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ATTENTION MEMBERS!

SOC REVERSE RAFFLE

We would like to congratulate our 2005 Winners:

February - John & Trudes Nishizu

March - Eiji Yoshihiro

April - Ken Fukushima

May - Ray Okazaki

June - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Karasawa

July - Herb Omura

August - VFW Youth Group

Grand Prize - John & Trudes Nishizu

President's Welcome Message

Hello members - I'd like to introduce myself, since I have not met all the members personally, I'm Norman Nishizu.

I am happily married & have a boy 11 years old & a daughter who's 9 years old. I live in Hacienda Heights & work in Real Estate & mortgage loan brokering.

I was introduced to SOC by J. Fukushima & Steve Okamura through my involvement with the SOC Youth Group. which began in 1998 & am again the SOCYG President. I have been a board member of SEYO since 2000 & just finished being serving as SEYO President. I joined SOC in 2001 & have served as a Board Director since 2003. Most of my time has been spent working & reviving many activities of our youth group, SEYO, & my kids.

I have enjoyed participating in many SOC events such as the Deaf & Hard of Hearing school event, the Youth Recognition night for Graduation Seniors, & everyone's favorite, the Pancake Breakfast. What I have been most impressed with is SOC's commitment to the youth through sports. For 40 years, they have been a major part of so many lives, children & adults. Many people look back & smile when they think of the good times they all had. I am honored to be a part of SOC & look forward to serving our youth.

I'd like to encourage everyone to come out to future events and I look forward to meeting everyone in the future. Our next event will be the Past Presidents night at "The Golden Horse" (formerly TEN HU), on Thursday, Nov. 10.

If you have any questions, please call me at 626-864-1336 or e-mail: ntnishizu@msn.com

See you soon,
Norman Nishizu

SOC REVERSE RAFFLE

Our youth raffle (tickets and rules enclosed) has a new twist. This year again, 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. I strongly encourage each member 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. 7, 2006.

PAST PRESIDENT & NEW MEMBER NIGHT
November 10, Thursday at Golden Horse, Anaheim

Our Annual Past President Dinner has the addition of New Member's night and is scheduled for November 10, Thursday, at Golden Horse in Anaheim (Just south on Lincoln Blvd. @ 315 S. Magnolia Ave, Anaheim 92804, 714-826-9910). Dinner is at 6:30pm. This will be a great opportunity for the past presidents to meet our new members and share how rewarding being a Suburban Optimist member will be. For reservations, please contact Norman Nishizu at (626) 330-0336.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

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

Date: December 6, 2005
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: MARIO'S RESTAURANT (an old House)
10321 Beach Boulevard, Stanton, (714) 995-1668

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.

Past President Dinner - November 10, 2005 - Golden Horse, Anaheim, CA - Chairperson: Norman Nishizu
Christmas Party (Boys and Girls Club) - December 10, 2005 - OCBC - Chairperson: Norman Nishizu
Tri-Star - January 28, 2006 - TBD - Chairperson: Norman Nishizu
Valentines Dinner - February 9, 2006 - Mimi's Café, Garden Grove - Chairperson: Bobby Iwashita
SOCYG Year-End Banquet - February 25, 2006 - TBD - Chairperson: Norman Nishizu
Youth Appreciation - March 16, 2006 - TBD - Chairperson: Bobby Iwashita
Pancake Breakfast - April 1, 2006 - Chairperson: Dan Fukushima
Youth Recognition - May 4, 2006 - TBD - Chairperson: Garry Wada
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Recognition - June 1, 2006 - Chairperson: Stan Enomoto
Golf Tournament - June 5, 2006 - Chairpersons: Miles Yano/ Ray Okazaki
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

First Quarterly - October 21-23, 2005 - Doubletree, Woodland Hills, CA
Second Quarterly - February 11-13, 2006 - Handlery Hotel - Hotel Circle, San Diego, CA
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

Suburban Installation Dinner

We held our installation dinner on October 2, @ Amada Plaza in Buena Park. It was a very nice setting, since the tables were set up outside the banquet rooms in the atrium area. During the evening, Amada parted the roof to welcome our new president, Norm Nishizu, and he gracefully accepted his new position.

It was good to see familiar faces from JAO, Eastside, Bella Vista and OCO. In addition, Governor - Linda Molten and her husband, Doc Molten (Past Governor), as well as, Lt. Governor Bob Hernandez (second consecutive term) and his wife Linda were our guests. JAO showed up in casual attire as suggested on the invitation with every member wearing a basketball jersey of their favorite player. They made numerous attempts to steal our banner and gravel, but they were unsuccessful thanks to the watchful eye of

Norm Nishizu and other members. Make sure to congratulate NORM NISHIZU who will also be president of SOCYG for the fifth consecutive year and show your support by coming out to our events.

By the way, the grand prize winner of the Youth Raffle was drawn at the end of the night and the Final winner was Norm's parents, John and Trudes. There must be good karma working in the Nishizu clan.

SOC Golf Tournament

SOC held our annual golf tournament on August 29, 2005 @ Black Gold Golf Course. We had a record turn out thanks in large part to Eiji Yoshihiro's efforts. Eiji offered to help co-chair the event this year and has been involved with the SOCYG. Someone please sent Eiji a SOC member application, because we need energetic and take-charge members like him.

We had 104 golfers participate in this year's modified callaway tournament on a hot but not too hot Monday morning. The course played tough as usual even from the white tee.

One of the highlights of the day was a \$1 million hole-in-one held at the end of the tournament. We had a blind draw of two golfers at the beginning of the tournament to attempt a \$1 million hole-in-one shot from 170 yards on the difficult 18th hole fairway. With a gallery of players and volunteers looking on from the clubhouse, neither qualifier came close to the hole much less hit the 18th green.

This year winner with a callaway adjusted score of 69 was Steve Sakamoto. Our low gross winner with a 71 was none other than Eiji Yoshihiro and the raffle winner was Patty Hirahara, Frank's daughter, who walked away with a cool Grand. Congratulations to our winners and hope to see you defend your title next year.

Special thanks to:

Eiji Yoshihiro, Miles Yano, Al Kusano and the golf committee for coordinating and planning the event.
Gene Murakami and the SOCYG girls for providing golf snacks and helping out on the day of the tournament.

OCO, OCBC, SOCYG, and VFWYG for signing up multiple foursomes.

Sets Miyada and Helen Takata for covering the closest to the pin on Hole 7.

Non-golfing SOC members: Bobby Iwashita, Stan Enomoto, Frank Hirahara, Gene Murakami who helped with registration and cover the closest to the pin holes.

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