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ATTENTION MEMBERS!

SOC REVERSE RAFFLE

We would like to congratulate our Winners:

February - Tom Hide

March - Raymond Okazaki

OPTIMIST YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT

Our Youth Recognition Night will be held at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel in Buena Park on Thursday, May 10th 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 Robert Wada, Charter President. 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.

40th ANNUAL SUBURBAN OPTIMIST GOLF TOURNAMENT

Everybody is encouraged to come out and participate in our 40th Annual Suburban Optimist Club Golf Tournament. The Tournament is being held on Monday, May 21, 2007, 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, 2007. When applying please use April/May Index. Tournament Fee includes Green Fees, 1/2 Cart, Tee prizes, Coffee, Prize Fund, Hole-In-One Contest, Fabulous Door Prizes and Lunch. Chairmen Miles Yano and Ray Okazaki promise a great event. Tee Sponsors (\$175), Gold Sponsors (\$350), Sportsman/Corporate Sponsors (\$1200) 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.

21st ANNUAL DHH YOUTH RECOGNITION NIGHT

Please come out and join your fellow club members on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel. 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.

Mas Sugihara, Suburban' selection for OCNCC Community Service Award

Mas Sugihara has been selected by the Suburban Optimist Club as our recipient for this year's OCNCC Community Service Award. Mas is one of our cherished charter members who helped start our club in 1966. Mas has been an active member since its inception. He has faithfully served on the board of directors for many, many years. Through his service to the organization, he has epitomized the meaning of service to the youth giving selflessly of his time. He and his wife, Pat have supported the many youth activities of the Suburban Optimist Club.

Please attend the OCNCC luncheon on June 3 from 11:30AM to 3:00PM at the Old Ranch Country Club 3901 Lampson Ave Seal Beach. Contact Dan Fukushima or President Norm for details. We need to fill one table.

JUNE BOARD MEETING

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

Date: June 6, 2007

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location: Seafood Place #2

420 S. Brookhurst St., Anaheim, CA 92804

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.

Youth Recognition - May 10, 2007 - Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel - Chairperson: Bobby Iwashita
Golf Tournament - May 21, 2007 - Black Gold Golf Course - Chairpersons: Miles Yano/ Ray Okazaki
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Recognition - June 7, 2007 - Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel - Chairperson: Stan Enomoto
SOC & SOCYG Picnic - June 9, 2007 - Chairperson: Ray Okazaki
Crittenton Picnic - August 2007 - Chairperson: Dan Fukushima
Asian Heritage Festival - August 19, 2007 - Chairperson: Scott Iwamoto

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 4-6, 2007 - Ambassador Hotel & Conference Center, Victorville, CA
District Convention - August 10-12, 2007 - Miracle Springs Resort & Spa, Desert Hot Springs, CA

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

Optimist International Convention - July 4-7, 2007 - Montreal, Quebec, Canada

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2007

We had another successful pancake breakfast with all who attended having a great time eating and enjoying each others company. This breakfast was a milestone for our club. The parents and youth from the SOC youth group have taken over most of the work. The club members were there to give guidance and help wherever needed. It was quite a wonderful experience. A tradition we have kept up for many, many years, Toshiko Matsuzawa (long time and loyal member Deen's wife) provided her delicious miso shiru and rice. We missed both of you at the breakfast. We overcame the unexpected move of venue to the Southeast Japanese School & Community Center (Norwalk). Thanks to Jesse James of OCO for providing a backup location at Rancho Alamitos High. Norwalk turned out to be a great location with tremendous support from the Community Center members-especially President Hy Shishino and Richard Shinomoto. Gene Murakami sacrificed his time from 7 to 9:30AM redirecting anyone who went to the union hall (only two people showed up). Norwalk has their own Hawaiian pancake breakfast in October and use some of our equipment. They learned some of our techniques and we learned from some of theirs. A new chairman is really needed due to his unstructured method of leadership. It was very apparent when there was no one to sell or take in tickets at 7. Thanks to Eleanor Higashi for having a great boutique. Special thanks to my wife, Susan and to Becky Ishii for leading the ticket table. Thanks to all the members, Southeast Japanese School, and the parents and youth from the SOC Youth Group and all who helped out or bought tickets, It takes the community to make this a success. We donated the surplus supplies to the Southeast Japanese School and to Orange County Buddhist Church. Hopefully, we made a lot of money for our high school scholarships, SEYO groups and our youth work.

Thank you to our contributors/volunteers:

Galasso's Bakery/Arnie Sakamoto-breads

Golden Oval Eggs-eggs

Henry Nishizu family/Zuma Business Parks-storage of our equipment

Pacific Ranch Market-Newport and Chapman, Orange-procuring supplies, donations, oranges and drinks.

Orange County Buddhist Church Boy Scout Troop 578-set up and take down

Red Shell Foods-salad dressing

R&B Wholesale Distributors dba Harmon Wholesale-Buena Park-appliances and flooring-cardboard

Santee Dairies-milk

SEYO organizations-selling the tickets, volunteering

SOC youth group

Southeast Japanese School & Community Center-facilities and storage of our grills

Suburban Optimist Club members

SUBURBAN BUENA PARK OPTIMIST OFFICERS 2006-2007

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