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#### SUBURBAN OPTMIST CLUB OF BUENA PARK

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# ATTENTION MEMBERS!

We would like to congratulate our 2015 Winners:
February - Karen Chow
March - SOC Ninja's (Walter Konya)
April - Al Oishi

### President's Message April 2015

You may not have known this but we received a request to move our SOC locker that stores all our club equipment for our events. A big SOC thanks to the individuals involved with this herculean effort:

- Board of Directors of the Southeast Japanese School and Community Center for allowing us to relocate our storage locker
  on their site
- Richard Shinomoto who helped us with his sponsorship for our request
- Calvin Chang who helped convince the board by emphasizing how important SOC is for the community
- Lastly Dan Fukushima for taking ownership and handling the interaction and coordination with all the parties.

After this year's pancake breakfast (April 18<sup>th</sup>), the locker will be in moved to its new home in Norwalk.

We received great news on Al Kusano's improving condition; his recovery is coming along nicely and will be home soon. Best wishes to Al and his family.

Some sad news, Patt Oshiro, our past president Roy Oshiro's widow, passed away in late March. Patt was known to spend many hours with Roy serving with the Buena Park Optimist Club and it was Roy who started the clubs long standing relationship with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program at University High School. Our deepest condolences to the Oshiro family.

Old news....we are always looking for active members to join our Board of Directors. If you know of anyone that might be interested please let me know at: <a href="mailto:iwamotosm@gmail.com">iwamotosm@gmail.com</a>

In optimism,

Scott Iwamoto

#### It's Pancake Breakfast

It's our 47<sup>th</sup> on April 18

Please set aside the date-April 18. Cancel all vacations, business trips, etc. Same place as always-UFCW Local 324 Southeast corner Crescent and Stanton. Need you anytime from 5 AM to 12:30PM. We need a few people on Friday also, contact Bobby Iwashita. Looking forward to seeing all the faces-young and old. We need everyone to come out and lend a hand. There are sitdown 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 great fundraising event.

PLEASE SELL OR BUY AT LEAST 2 BOOKS. THIS IS ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT FUNDRAISERS.

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

If you are interested in participating in the boutique, contact Al Baez  $\underline{\text{miwakiwa@earthlink.net}}$ .

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

Any questions, call Dan Fukushima 714-961-1792.

#### MAY BOARD MEETING

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

Date: May 6, 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.

Pancake Breakfast - April 18, 2015 - Chairperson: Dan Fukushima / Al Baez
Youth Recognition - May 7, 2015 - TBD - Chairperson: Bob Iwashita / Stan Enomoto
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.

#### UPCOMING OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLIES

Third Quarterly - May 2015 - The Grand Event Center, Long Beach, CA 90815

# 97th OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

97th Optimist International Convention - July 9-11, 2015 - New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

If you wish to attend one of these Quarterlies or Convention, please contact Scott Iwamoto at (626) 336-1330.

#### **PAST EVENTS**

# YOUTH APPRECIATION NIGHT

Hof's Hut Los Alamitos March 12, 2015

Congratulations to the Eagle Scouts of BSA Troop 578 from OCBC. These Scouts worked hard to earn all of the Required Merit Badges and Planning, Executing and Completing an Eagle Project.

The Eagles that were Honored were:

OCTAGON ADVISOR

SOC FOUNDATION

Michael Kawai Steven Chang Ryan Kato Riley Matsuda Corey Tekawa

Unfortunately the Senior Girl Scouts from GSA Troop 881 had a conflict of schedules and were unable to attend the Dinner.

Our Special Guest speaker for the Evening was Dr. Trent Kanemaki, DDS, who himself earned the Eagle Rank from BSA Troop 578. A Special Thanks to Dr. Kanemaki for making the time to come and speak to the Scouts... A Special "Charge" for the boys.

Each Eagle was given an opportunity to speak and inform the group about their Eagle Projects. They also help out at out Annual Pancake Breakfast as part of their Community Service Time. Couldn't Do Without Them. We've had a good relationship with the Troop, and in the past, our Club has helped the Troop by replacing some of their worn out camping equipment. Please Help Support T578 whenever you can.

It was great to see so many Members, Parents, Grand Parents and Friends.. 27 in All. Thanks to all who came out to support this function.

#### 2014-2015 OFFICERS DIRECTORS

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