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ATTENTION MEMBERS! SOC REVERSE RAFFLE

Tickets sales to date are below anticipated, therefore, make every effort to sell tickets. Tickets can be sold up to Jan. 31, 2005. The first drawing will be February 2005. If you need more tickets, contact Ray Okazaki 714-827-7490.

Our youth raffle has a new twist. This year we will have seven monthly \$500 drawings and a final drawing of \$2,500 held at next year's installation dinner. Each monthly winner's ticket will be "returned to the barrel" and is eligible to win remaining drawings. It is strongly encouraged that each member try to sell at least two tickets and forward the entire ticket to Dan Fukushima for validation. This is first fundraiser of the year, and we'd like to see the club get off to a good start. Ticket can be sold through the first monthly drawing on Feb. 1, 2005.

YOUTH APPRECIATION NIGHT January 20, 2005 at Ten Hu, Anaheim

January 20, 2005 will be our Youth Appreciation meeting. We will be honoring the Eagle Scouts currently active in BSA Troop 578 from the Orange County Buddhist Church. Lets all come out and support this event. This is the troop that comes out to setup and take down the table and chairs for our Pancake Breakfast. January 20, 2005, Ten Hu, on Magnolia in Anaheim at 7pm. See you there !! If interested in attending, please contact President Ray Okazaki at (714) 827-7490.

TRI-STAR 2005 January 29, 2005 at La Serna High School

This years SOC annual Tri-Star Competition will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2005 at La Serna High School, 15301 Youngwood Dr., Whittier. Registration at 9AM, Competition begins at 9:30AM. This event is open to all kids ages 7-13. Bring your kids or grandkids to this fun event. If no kids to bring, come out to help support the event and cheer on the kids that are competing.

VALENTINES DAY 2005

This years Valentines dinner will be held on February 10 at Mimi's Café, 7955 Garden Grove Blvd. (corner of Beach Blvd. and Garden Grove Blvd. (714) 898-5042, starting at 6:30pm. The cost is \$18 for members and the spouse/significant other is complementary. So, bring your honey and join us for this annual fun evening. The menu will be: (1) Hibachi Chicken, (2) Apple Cider Glazed Pork Chops, or (3) Pot Roast. Drinks will be: coffee, tea or soft drinks. For reservations, please contact Bob Iwashita at (714) 527-1567 and indicate which number (menu) you would like. Deadline is Feb. 4. Lets all come out, meet the old/new members and enjoy the evening.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST APRIL 2, 2005 - 5AM TO 1PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY,
NO EXCUSES, WE NEED EVERY ABLE AND NOT SO ABLE BODY TO HELP. BRING FRIENDS.
IT REALLY IS A LOT OF FUN AND HARD WORK
SELL YOUR TICKETS.

Call Dan 714-961-1792 if you can make it, otherwise he'll just expect you will be there to help keep this tradition going. Remember this fundraiser provides funds for all the SEYO organizations and for our scholarships and youth recognition nights for high school seniors.

CRAFT BOUTIQUE AT THE BREAKFAST. This year we will have a craft boutique. One of the youth group parents has agreed to chair this part of the event for us. For anyone interested in participating, please contact Eleanor Higashi at 714-256-0563. We generally serve between 1100 and 1500 breakfasts so there's usually a lot of people there.

FEBURARY BOARD MEETING

February Board Meeting - All new and old officers are encouraged to attend.
Date: February 1, 2005
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: MARIO'S RESTAURANT (an old House)
10321 Beach Boulevard, Stanton, (714) 995-1668

UPCOMING OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLIES

Second Quarterly - February 11-13, 2005 - Flamingo Hilton, Laughlin, NV

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 Appreciation - January 20, 2005 - Ten Hu - Chairperson: Bobby Iwashita

Tri-Star - January 29, 2005 - TBD - Chairperson: Norman Nishizu

Valentines Dinner - February 10, 2005 - Mimi's Café in Garden Grove - Chairperson: Bobby Iwashita

General Meeting/Installation - March 2005 - TBD

Pancake Breakfast - April 2, 2005 - Chairperson: Dan Fukushima

Youth Recognition - May 19, 2005 - TBD - Chairperson: Bobby Iwashita

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Recognition - June 2, 2005 - Chairperson: Stan Enomoto

Golf Tournament - June 20, 2005 - Chairpersons: Miles Yano/Ray Okazaki

Picnic - SOCYG & SOC - August 6, 2005 - TBD - Chairpersons: Norman Nishizu/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.

SUBURBAN OPTIMIST CLUB OFFICIAL WEBPAGE

The Suburban Optimist Club now has an official web page, thanks to SOCYG Parent and New Club Member, Scott Iwamoto. The address is www.suburbanoptimistclub.org. If you can't find your copy of the rice paper for the current month, just login to the web page for a list of current and upcoming events. Our many thanks to Scott for all of his hard work. Make sure to introduce yourself and welcome Scott to the club.

SUBURBAN OPTIMIST CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 11, 2004 from 4:30 to 7:00pm. Once again SOC's Annual Christmas party for the Boys & Girls Club was a big success. This year we had 40 children turn out for the event. The kids & coaches from SOC Youth Group did an exceptional job helping out with everything. This was evident by all the smiling faces at the dinner. A good time was enjoyed by all. We would also like to thank George and Cynthia Tanaka for donating the Christmas Tree for this years party.

SOC would like to thank the following youth group for all their help:

Jonathan Lew

Sebo Wang

Brian Yang

Kevin Ng

Eric Cheng,

Daniel Lee

Jeffrey Louie

Jason Wohlmuth

Carly Chung

Kimberly Kikkawa

Lindsay Whang

Sarah Shimoda

Derek Louie

Chase Nishida

Coach Eric Cheng

Coach John Louie

Coach Ward Nishida and

SOC/SOCYG members Scott Iwamoto & Dave Higashi

SUBURBAN BUENA PARK OPTIMIST OFFICERS 2004-2005

PRESIDENT: RAY OKAZAKI

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