baez.

One last thing, Susan sold \$1,325 in golf raffle tickets!!!!!!

Our sincere gratitude to:

**Red Shell Foods**-donation of gift baskets and dressing/sauces

**Produce World**-donation of oranges

**Fred Katsuda**-donation of oranges

**R&B Wholesale Distributors**-donation of cardboard

**Southeast Japanese School & Community Center**-storing our grills and equipment

**Orange County Buddhist Church**-for allowing us to use the excellent facilities and storage of our supplies/grills

**SOC Sports Group**-couldn't do it without you

**SOC Octagon**-thanks for your hard work

OCBC Boy Scout Troop 578-all your hard work setting up, taking down tables and chairs, and clean up

**SEYO organizations**-for supporting our ticket sales.

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