



OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON  
NOON MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 24, 2013

President Rick Coleman called the meeting to order at 12:00pm  
The following members were present:

Bob Hogue	Russell Shrader
Dean Wilson	Rick Coleman
Ed and Pam Parnell	Jack Hopkins
Sarah and "Y" Villarreal	Jack Kellmann

**(Note:** *On advice from the Pres. the record so reflects that Mr. Kellmann entered the meeting room after the bell was struck and the meeting was called to order.*)

Sarah, with her voice back, led the assembly in prayer and "Y" led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Dean's October 8<sup>th</sup> birthdate was again acknowledged. (he keeps mentioning something about still no cake.)

Secretary Dean Wilson read the minutes of the October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Noon Meeting.

Jack Kellmann moved the minutes be approved and Ed seconded the motion. The minutes stood approved by acclamation.

Today's chuckles were provided by Ed Parnell; Bob Hogue; and topped off with one of his personal favorites.

Annual Children's Christmas Party Chairperson Ed Parnell, back from a short but positive vacation at SAMMC, gave an update on progress with the event. He said he has formed a strong committee together with Letty Dietes; Missy Bonner and newly installed member Donna Armstrong. (*it's important to give the new members a job*). Along with the comments and concerns voiced in the October 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, they discussed maybe having the event at the SAMMC Pediatric Oncology and Hematology unit. This could be a move in a direction to cut down paying the golf course for no shows. In the past we have had upwards of 48% no shows. The committee has again acquired Santa (via Jack Kellmann), also a favorite with "Our Kids", The Texas



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Twisters – Balloon Art and Face painters will perform their magic. By next week's meeting the committee will have a more precise program set and/or a date to have a representative of the unit as a guest speaker. Event date is Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 – 12:00 to 3:00pm.

We were honored to have fellow Optimist Ron Graves Past Governor and Present Vice President of Optimist International Foundation come and speak to us about the quarterly published Optimist Magazine with its wealth of information and some of the ups and downs that Optimist International still very strong is dealing with, like drops in membership and cutbacks in administration and finance. O. I. Foundation is also very solid and this fiscal year will give well over \$10,000 in scholarships to winners of the Oratorical and Essay Contests.

All information regarding our club can be found online at:

Club – [ocfsh.org](http://ocfsh.org)

District – [stxd.org](http://stxd.org)

O. I. – [optimist.org](http://optimist.org)

Bob Hogue and “Y” reported on the Bike Rodeo held at Eldorado Elementary on Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup> and “Y”, Jack H assisted. (Dean, who also volunteered was still in dreamland at 7:30am and did not make it).

Ron drew Dean's ticket number and he walked away with a whopping \$10.00. This is the second time this month the birthday boy has won the “kitty”. “Well now he can quit mumbling about cake and go out and buy one.”

Jack Hopkins led in the recital of the creed, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean T Wilson  
Secretary 2013-14