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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)

May - Pam & Cindy Miyda

Longtime member Jim Tsujioka passed away May 10. We will remember him for his big heart and never-ending generosity giving to the Pancake Breakfast and Golf Tournament through his store, Pacific Ranch Market

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. **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. **RSVP is required.**

THANK YOU SUBURBAN CHARTER MEMBERS

In 1966, a group of 57 men started the Suburban Optimist Club. That is an amazing feat. Suburban has stood the test of time. The Nisei Week Festival Board is recognizing Suburban for its lifetime of service to the community. We are forever grateful for what these men envisioned and accomplished.

The Board is inviting all fourteen of the living charter members to help celebrate this prestigious award from the Nisei Week Festival Board. We are especially proud of our five cherished remaining charter members who are:

Robert M. "Bob" Wada, Charter President

Jim Takata, Charter Vice President

Jim Yamashita, Charter Board Member

Muneo Hamano

Henry "Hank" Nakano

Thanks and our sincerest gratitude for all you have done.

Event: Nisei Week Awards Dinner

When: Monday, August 12, 2013, 6:30PM

Where: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel-Los Angeles Downtown
120 S. Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA

We are trying to organize transportation for the charter members, please contact Dan Fukushima if you are able to help or want to attend.

JULY BOARD MEETING

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

Date: July 10, 2013
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.

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.

PAST EVENTS YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT

We had 39 seniors attending the 47th Youth Recognition Dinner on Thursday, May 9th. Including parents, friends, and Club members a total of 115 were present at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel. Captain Tim Murakami from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department was the guest speaker. He presented an excellent speech which was very relevant for the graduating students. His humor and experiences kept the attention of all in the audience. We want to thank club member, Gene Murakami for arranging to have his nephew as speaker. Our Club awarded 3 boys and 3 girls scholarships of \$500.00 each. Bobby Iwashita and Stan Enomoto had a heck of a time deciding on the winners.

We had a good turn out of members and hope more will attend next year's event.

LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL CYCLE AWARD #5 MAY 17, 2013

The Final Cycle Award for the 2013 School Year was presented by Bob Iwashita to Lauren Kerr for Showing Responsibility, Determination and Perseverance in attaining her goals. It was heart warming to see 14 family members and friends at the Awards Assembly, showing support for her accomplishments and her future. She is a Junior, but just might have enough credits to graduate this year. Gook Luck to Her.

We have two more functions left for this School Year for Laurel High. June 13 is their Youth Rec. Night, to be held at Knott's Berry Farm Hotel and Resort, Starting at 7pm. Please come out and help us support and encourage these graduates and give them a warm send off. We'll be providing then Dinner, Achievement and Scholarship Awards. Contact Stan Enomoto if you plan to attend.

The last function will be a Hotdog Luncheon to be served on the last day of school, which will be June 19. We usually start cooking around 9am. Hotdogs, Potato Salad, Chips, Drinks and maybe Cake. If you have time, come out and join us. It'll be over before Noon.

46th ANNUAL SUBURBAN OPTIMIST GOLF TOURNAMENT May 20, 2013 - Yorba Linda Country Club

The 46th Annual SOC Golf Tournament held on May 20, 2013, at Yorba Linda Country Club, was a huge success. It was a typical sunny Southern California day. You couldn't ask for a better day to spend time with friends, playing golf and chasing a little round white ball that didn't go where it was aimed. We had a record number of 146 players, which set a record as the largest field in the history of the SOC Golf Tournament. All of the players and sponsors were very generous and donated many prizes and money. Steve Okamura, as usual, did a great job as MC. The hungry golfers were treated to the delicious duo of tri tip and salmon at the awards banquet, prepared by Yorba Linda CC. Nisei Week Princess Erika Hayami Fisher added culture and class to the event. Thanks to Steve Okamura's daughter, Jenny Albert, for setting it up with the Nisei Week committee.

The winner of the grand prize of \$1,000 was Mike Albert, who just happens to be Steve Okamura's son-in-law, who is married to Steve's daughter, Jenny. And, a side note, Steve didn't draw the winning ticket. It was drawn by the Nisei Week Princess Erica.

Any event cannot go smoothly or successfully without the hardworking volunteers (made up mostly of SOC Board members) and sponsors. On behalf of the golf committee, I would like to convey our appreciation to all of the volunteers and the sponsors. Also, a huge "Thank You" to the golf committee, who begin meeting in December to start planning the golf tournament. The golf committee members are: Miles Yano, Steve Okamura, Ray Okazaki, Dan Fukushima, Stanley Enomoto, Scott Iwamoto, Bobby Iwashita, Al Kusano, Henry Mano, Don Miyada, Gene Murakami, Norman Nishizu, Tracy Okida, Herb Omura, Eric Shishima and Eiji Yoshihiro.

Jim Takata, one of our charter members, who normally plays, was one of our volunteers. He claims that this is the first time he's missed playing. See you next year, Jim. Hope you will be playing.

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