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ATTENTION MEMBERS! SOC REVERSE RAFFLE

We would like to congratulate our 2016 Winners:

February - Ray Fujino

March - Tommy Iwashita

April - Bob Goto

OPTIMIST YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT

Our Youth Recognition Night will be held on Thursday, May 12th at 7:00 pm at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel. This is an important evening for the graduating seniors from high schools throughout Orange and LA counties. Suburban Optimist Club will be honoring those individuals. We will also be giving scholarships to some of the young men and women who will be attending college in the fall. We encourage all members and spouses to attend. Come out and enjoy an evening out. If you need further information or would like to reserve your place at this years dinner, please contact Chairman Ray Okazaki at 714-827-7490. **RSVP is required.**

ANNUAL DHH YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT

Please come out and join your fellow club members on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel. We will be honoring the graduating students from the University High School Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program. Principle David Longo 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.

49th ANNUAL SUBURBAN OPTIMIST GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 23, 2016 - Yorba Linda Country Club

Everybody is encouraged to come out and participate in our 48th Annual Suburban Optimist Club Golf Tournament. The Tournament is being held on Monday, May 23, 2016, at the Yorba Linda Country Club, 19400 Mountain View Ave., Yorba Linda 92886, (714) 779-2461. Cost for the Tournament is \$145. 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, 2016. 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.

MAY BOARD MEETING

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

Date: May 4, 2016

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Silver Palace

15326 Whittier Blvd.

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 Iwamoto if you wish to lend a helping hand.

Youth Recognition - May 12, 2016 - Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel - Chairperson: Bob Iwashita / Stan Enomoto / Ray Okazaki

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Recognition - May 19, 2016 - Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel - Chairperson: Stan Enomoto

Golf Tournament - May 23, 2016 - Yorba Linda Country Club - Chairpersons: Miles Yano / Ray Okazaki

Walk the Farm - June 18, 2016 - Tanaka Farms

Nisei Week - August

Boys and Girls Club Christmas Party - Dec. 2016 - TBA

If you wish to attend one of these quarterlies, please contact Scott Iwamoto at (626) 336-1330.

98th OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

98th Optimist International Convention - June 30 - July 2, 2016 - Quebec City Convention Center, Quebec, Canada

If you wish to attend one of these Quarterlies or Convention, please contact Scott Iwamoto at (626) 336-1330.

PAST EVENTS

47th Annual Suburban Optimist Pancake Breakfast/Boutique/Community Fundraiser

We have finally figured out that this was our 47th Annual Pancake Breakfast. 1970 was the first. We have photographic proof that 1971 was our second. From now on, we will be accurate.

We served 1,368 breakfasts according to the registration people-Susan Fukushima, Becky Ishii, Ruby Sugihara (Becky's sister), Sandy Okida (Tracy's wife), Gene Murakami and Al Kusano (they were there the WHOLE TIME). We had over \$15,000 in ticket sales.

\$300 Raffle winner was Rose Ann Jay (sold by Norwalk Youth Sports).

Special thanks to Glen and Paula Nagamoto, Janice Kusaba, Eleanor Higashi (assisting with the boutique) and Eddie Higashi (who mixed pancake batter the whole time with his brother Dave), new member Mark Watanabe, Stan Yee (Jetts), Calvin Togashi (OCBC). SOC Sports Group and Octagons and parents really came through. Sherrie Osako and the OCBC Boy Scout Troop 578 and parents, as always, gave us indispensable help. We are thankful for the SEYO organizations that sell our tickets. A reminder that proceeds fund our recognition dinners and scholarships for graduating high school seniors of Japanese ancestry and former and present participants in SEYO.

Thanks to the following donors:

JJ Snackfoods and Southgate Foods for providing the eggs.

Produce World located at 1885 N. Tustin in Orange for donating the delicious oranges.

Red Shell Foods (Hiro Watanabe) for donation of their delicious teriyaki sauce.

Galasso's Bakery (Arnie Sakamoto) for the delicious rolls.(They make the bread sticks at Olive Garden)

UFCW Union Local 324 for providing the facilities at a discount, allowing us to store our supplies.

Orange County Buddhist Church for use of their grills and storing our supplies.

Southeast Japanese School and Community Center (Norwalk) and Richard Shinomoto for storing our grills and equipment.

Thanks to the members who volunteered their time. Special thanks to Ellen Higa, Dave Higashi, Tom Iwashita, Scott Iwamoto, Mako Mizuki, Kent Suzuki, Bobby Iwashita, Ray Okazaki, Don Enriques, Don Miyada, Herb Omura, Cliff Ishii, Al Baez, Gary Fukushima, Stan Enomoto, Norm Nishizu and Eric Shishima,

Charter members who were able to attend: Jim Takata, Bob Hirai, Bob Wada, Pat (Mas) Sugihara, and Janet (Harry) Kuwabara. Thanks for supporting us all these years.

Everybody had a great time-great pancakes, delicious sausage, scrumptious eggs, sweet, juicy oranges and appetizing rolls.

Apologies to any one I forgot to mention.

See you all next year!!! Job well done!!!!

Dan Fukushima, Chairman

VALENTINE 2016

U.S. NAVAL GOLF COURSE, CYPRESS

FEBRUARY 11, 2016

This is the first time we've held it at the Navy Golf Course and I received many positive comments about their food. Most of the Guests had the Prime Rib. The Salmon and Chicken were also very good. Hope everyone enjoyed their dinner. The Management has invited us back for any future functions.

Thanks to Stan Enomoto for picking up the See's Candies and Thanks to Scotty's Flowers for providing all of the flowers. Again, thanks to Alex and Zachary Iwashita for doing the honors and handing out the flowers, Tanaka Farm Strawberries and the Candy.

Thank you all for coming out and supporting our function... See you next year.

YOUTH APPRECIATION NIGHT

HOWARD'S COFFEE SHOP, CYPRESS

MARCH 10, 2016

Congratulations to the Eagle Scouts of BSA Troop 578 from OCBC. These Scouts worked hard to earn all of the required Merit Badges and planning, executing and completing an Eagle Project.

The Eagles that were Honored were:

Nathan Hoo	Chris Iba
Spencer Kubo	Bradley Nishida
Kevin Sato	Jason Tekawa
Jason Yamashita	

Congratulations also to Five Senior Girl Scouts of GSA T881 from OCBC. These Girls worked hard to earn The Gold Award which is the equivalent to the BSA Eagle Rank. Earning The Gold Award were:

Kayle Katsuda	Lindsay Masukawa
Allysa Oune	Shaye Uyematsu
Lauren Wong	

Our Special Guest Speaker for the Second Year was Dr. Trent Kanemaki, DDS who himself earned the Eagle Rank from BSA Troop 578. A special thanks to Dr. Kanemaki for making the time to come and speak to the Scouts... A Special "Charge" for both the Boy and Girl Scouts... He likes the FREE dinner.. LOL

Each Scout was given an opportunity to speak and inform the group about their Eagle/Gold Award projects. T578 also helps out at our Annual Pancake Breakfast as part of their Community Service Time.. Couldn't do without them. We've had a good relationship with the Troop, and in the past, our club has helped the Troop by replacing some of their worn out camping equipment. Please help support T578 and T881 whenever you can.

It's wonderful to see these Boys and Girls attain the Highest Rank in Scouting. These are our future leaders and SOC is proud to recognize each and every one of them for this achievement. Congratulations to the Boys and Girls and Parents.

It was great to see so many Parents, Grandparents and Friends.. 27 in all. Thanks to all who came out to support this function... Our club was a little light on attendance.

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