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ATTENTION MEMBERS! SOC REVERSE RAFFLE

We would like to congratulate our 2014 Winners:

February - Norman and Tracey Nishizu

March - Sharon Kusano

April - Belle Vista

May - Danny Ganiko

June - Napoli Italian Restaurant

July - Stan Enomoto

August - SOC Stars c/o Emmanuel Pak

President's Message

We have a new celebrity in our club. Don Miyada has been quoted in a number of newspapers and his story is now everywhere on the internet. On the evening of June 19th, Don was among the 560 graduates at Newport Harbor High School, at the age of 89 he finally fulfilled his dream of attending his graduation ceremony that he missed in 1942 after being forced into a Japanese internment camp at the start of World War II. When students at Newport Harbor High School learned of Don's story, they invited him to walk alongside them in their graduation ceremony. After singing the national anthem and saying the Pledge of Allegiance, a crowd of parents, students and school officials cheered and clapped as Don walked across the stage. He also was one of 15 individuals to be inducted into the school's Hall of Fame. Congratulations Don.

Congratulations are also due to our OCNCC Community Award recipients. This year our club had two recipients of the award, Ray Okazaki and Bobby Iwashita. Bobby received the prestigious Pioneer award for his lifelong commitment and service to the community. Dan Fukushima and Steve Okamura did a great job introducing our most deserving members at the awards dinner held on May 21st.

Our high school senior recognition events were held in May and June, congratulation to the following 2014 SOC scholarship recipients:

JA High School Senior Recognition

Alyssa Isogawa

Marc Marutani

Daniel Matsunaga

Devon Nishizu

Narayan Okuma

Stacy Suzuki

Renee Yamashiro

Laurel High School Senior Recognition

Amber Drieslein

Marcelo Perez

Terresa Rios

Joseph Wainanuska

DHH Event - Book Awards

Garrett Edwards

Scott Chavers

Jose Betancourt

Bandon Fong

Chizita Ibe

Aaron Jasso

Edwin Mayo

Griselda Moreno

My Pham

Andres Rodriguez

Once again another successful Walk the Farm event was coordinated by Dave Higashi. This was a joint event with our Octagon club manning the SOC booth serving oranges on Saturday June 14th. We had a good showing of members at the event and SOC was well represented. 100% of the \$100 K for this one day event will provide aid a select group of farmers in Japan that were affected by the Great Tohoku earthquake on March 11, 2011 and farmers in Central California suffering from the current drought.

As we wind down our fiscal year for the club, thanks to all the SOC board members who have agreed to maintain their seats as officers of the club for another year. Your offices for next year 2014 - 2015:

President: Scott Iwamoto

Vice President External: Gary Fukushima

Vice President Internal: Ray Okazaki

Vice President Communications: Eric Shishima

Secretary: Steve Okamura

Treasurer: Stan Enomoto

Sergeant At Arms: Mark Uyehara

Rice Paper: Mako Mizuki

Octagon Advisor: Dave Higashi

Directors: Alfonso Baez, Keith Higa, Bobby Iwashita, Don Miyada, Gene Murakami, Norm Nishizu, Tracy Okida

SOC Foundation: Dan Fukushima

As a reminder our board meetings are held monthly, on either the first or second Wednesday of the month (depending on what events are scheduled on that month) and 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 iwamotosm@gmail.com.

In optimism,

Scott Iwamoto

SUBURBAN INSTALLATION PARTY / NIGHT AT THE RACES

Our 48th Annual Installation Party / Night at the Races is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2014 at Los Alamitos Race Track in Los Alamitos from 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM. The address is Los Alamitos Race Track Vessels Club, 4961 Katella Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720. There is a Dress Code for the Vessels club, please see flyer for dress code. Cost for the evening is \$47.00 per person (Kids 12 and under \$21.00) YES, KIDS are also invited. Scott Iwamoto has agreed to handle the reins again for this upcoming year. Let's all come out and get the year started with a show of support for Scott and find out who wins the final Youth Raffle Prize.

Please RSVP by September 15, 2014 by calling Bobby Iwashita at (714) 527-1567, Cell (714) 713-4557 or bobbyiwa@sbcglobal.net.

Presented by OCO's Kibou Taiko

Help us raise funds to purchase performance Taiko drums!

Texas Hold'em No Limit Tournament, LCR and Craps

- Join us for Texas Hold'em no limit tournament. Top three prizes and bragging rights! 50 players max. Prove that you are the best!!
\$100 entry, \$20 rebuys.
Must pre-register!
- If you or your spouse don't play poker, or gamble, join us for the fun dice game
Left, Center, Right aka LCR, is a game of pure luck! \$10 entry per game.
- CRAPS Tournament! Plus, we will have a special instructional table to learn this fun game! Come join in on the hoot'n and holler'n!!!
\$50 entry, \$20 rebuys.
Must pre-register!
- Want to come and hang out? \$10 must pre-register. If you decide to participate in any of the games you will be credited your entry.

When: Saturday, September 13, 2014

Where: Tanaka Farms

5380 University Dr.

Irvine, CA 92612

6 pm Social and Appetizers

No host bar

7 pm Cards fly and the dice roll

11 pm Awards and Raffle

To register go to OCOYouth.org and click on Kibou Taiko
Registration closes September 7th

For more info contact Shannon Braesch,
Phone: (949) 653-2100 ext 201 Email: sbraesch@gmail.com

OCO Two Man Team, Alternate Shot
Golf Tournament, Saturday, September 20, 2014

The OCO Invitational Golf Tournament is back! We have a great new format, the ultimate in team golf competition, two man alternate shot! We all know that golf is a terrific bonding opportunity, a great way to spend time with friends and family and the alternate shot format creates a fun and pressure packed atmosphere where you rely on each other. You really do not want to leave your teammate in the trees for their next shot!

Team up with your spouse, child, parent, cousin, or your BFF! Divisions will be based on your relationship to your partner and your handicaps.

And the best part will be at the BBQ afterwards to share food and stories!!

Tell your family and friends to team up and come out and have a great day on the golf course!! Click here to register or tell your friends to go to OCOyouth.org and go to the "Golf Tournament 2014 Alternate Shot" page.

In Optimism,
Glenn Tanaka

Saturday, September 20, 2014
Strawberry Farms Golf Club
11 Strawberry Farms Rd, Irvine, CA 92612
6:30 am Check In 8:00 am Shotgun
Lunch & Awards Immediately Following at Tanaka Farms
\$280 per team

Please consider being a tee sponsor, \$500. Includes one team (two player) entry.
Can't make it to the tournament but would like to be a tee sponsor, \$250.

Team up with your father or mother, sister or brother, son or daughter, aunt or uncle, grandmother or grandfather, boyfriend or girlfriend or your BFF!!! Come on out and enjoy the game of golf with family and friends with the added pressure of hitting a good shot for your partner! The ultimate team sport! And the best part, food, drink and lots of good stories at the nineteenth hole at Tanaka Farms.

Divisions based on relationship to playing partner and handicaps.

You decide, one player tees off on all even numbered holes and the other player tees off on all odd numbered holes.

Register NOW!!!
or tell your friends to go to OCOyouth.org and go to the "Golf Tournament 2014 Alternate Shot" page.
Deadline, Sunday night, September 14

For more information contact Glenn Tanaka
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SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

September Board Meeting - All new and old officers are encouraged to attend.
Date: September 10, 2014
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 Fukushima if you wish to lend a helping hand.

Installation Dinner/Youth Raffle Finale - September 27, 2014 - Los Alamitos Race Track Vessels Club - Chairperson: Bobby Iwashita
Past President Dinner - 2014 - TBD - Chairperson: Gary Fukushima
Youth Appreciation - November 2014 - TBD - Chairperson: TBD
Christmas Party (Boys and Girls Club) - December 2014 - Chairperson: Norman Nishizu
Tri-Star - January 2015 - TBD - Chairperson: Norman Nishizu
Valentines Dinner - February 2015 - TBD - Chairperson: Bobby Iwashita
Pancake Breakfast - April 2015 - Chairperson: Dan Fukushima
Youth Recognition - May 2015 - TBD - Chairperson: Garry Wada
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Recognition - June 2015 - Chairperson: Stan Enomoto
Golf Tournament - June 2015 - Chairpersons: Miles Yano/ Ray Okazaki

**YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT
KNOTT'S BERRY FARM HOTEL
MAY 5, 2013**

Eighty-Five Graduating Seniors, Parents, and Guests Including 21 Members and Family enjoyed the Knott's Chicken Dinner, Apple/Bosenberry Pie Desert and a great talk by our Guest Speaker, Jamie Hagiya. She has had quite a Career Playing Basketball in SEYO and as a Starting Guard for the Women of Troy at USC. She is currently starting to open Fitness Centers in SoCal.

All Graduating Seniors were Introduced by our MC, Steve Okamura, and Presented a Certificate and a Gift from our Club. The Scholarship Recipients were:

Marc Marutani, Daniel Matsunaga, Devon Nishizu

Narayan Okuma, Stacey Suzuki, Rene Yamashiro

A Special SOC Award was presented to Alyssa Isogawa, which was made possible by Funds Provided by Two Anonymous Donors. All Scholarships and Special Award were for \$500.00.

Thanks to all the Members who came out for this Event.

From Glenn Tanaka

To all of you that volunteered at Walk the Farm, a big "DOMO ARIGATO GOZAIMASU!"

Of the 600+ volunteers from 46 different organizations and the hundreds of sponsors of supplies and monetary donations, none of you were solicited for help. All of you came forward and demanded to be a part of Walk the Farm! Truly a community event in every sense of the word.

We are proud to say that our only expense is t-shirts (and by the way I really apologize as I messed up the order. Did not have enough for those that pre-ordered!) and those were bought separately by supporters. Everything else for this event was donated meaning that 100% of your entry donation goes directly to the farmers in Japan and Central California. We would like to think that we are unique in that respect for an event of this size.

Many of you not only volunteered your time but also provided supplies for your tent such as the Yonsei group (thank you for the ice cream and paper goods); the employees at Union Bank Airport Branch (water for all of the walkers!); the Woodbridge High School Japanese Club (paper goods and condiments); South Bay Community Church (paper supplies and seasoning); TERRA, TAASIA, and TOYO Pets from Toyota (lemonade, cups, and special dog refreshments); Mueno Chiba (made all of the sushi!); Morimoto and Kunihiro Families (tsukemono); Jesse and Judy James (900 pounds of meat to feed all of the walkers!), and Tanaka Farms (fruits and vegetables for the tents). And of course there are many of you that are monetary sponsors who paid to walk and also volunteered your time! Please visit the WalkTheFarm.com website and check out all of the volunteer organizations, donors, and sponsors.

We understand that we ask a lot of our volunteers, so we apologize for not providing any sort of memento, food, or even bottled water for your time and efforts, but again, we are and we hope that you are proud to be a part of a fundraising event where 100% of everyone's donation goes directly to where it is intended for!

This was our fourth annual event for the farmers in Japan and they, as well as others whose lives were affected by the devastating earthquake/tsunami, are truly touched that we still remember and think of them as they "gaman" through these still, difficult times.

All of us at OCO and Tanaka Farms would like to thank each of you and your organizations for being a part of Walk the Farm as we "Harvest Hope" for the farmers in Japan and Central California! We hope that you will join us again next year, June 20 (Saturday of Father's Day weekend), 2015!

In Optimism,

Glenn Tanaka
OCO President
Farmer Tanaka

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