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ATTENTION MEMBERS!

SOC REVERSE RAFFLE

We would like to congratulate our 2014 Winners:

February - Norman and Tracy Nishizu

March - Sharon Kusano

April - Ken Mitsunaga

May - Danny Ganiko

June - Napoli Italian Restaurant

July - Stan Enomoto

August - SOC Stars c/o Emmanuel Park

Grand Prize - Don Miyada

President's Message

Happy New Year! As I reflect on the past year, I am amazed that things run so smoothly for the club. Our numerous events seem to be getting better each year and they are completed without any drama. It is a testament to a great group of board and members that dedicate their time and focus to supporting the youth of our community. I am truly grateful to be associated with this distinguished team.

One of our long-time board members, Don Miyata was the lucky winner of the grand prize of our Youth Raffle. To share in his good fortune, Don has donated \$500 back to the club. Congratulation and thank you Don!

Our last event for the calendar year the Christmas party for the Boys and Girls club was held on Dec 6th. A great showing of members and Sports Group family were on hand to help with all the activities around serving dinner to 50 less fortunate families and providing entertainment and gifts to 125 kids. A special thank you goes to the Okazaki family (Ray, Sharon, Maile and Mat) who not only purchased the mountain of gifts but also stored them for a long time in their living room.

As a reminder our board meetings are held monthly, on the first Wednesday of the month and all members are welcome to attend. If you would be interested in attending one of our meetings to see what is discussed, please contact me at iwamotasm@gmail.com.

Looking forward to another great year.

In optimism,
Scott Iwamoto

SOC REVERSE RAFFLE

This year again, we will have seven monthly \$500 drawings and a final drawing of \$2,500 held at next year's installation dinner. Each monthly winner's ticket will be "returned to the barrel" and is eligible to win remaining drawings. We strongly encourage each member to sell at least two tickets and forward the entire ticket to Dan Fukushima for validation. This is first fundraiser of the year, and We'd like to see the club get off to a good start. Ticket can be sold through the first monthly drawing in Feb. 2015.

TRI-STAR 2015

January 31, 2015 at La Serna High School

This years SOC annual Tri-Star Competition will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at La Serna High School, 15301 Youngwood Dr., Whittier. Registration at 8:30AM, Competition begins at 9:00AM. This event is open to all kids ages 7-13. Bring your kids or grandkids to this fun event. If no kids to being, come out to help support the event and cheer on the kids that are competing.

It's Almost Pancake Breakfast time again

Please set aside the date-April 18, 2015. Cancel all vacations, business trips, etc. Same place as always-UFCW Union Local 324 Southeast corner Crescent and Stanton. Need you anytime from 5AM to 12:30PM. We need a few people on Friday afternoon at Norwalk Community Center and our locker. Looking forward to seeing all the faces-young and old. We need everyone to come out and lend a hand. There are sit-down jobs, stand-up jobs, and dirty, greasy jobs. Every year it's a success because of YOU. Thanks, in advance, for coming out and making this great fundraising event.

**Any questions, call Dan Fukushima 714-961-1792.
See you all at the breakfast. No excuses, please.**

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

February Board Meeting - All new and old officers are encouraged to attend.
Date: February 4, 2015
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Silver Palace
15326 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA

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.

Tri-Star - January 31, 2015 - La Serna High School - Chairperson: Ray Okazaki
Valentines Dinner - February 2015 - TBD - Chairperson: Bobby Iwashita
Youth Appreciation - March 2015 - TBD - Chairperson: Bobby Iwashita
Pancake Breakfast - April 18, 2015 - Chairperson: Dan Fukushima / Al Kusano
Youth Recognition - May 7, 2015 - TBD - Chairperson: Bob Iwashita / Stan Enomoto
Golf Tournament - May 18, 2015 - Chairpersons: Miles Yano / Ray Okazaki
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Recognition - May 21, 2015 - TBD - Chairperson: Stan Enomoto
Boys and Girls Club Christmas Party - Dec. 2015 - TBA

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

UPCOMING OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLIES

Second Quarterly - TBA
Third Quarterly - May 2015 - The Grand Event Center, Long Beach, CA 90815

97th OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

97th Optimist International Convention - July 9-11, 2015 - New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

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

PAST EVENTS

Suburban Optimist Christmas Party - December 6, 2014

The annual SOC Christmas Party for the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove (BGCGG) was held on December 6, 2014 @ BGCGG on Larson Avenue. We invited 125 kids and there were over 50 families who attended. The BGCGG kids and their families really felt like "guests" by the way they were treated from being entertained by the games and Star War characters, and being served dinner by the 7th and 8th grade boys teams. You can tell the BGCGG families had a good time by all the smiles on their faces during the party and as they left.

We provided Chinese food and chicken dinners along with hot dogs and chili for the kids. The Star Wars character performed with Darth Vader battling other Star Wars characters. Of course, Santa (aka Eric Shishima) was busy handing out presents to all the kids, and the SOC Sports and Octagon kids did a great job of keeping the younger kids entertained.

This year any unclaimed gifts were donated to the 96th Street Elementary School in South Central Los Angeles.

Thank you to the 7th and 8th grade parents for wrapping the gifts and transporting the gifts to the BGCGG. Thank you to the Star War characters and Al Baez for entertaining the families. Thank you to Sharon Okazaki and Maile Okazaki for buying all the gifts and organizing the gift exchange. Thank you to the Octagon and SOC members for sorting the gifts, plating the food and assisting with the games. Thank you to Christian Beltran for supervising the 7th grade teams and ensuring they knew what to do. Thank you to Keith and Ellen Higa for picking up the Christmas tree decorations, food and supplies. Thank you to Dave Higashi for picking up the chinese food. A big thank you to Eric Shishima aka "Santa" Thank you to Amie Lynch for allow us to share Christmas with your families.

THE BIGGEST THANK YOU GOES TO THE SOC 7th AND 8th GRADERS WHO DID A WONDERFUL JOB OF MAKING THE NIGHT SPECIAL FOR THE BGCGG FAMILIES.

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