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ATTENTION MEMBERS!

SOC REVERSE RAFFLE

We would like to congratulate our 2013 Winners:

February - Nancy Suzuki

March - Dean Wada

April - DJSJ (Dam, Jesse, Susan & Judy)

OPTIMIST YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT

Our Youth Recognition Night will be held at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel in Buena Park on Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 pm. 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.**

46th ANNUAL SUBURBAN OPTIMIST GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 20, 2013 - Yorba Linda Country Club

Everybody is encouraged to come out and participate in our 46th Annual Suburban Optimist Club Golf Tournament. The Tournament is being held on Monday, May 20, 2013, 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, 2013. 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. Tee Sponsors (\$350), Gold Sponsors (\$900), Sportsman/Corporate Sponsors (\$1200) and donations are needed for this 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.

28th ANNUAL DHH YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT

Please come out and join your fellow club members on Thursday, June 6, 2013 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. Again, Jon Levy, Principle, will be conducting the colorful and emotional recognition of each student. The Club this year will be giving \$1000.00 to deserving students.

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. **RSVP is required.**

LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT

Our First Laurel High School Youth Recognition Night will be held at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel in Buena Park on Thursday, June 13th at 7:00 pm. This is an important evening for the graduating seniors from Laurel High School. Suburban Optimist Club will be honoring those individuals. 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 Bob Iwashita at 714-527-1567. **RSVP is required.**

MAY BOARD MEETING

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

Date: May 1, 2013

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Silver Palace
15326 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA

UPCOMING OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLIES

Third Quarterly - May 17-19, 2013 - Knotts Berry Farm Resort Hotel, Anaheim, CA

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

95th Optimist International Convention - July 4-6, 2013 - Duke Energy Convention Center, Cincinnati, OH

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

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 9, 2013 - TBD - Chairperson: Ray Okazaki

Golf Tournament - May 20, 2013 - Yorba Linda Country Club - Chairpersons: Miles Yano/ Eiji Yoshihiro

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Recognition - June 6, 2013 - Chairperson: Stan Enomoto

Laurel High School Youth Recognition - June 13, 2013 - Knott's Berry Farm Resort - Chairperson: Bob Iwashita

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

45th Annual Pancake Breakfast-A Success

Our 45th Annual Pancake Breakfast was a great success!!!! Served almost 1,500 breakfasts!! We had almost \$18,000 in ticket sales. Thanks to the SEYO organizations and especially our Sports Group. That's about 4,500 tickets sold. Amazing!!!

Special thank you's and endless gratitude to:

Al Baez for assisting me and taking a great load by coordinating the Sports Group, OCBC Boy Scouts and handling the boutique.

Ellen Higa, board member Keith Higa's wife, who volunteered to do the dishes for the past 2 or 3 years (What was she thinking?). We are truly grateful.

Susan Fukushima for working the ticket table and selling golf raffle ticket

Toshiko Matsuzawa for working the ticket table and for always providing our traditional miso shiru and rice (that's a lifesaver for me)

Stan Yee of the Jets organization

Alan Ishii of the VFW Youth Group

Arnie Sakamoto and Darryl Kawasaki of the SOC Sports Group

Sherrie Osako, our contact and lead person for the OCBC Boy Scouts

OCBC Boy Scouts

SOC Sports Group for sales

The members who come out to support us every year

Charter members in attendance-Jim Yamashita and Hank Nakano. Thanks for all your support since our charter year of 1966. The following were also in attendance: Pat Sugihara (charter member Mas Sugihara's wife), Jane Taira, Nori and Rose Uyematsu, Hiro Watanabe of Red Shell Foods, Donna (Nishizu) McFarland, whose family provides the space at Zuma Business Park for our locker.

OCBC Boy Scouts sold over \$900 in baked goods. I saw some spam musubi and no one came to offer me one. OCO's Renee Kimoto came to promote OCO's Helping Farmers event to be held June 15 at Tanaka Farms. Supporting farmers in Japan affected by the tsunami 2 years ago. SOC is supporting this event and needs volunteers. See Dave Higashi.

Ray Okazaki's daughter Maile Okazaki and her fellow Yonsei Basketball team members did an outstanding job selling t-shirts and raffle tickets. Great job!

We are grateful for support from the following companies and organizations

UFCW Union Local 324-our great facilities

All SEYO organizations

J&J Snack Foods, Inc.-donation of eggs

Pacific Ranch Market and member Jim Tsujioka-supplies and donations

R&B Wholesale Distributors-appliance sales-donation of cardboard

Zuma Business Park and Henry Nishizu family-locker

Southeast Japanese School and Community Center-storage of our grills

Orange County Buddhist Church-storage of refrigerated items and use of truck

Last, but not least, a big thank you to Charter President Bob Wada and charter member Muneo Hamano for donating a new grill. I guess they noticed our decrepit grills and thought them unsafe. Thank you. Thank you. Hope to see you guys next year at the breakfast.

YOUTH APPRECIATION NIGHT

March 14, 2013

Forty Members, Parents and Scouts gathered at Mimi's Café, Garden Grove, to recognize those Scouts who have attained the highest rank in Scouting.

The Girl Scout Gold Award requires an extensive essay requiring hours of interviews/research, on their given subjects, before the rough and final drafts are published. For the Eagle Rank, the Life Scout must plan, raise funds (to cover project costs) and execute a project, utilizing Troop and Family members, and for their final review, pass an Eagle Board of Review, after which the District has the final approval. Both the boys and girls projects requires a lot of dedicated time and planning, and SOC is honored to have these young men and women present to be recognized for a job well done.

Representing Girl Scout Troop 881, Gold Award Recipients: Kaitlin Hara, Leigh-Ann Kamifuji, Marisa Katsuda, Emma Shimizu and Lidnsey Uyematsu. (Grand daughter of SOC Member Nori Uyematsu)

Representing BSA Troop 578, Eagle Scouts: Kevin Kato, Ryan Oune and Ryan Togashi. Life Scouts: Nick Hisamoto and Nick Oune. (Both have completed their Eagle Projects and are awaiting their Board of Review)

Our Guest speaker for the function was Dr. Thomas Iwashita, Eagle Scout, BSA Troop 578. He gave an inspiring talk that was well received by both Scout Troops. SOC would like to thanks Dr. Tom for taking the time to support this youth function.

Also, SOC would like to recognize and thank the parents of these great scouts, for helping them along the path to the top. We know that the scouts could not have made it without your assistance and support. Last, but not least, Thanks to all our members who came out to support this youth function. Troop 578 helps us out at the pancake breakfast, so all members should try to help support any projects/functions involving BSA Troop 578.

SOC SPORT YEAR END BANQUET

On March 16, 2013, SOC Sports held their year end banquet at La Serna High School cafeteria. The banquet is our way to celebrate the end of the junior basketball season and to acknowledge the teams and individuals who made the season a success. We had 220 players and their families attend. We started the banquet with a 3 on 3 tournament so the kids who be worn out and hungry by lunchtime.

After the 3 on 3 tournament, we moved into the cafeteria to have a tasty bento box lunch procured by Linh Terry with the 5th grade boys Olympians.

We opened the luncheon by introducing the Little Stars, the future of SOC Sports basketball. Each Little Star received a trophy, their picture, and an embroider towel. We had 11 junior teams this season, and each team came on the stage to introduce themselves and talk about the season. Each player received their picture and a SEYO yearbook. After the 8th grade teams came to speak, I remember coaching a few of the players when they were Little Stars. It made me realize how quickly time has passed and how fortunate my family has been to participate in SOC sports.

After the luncheon, we headed back to the gym for the highlight of the banquet, the COACHES vs. 8TH GRADERS game. The 8th graders were represented by the Rebels and the Sparks. It was impressive how the coaches were able to keep up with the 8th graders, but you could tell after five minutes the coaches needed subs. The 8th graders gave it a good run, but age over beauty prevailed and the coaches won the game.

Special thank you's to:

Al Oishi's 5th grade boys Chargers team for running the 3 on 3 tournament. Linh Terry for ordering, organizing and coordinating the food and the luncheon and the rest of the 5th grade boys Olympian families for setup and breakdown of the luncheon. Jodi Koyama for getting the Little Stars gifts and Pedro Cho for donating the cost of embroidering the towels. A big thank you to Jessica Chu, Stacey Crowter and Grace Yang for coaching and administering Little Stars.

Laurel High School Cycle 4 Awards Presentation

March 29, 2013

Congratulations to Nicole (Nikki) Boyd-Williams, of Laurel High School for being the Recipient of the Suburban Optimist Cycle 4 Award. The Students and Faculty selected this person because she's a diligent worker, has the best attitude about life and is generally an all around positive human being... She's an Optimist!! Ms. Heide Olshan, Principle of Laurel High School, introduced the student and Gene Murakami presented our Certificate of Achievement and \$50 Award. Our recipient is a junior, but has worked hard, and will be graduating this year. It's heart warming to see these students working so hard despite the turmoil in their daily lives. The teachers challenge them and the answer the call.

The next Cycle Awards Assembly will be on May 17, followed by Laurel High Schools First Youth Recognition Night on June 13, at Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel. The last day of school is June 19, and SOC will be providing a hotdog luncheon. These students need all the support that we can give them, so PLEASE keep these dates in mind and come out to support these functions.

Many Thanks to Herb Omura, Stan Enomoto, Gene Murakami and Mako Mizuki for your continuous project support.

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