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ATTENTION MEMBERS! SOC REVERSE RAFFLE

We would like to congratulate our **2018** Winners:

February - Jeff & Linda Niizawa (SOC Sports Group)

March - Carpet Crafts LLC

April - Gene Murakami

May - Sharon Kusano

June - Bob Goto

July - Norman Nishizu

August - Sandy Okida

September Grand Prize - Reiko Aoyama

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

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

Date: February 6, 2019

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Silver Palace
15326 Whittier Blvd.

President's Message January 2019

Greetings and Happy New Year! I am now into my third and last year as president for the Suburban Optimist Club of Buena Park (SOC) and it's been a great honor. I enjoyed this service but I believe it is time for new leadership with new ideas and the energy to carry on the good service to the youth that this organization has done and will continue to do. I would like to extend my thanks to all the membership and my appreciation to all the SOC Board members for your support these past years.

I look forward to continue in working with everyone in the many worthwhile activities that SOC conducts and sponsors such as High School Senior Recognition/Awards Dinner, Boys & Girls Club Christmas Dinner, Tri Star Competition, Pancake Breakfast fundraiser and Deaf and Hard at Hearing Recognition/Awards Dinner.

Our Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Silver Palace Restaurant, 15326 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA. For further information please visit our website at <http://suburbanoptimistclub.org>

In Optimism,

Al Baez

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. 2019.

2019 Valentine's Day Dinner February 14, 2019 @ Black Gold Golf Club

The SOC Valentine's Day Dinner will be held on Thursday, February 14, at 6:30 PM, at Black Gold Golf Club, 1 Black Gold Dr., Yorba Linda CA 92886. The cost for members will be \$32.95 + tax & gratuity. One complimentary guest per member. The menu is as follows:

First Course (choose one)

- Hearts of Beet Salad
- Artichoke Bisque
- Oysters on the 1/2 Shell (3)

Main Course (choose one)

- Sunchoke Rissoto
- Tenderloin of Beef & Jumbo Shrimp
- Bacon Wrapped Monk Fish

Dessert (choose one)

- Dark Chocolate Fantasy Cake
- Black Cherry Cheese Cake

Dress is business casual or Aloha attire. Please RSVP to Tracy Okida at tracyokida@yahoo.com, or (562) 900-8887.

Hope to see you there for a **romantic dinner**.

It's Time for Pancake Breakfast

Coming up fast on April 6. Sell your tickets (coming to your mailbox soon).

NEW LOCATION HOPEFULLY PERMANENT. OCBC 909 S. DALE, ANAHEIM.

Need you anytime from 5 AM to 12:30PM. 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 a great fundraising event.

Remember all of the profits go to our scholarships and youth fund dinners.

If you are interested in participating in the boutique, contact Eleanor Higashi eahigashi@yahoo.com

See you all at the breakfast. No excuses, please.

Any questions, call Dan Fukushima 714-961-1792 or email danfukushima@roadrunner.com.

BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS APPRECIATION NIGHT March 2019

We will be honoring the Eagle Scouts in BSA Troop 578 as well as Gold Award Recipients in Girl Scout Troop 881 from the Orange County Buddhist Church. Lets all come out and support this event. This is the BSA troop that comes out to setup and take down the table and chairs for our Pancake Breakfast. Location and Date to be determined. See you there !! If interested in attending, please contact Kent Suzuki @ 562-400-0188 or knsuzuki@yahoo.com.

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
Tri-Star - January 26, 2019 - Chairperson: Norman Nishizu
Valentines Dinner - February 14, 2019 - Black Gold Golf Club - Chairperson: Tracy Okida
Boy Scout and Girl Scout Appreciation - March 7, 2019 - Chairperson: Kent Suzuki
Pancake Breakfast - April 6, 2019 - OCBC - Chairperson: Dan Fukushima
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.

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

July 1-3, 2019 - Louisville, Kentucky

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PAST EVENTS SUBURBAN INSTALLATION LUNCH

Our 51st Annual Installation Lunch is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2018 at Silver Place Restaurant in Whittier at 11:00am. The address is 15326 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90603. Al Baez has agreed to handle the reins again this upcoming year.

Jr Optimist - Illumination Foundation Event

On November 18, our SOC Octagons volunteered at the Illumination Foundation Recuperative Care Center in Santa Fe Springs, California. The center provides shelter, care, and food for homeless individuals that are recovering from acute medical conditions and have been discharged from nearby hospitals. Because it was the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we provided a home cooked Thanksgiving feast for those that wouldn't be able to spend Thanksgiving with their family and friends. Before our driving to the Santa Fe Springs location, our members were split up between two houses to prepare the food. We prepared food like rotisserie chicken, ham, salad, mash potatoes, gravy, fruit salad, cookies, mac and cheese, and corn. We also bought pumpkin pies, apple pies, rolls, coffee, water, and punch. All of the foods were donated by our Octagon members and paid for with the funds we raised throughout the year. In total, 17 SOC Octagon members came to prepare food and eight members helped serve at the homeless center as those who were serving had to be 16 years old and above. As soon as we arrived at the Recuperative Care Center, we got a tour of the facility and began doing the final preparations before we began serving. We served dinner from 5:30 to 7:00 and left the leftovers for the facility to have for lunch the next day.

Christmas Party for Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove (BGCGG)

On December 8, 2018, SOC held its annual Christmas party for the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove (BGCGG). This year we held the event at a new venue, OC Church in Garden Grove. The new facility felt more festive with Christmas decorations and holiday spirit. We hosted 125 kids (infants to 17 y/o) and 40 families attended the party. This year we did not have entertainment provided by the Star Wars characters, but Santa (aka SOC President Al Baez) made his usual appearance. Thankfully, we had a good turnout from the Jr. Optimist, since our 7th grade girls team had only a handful of players available to help. The 8th grade boys team worked hard to welcome the BGCGG families and keep the kids entertained prior to dinner with games and arts and craft. The Chinese food provided by Bob @ Silver Palace was a big hit. Of course, the chili and rice prepared by Nancy Suzuki made a great appetizer for the SOC Sports kids and parents..

The BGCGG kids and their families really enjoyed themselves and felt like "guests" by being served dinner by the teams and Jr Optimist. Seeing the BGCGG kids and families smiling faces during the party and as they left is the reason we look forward to this party every year.

Thank you to Al Baez being "Santa" this year and patiently taking pictures with the families after the kids received their gifts. A big thank you to Sharon Okazaki for buying all the gifts. She manages to buy two or three gifts per child on just \$20 per child. Thank you to all the parents who lent a helping hand in the kitchen. Thank you to the Jr. Optimist for helping set up and supervise the 7th and 8th grade teams. Thank you to Mark Uyehara for buying the Christmas tree and Ellen Higa for buying the tree decorations. Thank you to Bob @ Silver Palace for providing much more Chinese food than we paid for. Thank you to Raken Mai for allowing us to share Christmas with your families. *THE BIGGEST THANK YOU GOES TO THE SOC 7th AND 8th GRADERS AND JR. OPTIMIST WHO DID A WONDERFUL JOB OF MAKING THE NIGHT SPECIAL FOR THE BGCGG FAMILIES.*

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