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ATTENTION MEMBERS! SOC REVERSE RAFFLE

We would like to congratulate our 2015 Winners:

February - Karen Chow

March - SOC Ninja's (Walter Konya)

April - Al Oishi

May - Mike Izuno

President's Message

Our annual pancake breakfast was held on April 18th and ran smoothly with ample help this year. Thanks to OCBC Jr. YBA, SOC Sports Group Teams, our Club members and our Octagon Club for all the help setting up, serving and tearing down the event. We received a generous donation from the Mrs. Sue Togashi for the Senior Recognition during the event. The donation will be put to good use as fewer tickets were sold and fewer meals were served than in past years. To remind our members, this event is the main source of funds for the High School awards and your support is necessary to keep these activities going.

The SOC High School Senior recognition banquet was held on May 7th and was a great success. Bobby, Stan and Tracy did an excellent job of preparing and coordinating the dinner and Steve made sure the program ran on time. Our guest speaker was Laura Higashi, a former recipient of an SOC recognition award and a recent Nisei Week princess who spoke about life lessons and having the courage to try something different. We recognized 28 students and provided 6 scholarships during the evening ceremony. It was a great event and SOC was well represented by our members.

We received great news that Al Kusano condition continues to improving and is now recovering at home.

Thanks to all the board member who have agreed to remain in their positions through the 2015 - 2016 fiscal year. But most of all a big thank you to Keith Higa who, in a moment of weakness agreed to become SOC's president in 2016 - 2017.

Our board meeting are held on the first Wednesday of the month, if you would like to attend please let me know at: iwamotosm@gmail.com

In Optimism

Scott Iwamoto

48th ANNUAL SUBURBAN OPTIMIST GOLF TOURNAMENT May 18, 2015 - 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 18, 2015, 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. 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.

ANNUAL DHH YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT

Please come out and join your fellow club members on Thursday, May 21, 2015 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.

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.**

JUNE BOARD MEETING

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

Date: June 3, 2015
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.

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.

PAST EVENTS

Pancake breakfast. Great Weather. Great Fun.

Our sincere gratitude to SOC Sports Group and the OCBC Junior YBA who provided most of the manpower along with our own members. Special thanks to Co-Chairman Al Baez for coordinating the manpower and the boutique and helping all around. Couldn't do it without our Friday crew of Driver Bobby Iwashita, Stan Enomoto, Don Enriques, Herb Omura. They had to be rescued by Ray Okazaki, Keith Higa, and the Norwalk Judo fathers. This year we owe special gratitude to Orange County Buddhist Church for lending us their grills to substitute for the damaged large grill. Special thanks to Ellen Higa and Paula Nagamoto for assistance in cleanup (they played hooky from the Boy Scout Jamboree).

We served about 1,250 breakfasts about 400 less than last year. Ticket sales were a little over \$14,000, about \$9,000 less than last year. We need to encourage more support from the SEYO organizations. We need to emphasize that in order to provide scholarships and dinners for the graduating high school seniors in our community, we need their support.

Participating in our boutique were: Orange County Buddhist Church Junior YBA (bake sale), Yonsei Basketball (Josh Higa, son of board members Keith & Ellen Higa) and Maile Uyehara (daughter of board member Mark Uyehara), SOC's Octagon youth group (Threads of Hope fundraiser), member Herb Omura's wife, Nancy Omura, and Walk the Farm fundraiser for farmers in Japan and Central California.

Charter members attending were: Jim & Helen Takata, Pat Sugihara (wife of Mas Sugihara), Bob Wada, Jim & Marian Yamashita, and Hank Nakano.

Our thanks to:

Zuma Business Park and Henry Nishizu Family
Pacific Ranch Market and Penny Takeda
JJ Snackfoods and Leong Tan
Southeast Japanese School and Community Center
UFCW Local Union 324
Red Shell Foods and Hiro Watanabe for donation of the Red Shell Miso Dressing.
SEYO organizations for their support in selling tickets and making our scholarships possible.
Galasso's Bakery
Southgate Foods
Susan Fukushima
Cliff Ishii
Toshiko Matsuzawa

See you next year.

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