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ATTENTION MEMBERS! SOC REVERSE RAFFLE

We would like to congratulate our 2017 Winners:

February - Steve and Vicky Feeko

March - Gloria Shum

April - Paul Jay Fukushima

May - Vicky Feeko

June - Mike and Gayle Izuno

July - VFW Youth Group

August - OC Sansei Bowling c/o Glenn Wada

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

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

Date: October 6, 2017

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Silver Palace
15326 Whittier Blvd.

SUBURBAN INSTALLATION LUNCH

Our 51st Annual Installation Lunch is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2017 at Silver Place Restaurant in Whittier at 11:00am. The address is 15326 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, CA 90603. Dress for the event is Aloha Attire. Al Baez has agreed to handle the reins for the First Time this upcoming year. Let's all come out and get the year started with a show of support for Al and find out who wins the final Youth Raffle Prize. Please RSVP by September 30.

Please RSVP ASAP by calling Al Baez at (714) 752-3565 or miwakiwa@earthlink.net.

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.

3ed Annual Farm Walk for Children Cancer - Sept. 30, 2017 - Tanaka Farms

SOC Installation Lunch - Oct. 15, 2014 - Silver Palace Restaurant, Whittier, CA - Chair: Al Baez

Boys and Girls Club Christmas Party - Dec. 2017 - TBD

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 8-10, 2018 - Ottawa, Ontario
July 1-3, 2019 - Louisville, Kentucky

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PAST EVENTS

OCO Mochitsuki Taikai 2016 December 31st at Tanaka Farms, Irvine

This year celebrated the fifth annual Mochitsuki Taikai which brought together around 1000 attendees with 35 teams participating in the Pound Off Challenge! Our SOC team was there once again to defend last year's title and managed to achieve a respectable 3rd place (see photo below). It was a fun event for everyone ringing in the New Year with friends and family enjoying loco moco, traditional ozoni, lots of great food from the pot luck and of course excellent sake for all legal participants (thanks Glenn Tanaka). The event centers around the Kagami-mochi decoration contest which consists of two round oval rice cakes, top one smaller than the bottom cake, stacked on top of each other with a photogenic carefully selected mandarin orange on top. The mochi is made by each team pounding steamed rice using the traditional wooden mallet (kine) into the stone mortar (usu). The completed displays were judged by shape, size, uniformity and overall craftsmanship. This was a pot luck event, however this year the Entry Fee for each team was to provide a sample dish of their favorite oshogatsu food with a short written description about the food item and fond memory about it or why it is your favorite. Hope you can join us this year.

ANOTHER GREAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

We had great weather for our 49th Annual Suburban Optimist Pancake Breakfast, Boutique and Community Fundraiser on April 1. We are grateful for all the help from Orange County Buddhist Church Boy Scout Troop 458 and our SOC Sports Group and parents. We couldn't do it without them. Over \$18,000 in ticket sales/donations and almost 1,300 breakfasts served.

Everyone enjoyed the custom made Krusteaz pancakes, scrambled eggs (donated by JJ Snackfoods), sliced oranges (donated by Produce World in Orange and Fred Katsuda), rolls (donated by Galasso's Bakery) and the wonderful facilities at UFCW Union Local 324. Red Shell Miso Dressing was donated by Hiro Watanabe. Our gratitude to Orange County Buddhist Church for use of their refrigerator for storing our supplies and to Southeast Japanese School (Norwalk) for storing our grills and equipment.

We missed regulars-members Steve Okamura, Ellen Higa, Don Enriques, and Stan Yee of the Jetts. We were short-handed with most of not getting any breaks-we got through the morning.

Charter members who attended were: Charter President Bob Wada, Jim Yamashita, Munee Hamano and Bob Hirai. It was great to see Bobby and Jane Iwashita. Bobby looked great and we are thankful for his recovery. Missed him flipping pancakes. Other former members/spouses attending: Helen Takata, Amy Tsubokawa, and Gary Taira. Apologies to any I missed.

Thanks to Toshiko Matsuzawa for providing her delicious miso shiru (soup) and rice.

Special thanks to Becky Ishii, who brought her sisters, Ruby and Terry, and Susan Fukushima for manning our ticket table. Special thanks to Alan Ishii of VFW and Calvin Togashi of OCBC for coming out to help over many, many years. Thanks to all who came out to support us by working, attending and/or purchasing tickets. Special thanks to SEYO for selling tickets. This is one of our major fundraisers for our youth work including Senior Recognition (Youth Recognition Night) dinner and scholarships for graduating high school seniors.

SOC Christmas Dinner
Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove - December 10, 2016

The annual SOC Christmas Dinner party for the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove (BGCGG) was held on December 10, 2016 at BGCGG located at 9860 Larson Avenue. We invited 125 kids and there were over 50 families who attended. Once again, the BGCGG kids and their families really appreciated the way they were treated and entertained by the games and Star Wars performance by the Saber Guild group and being served dinner by the 7th and 8th grade boys/girls teams. All BGCGG families in attendance had a good time as was evident from the smiles on their faces during the event.

We provided delicious Chinese food along with hot dogs and chili for the kids. For the fourth year in a row The Saber Guild performed with Darth Vader and other Star Wars characters in an exciting light saber battle. This year Santa (graciously performed by our new SOC Board member Mark Watanabe) was busy handing out presents to all the kids with the assistance of SOC Sports and Octagon kids who did a great job of keeping the younger kids entertained.

Thank you to Ray Okazaki for taking the lead and coordinating another great Christmas Dinner. Thank you to the 7th and 8th grade parents and kids for wrapping the gifts and transporting the gifts to the BGCGG. Thank you to the Saber Guild Star Wars group and Al Baez for entertaining the families. A big 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 Ellen Higa for picking up the Christmas tree decorations and supplies. Thank you to Dave Higashi and Scott Iwamoto for picking up the Chinese food.

50th ANNUAL SUBURBAN OPTIMIST GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thank you to everyone on the committee who helped make this 50th celebration special. It was tremendous. Only 50 more years till our centurion celebration.

Best,
Miles Yano, Co-Founder | Chairman
SpeedTrack, Inc.

I agree with Miles. This year's tournament was well attended. I think after the final tally of players, I think we may have had more players this year than last year. Thanks to all of the tournament committee members, SOC Board, and volunteers. I appreciate you taking time from your jobs and families, to complete the tasks assigned to you, to ensure the golf tournament was a success. Well done!!!

Special thanks to:

Al Kusano for recording the money sent in with the entries and updating the player lists. also, for getting George Sugimoto to sponsor the Platinum Sponsor package.

Dan Fukushima for supplying and bringing the credit card scanners, and money for the prizes.

Gene Murakami for making up the Mulligan packages.

Tracy Okida for making the auction item receipts.

Steve Okamura for getting the Nordstrom gift cards, Nisei Week Court and Dodger tickets to auction off.

Eric Shishima for getting and delivering the produce for breakfast and lunch bags.

Miles Yano for getting the signs made, drinks, Million Dollar Hole In One coverage, plaque for George Sugimoto, ordering the Subway sandwiches and Leslie picking up and delivering them to the course, coordinating with the staff at Yorba Linda CC.

Another successful tournament behind us and in just a few months, we start all over again for 2018's tournament!

Thank you everyone for your hard work!

Eiji

ANNUAL DHH YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT

This year's Youth Recognition and Scholarship Dinner was held on May 11, 2017 at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel in Buena Park. The Club awarded 6 scholarships at \$500.00 each and a special \$500.00 award in memory of charter member Jim Takata who recently passed away. Helen Takata and her family made a generous donation to grant the award for the next several years. About 110 students, guests and club members attended the event. We are considering moving next year's event to April due to the fact that many high school districts will be ending the school year early. We will let the members know as we approach next Spring.

OPTIMIST YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT

The University High School Dear and Hard of Hearing Senior Dinner was held on May 18, 2017, the week after the Youth Recognition Dinner. This year's class was small with only 10 students graduating. We again honored each of the students with grade point average of 3.0 and higher with a check for \$200.00. Attendance that night also at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel was about 80 people.

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