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ATTENTION MEMBERS!

SOC REVERSE RAFFLE

We would like to congratulate our Winners:

February - John & Trudes Nishizu

March - Eiji Yoshihiro

April - Ken Fukushima

May - Ray Okazaki

OPTIMIST YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT

Our Youth Recognition Night will be held at the Holiday Inn in Buena Park on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 pm. **This is an important evening for the graduating seniors from high schools throughout Orange and LA counties. Suburban Optimist Club will be honoring those individuals. We will also be giving scholarships to some of the young men and women who will be attending college in the fall.** Our guest for the evening will be Capt. Terry Hara, Commanding Officer of Training Division, Los Angeles Police Academy. We encourage all members and spouses to attend. 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 at 714-527-1567. RSVP is required.

20th ANNUAL DHH YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT

Please come out and join your fellow club members on Thursday, June 2, 2005, at the Radisson Resort in Buena Park at 7:00pm. 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.

I 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.

38th ANNUAL SUBURBAN OPTIMIST GOLF TOURNAMENT

Everybody is encouraged to come out and participate in our 38th Annual Suburban Optimist Club Golf Tournament. The Tournament is being held on Monday, August 29, 2005, at the Black Gold Golf Course. Cost for the Tournament is \$125. Registration is at 7:00am, Shotgun Start at 8:00am. Luncheon will be held after the Tournament is finished. Deadline for entries is August 7, 2005. When applying please use August Index. Tournament Fee includes Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Tee prizes, Coffee, Prize Fund, Hole-In-One Contest, Fabulous Door Prizes and Lunch. Chairman Miles Yano and committee members promise a great event. Gold Sponsors (\$300), Tee Sponsors (\$150), Sportsman Sponsors (\$1000) and donations are needed for this 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.

For more information please contact:

Miles Yano (714) 693-2954

JUNE BOARD MEETING

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

Date: June 7, 2005

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location: MARIO'S RESTAURANT (an old House)

10321 Beach Boulevard, Stanton, (714) 995-1668

UPCOMING OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLIES

Third Quarterly - May 20-22, 2005 - Long Beach Airport Marriott

District Convention - August 19-21, 2005 - Quails Inn, Lake San Marcos

If you wish to attend one of these quarterlies, please contact Ray Okazaki at (714) 827-7490.

Optimist International Convention - July 6-9, 2005 - Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, Louisiana

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 Okazaki if you wish to lend a helping hand.

Youth Recognition - May 19, 2005 - Holiday Inn in Buena Park - Chairperson: Bobby Iwashita
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Recognition - June 2, 2005 - Radisson Resort in Buena Park - Chairperson: Stan Enomoto
Picnic - SOCYG & SOC - August 6, 2005 - TBD - Chairpersons: Norman Nishizu/Ray Okazaki
Golf Tournament - August 29, 2005 - Chairpersons: Miles Yano/Ray Okazaki

If you are interested in participating in one of these programs or events, please contact
The chairperson or President Ray Okazaki at (714) 827-7490.

CONGRATULATIONS ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thanks to the SOC Youth Group and all the members and friends of our Suburban Optimist Club for another great pancake breakfast. April 2nd greeted us with great weather. This year marks the 36th year for our Annual Pancake Breakfast and Community Fundraiser. We served a record 1,861 breakfasts and with the help of all the SEYO organizations had record ticket sales of over \$24,000. Thanks to Norman Nishizu and the Suburban Optimist Club Youth Group members and players for all their help. Thanks to the Boy Scout Troop 578 for all their help. We couldn't have done it without you. Members and all had a great time working together for our common cause. We were able to fund our youth activities/youth sports and especially our youth recognition nights and high school scholarships. This event enables the club to donate thousands of dollars back to the SEYO organizations.

Once again, we had an excellent craft boutique headed up by SOC youth group member Eleanor Higashi. Thanks for all your hard work. Interested in participating next year, please call her 714-256-0563.

Special thanks to Toshiko Matsuzawa for providing our miso shiru and rice even though she couldn't be at the breakfast. Special thanks to Susan Fukushima and Becky Ishii for handling the ticket desk.

Thanks to the members who always show up when they are needed and also to those who support by always buying tickets. We were delighted to see old time members Bill and Betty Murata, Meri Nakashima, Hiroshi and Tami Kamei, Jim and Marian Yamashita, Jim and Helen Takata, Tom Hide, Hank Nakano, Mas and Pat Sugihara, Don and Sets Miyada, and Don and Miekko Enriques.

Here is a partial list of thank yous-we are truly grateful for your support:

Gary and Mathew Wada for showing up early and taking pictures for the slide show
Boy Scout Troop 578
Charter members-Mas Sugihara, Jim Takata, Jim Yamashita, Bill Murata, Tom Hide, Bob Wada, Muneo Hamano, Hank Nakano.
Friday crew-Al Kusano, Bob Iwashita, Ray Okazaki, Don Enriques
Galasso's Bakery-Arnie Sakamoto
Harmon Wholesale, Inc. Buena Park-appliances
Eleanor Higashi for heading up the boutique
Yoshi Nakaya
Gilbert Nishimura-special assistant to the chairman
Orange County Buddhist Church
Pacific Ranch Market, Orange
Red Shell Foods-salad dressing
Santee Dairies-milk
SEYO organizations
SOC Youth Group
Southeast Japanese School and Community Center
Suburban Optimist Club members
United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 324-facilities
Dean Wada-sausage cooker team leader
Chris Yasaki-Gardena Evening Optimist
Stan Yee-Jets/Jetts
Zuma Business Parks/Henry Nishizu Family

If I forgot anyone, my apologies. Thanks again for a great breakfast. See you the first or second Saturday of April 2006.

SUBURBAN BUENA PARK OPTIMIST OFFICERS 2004-2005

PRESIDENT: RAY OKAZAKI
VICE PRESIDENT, EXTERNAL: GENE MURAKAMI
VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNAL: STAN ENOMOTO
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