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## ATTENTION MEMBERS!

### A Great Loss for the Suburban Optimist Club

We regret the passing of long time member "FRANK HIRAHARA." Frank passed away February 7, 2006. Frank's association with SOC goes back 32 years, serving as President, twice named Optimist of the Year & recipient of the President's Award. He was one of two Lieutenant Governors from our club, as well as chairman of our Youth Recognition Night and Reverse Raffle. Until recently, he was active installing new members and serving as SOC's representative to the OCNCC Board of Directors. His hard work, focus, and smile will surely be missed.

### SOC REVERSE RAFFLE

We would like to congratulate our Winners:

February - EastWest Optimist Club

(Who donated their winnings back to SOC)

March - SOC 1, Boys PeeWee Middle

### It's Pancake Breakfast Time Again

April 1, 2006 - 5AM To 1PM

Please set aside the date-April 1. Same place as always-UFCW Local 324, Southeast corner Crescent and Stanton. Need you from 5 AM to 1 PM. We need a few people on Friday also. Looking forward to seeing all the faces-young and old. We need everyone to come out and lend a hand. There are sit-down jobs, stand up jobs, and dirty, greasy jobs. Every year it's a success because of you. Thanks for coming out and making this great fundraising event. Any questions, call Dan Fukushima 714-961-1792. See you all at the breakfast. No excuses, please.

### Craft Boutique

This is a great event where we raise funds for the Suburban Optimist Club Foundation, Suburban Optimist Club, SEYO organizations, the SOC Youth Group, and for all our youth programs.

For further information, contact Eleanor Higashi at 714-256-0563 home or 714-961-2289 work or ehigashi@fmtinv.com

### 39th ANNUAL SUBURBAN OPTIMIST GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 22, 2006

Everybody is encouraged to come out and participate in our 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Suburban Optimist Club Golf Tournament. The Tournament is being held on Monday, May 22, 2006, at the Black Gold Golf Course. Cost for the Tournament is \$135. Registration is at 7:00am, Shotgun Start at 8:00am. Luncheon will be held after the Tournament is finished. Deadline for entries is May 7, 2006. 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

### SOC OCTAGON CLUB

Suburban Optimist Club has started a new Octagon Club for It's High School Age Kids. Any High School Age kids interested in joining, Please Contact Jared Tanimoto at (562) 547-9245 or Norman Nishizu at (626) 864-1336.

### APRIL BOARD MEETING

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

Date: April 4, 2006

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location: KING'S GARDEN

5471 Beach Blvd., Buena Park

## **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 Nishizu if you wish to lend a helping hand.

Pancake Breakfast - April 1, 2006 - Chairperson: Dan Fukushima  
Youth Appreciation - 2006 - TBD - Chairperson: Bobby Iwashita  
Youth Recognition - May 4, 2006 - TBD - Chairperson: Garry Wada  
Golf Tournament - May 22, 2006 - Black Gold C.C. - Chairpersons: Miles Yano/ Ray Okazaki  
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Recognition - June 1, 2006 - Chairperson: Stan Enomoto  
SOC & SOCYG Picnic - June 17, 2006 - TBD - Chairperson: Norman Nishizu

If you are interested in participating in one of these programs or events, please contact  
The chairperson or President Norman Nishizu at (626) 330-0336.

## **UPCOMING OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLIES**

Third Quarterly - May 20-22, 2006 - Long Beach Airport Marriott, Long Beach, CA  
District Convention - August 19-21, 2006 - Quails Inn, Lake San Marcos, CA

If you wish to attend one of these quarterlies, please contact Norman Nishizu at (626) 330-0336.

Optimist International Convention - July 5-8, 2006 - Gayland Opryland Resort, Nashville, Tennessee

## **TRI-STAR 2006**

January 28, 2006 at La Serna High School

SOC's annual Tri-Star event was held January 28, 2006 and was a hit. It was great to see representatives from VFW, OCBC, Jets and Norwalk. A total of 65 participants competed this year. A good time was had by all.

## ***GREETER & CLUB PINS***

***WARNING-VERY IMPORTANT:*** Our past president, Ray Okazaki, is now the Sgt-At-Arms, so make sure to shake hands and wear your Optimist pin to every function. Fines will be collected with all proceeds going to "Childhood Cancer."

For those who have forgotten, the tradition is back. In the good ol' days, there would be a randomly chosen member who was the "secret greeter" at every event or meeting. It is the responsible of each member to "shake hands" with all members at the meeting/event. If you do not shake the hand of the "secret greeter", there will be a FINE assessed at the end of the meeting/event. Also, all members must wear their club pins to every meeting/event or they will be FINED

## **SUBURBAN BUENA PARK OPTIMIST OFFICERS 2005-2006**

PRESIDENT: NORM NISHIZU  
VICE PRESIDENT, EXTERNAL: GENE MURAKAMI  
VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNAL: HERB OMURA  
SECRETARY: STEVE OKAMURA  
TREASURER: STAN ENOMOTO  
SRG AT ARMS: RAY OKAZAKI