

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

President Rick Coleman called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

The following members were present:

Russell Shrader	Bob Hogue
Dean Wilson	Betty Gower
Rick Coleman	Sarah & "Y" Villarreal
Jack & Fay Hopkins	Jack Kellmann
Raymond Holmes	

Sarah led all in prayer and Betty led the pledge of allegiance.

There were no guests or scheduled guest speakers.

This being the last day of the month, Dean's October 8th birthdate was given one last hoorah.

Secretary Dean read the minutes of the October 24th noon meeting. Jack Kellmann moved to approve said, Jack Hopkins seconded and the motion was carried by acclamation.

"Today's Chuckle" was provided by Jack Hopkins and it would appear his brand of humor for the last two meetings is leaning toward the Ed Parnell genre. Rick said if he thinks of something he will provide that later.

President Rick was contacted by Robert Garbarino in conjunction with Jim Viel in regards to the Children's Film Festival Fundraiser. They are in the process of finding a theater or auditorium with suitable space to facilitate a reasonable number of attendants to insure the fundraiser is a success. Rick is hopeful he will receive a contract from the company and to give a running progress report at the monthly board meeting to be held:

November 5th 2013
5th Flr Conference Room
Crown Tower Office Building
8700 Crownhill Blvd
Inside Loop 410 & Broadway

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Treasurer Russell Shrader, literally sitting on pins and needles, took the floor next with the best news this club has had since receiving our charter in 1971. He presented President Coleman with a document approving 501(c)(3) non-profit tax exempt status for "THE FT SAM OPTIMIST YOUTH FOUNDATION" organization. The assembly threw up a rousing cheer and with handshakes and hugs all around complimented Jack Hopkins; Russell and Ray Holmes and all those who went out of their way in bringing this program to its present state. We were all impressed and pleased with the relative short time it took for the approval, less than 280 days. With this tax status this club can now provide more needs of even more of "Our Kids". Jack will put an announcement and or the actual document on the club website - fshoc.org.

President Rick advised the secretary to acknowledge that Ray Holmes entered the proceedings at 12:14 pm.

Fay related that this past Friday, her younger grandson placed second in Castle Hills Elementary kindergarten class bike rodeo. With only a couple weeks learning period on his bike the win qualifies him for the next level competition.

Sargent-At-Arms Bob Hogue collected the fines.

Rick passed out an obituary of his good friend and neighbor Bonnie Victor-Fried who passed away October 29, 2013. Saying she was a beautiful person inside and out. Would literally light up a room when she walked in; was an accomplished singer with a Master's Degree in Voice from Texas Tech; performed in numerous stage shows indifferent parts of the country; with the S.A. Symphony and theaters around the San Antonio area. Several members also remembered when she was a guest speaker at the club. Bonnie will surely be missed.

Jack Hopkins handed out copies of a compilation of ideas on problem solving he collected from members at last week's noon meeting. The two categories drafted were:

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- 1) What are the Three Greatest Problems/Opportunities Our Club is Currently Facing?**
- 2) How do We Motivate Our Fort Sam Houston Optimist Club Members to Attend our Meetings?**

We will go into this at a later meeting.

Guest Speaker on the November 14th 2013 will be Judge Lisa Jarrett with the San Antonio Juvenile Court System.

November 21st 2013 Jan Oord Graves O.I. SW Region Vice President Elect will visit the club and bring us up to date on SW region activities.

Fay is setting up a guest speaker session with Jerry Eschberger to bring us an update on The Young Texan/Tex-Anne Program.

Ray brought menus and photos of the layout of Blanco BBQ and the date is still on for December 5th 2013 6:00pm. He also brought information about a possible alternative place to hold the annual Christmas Party, namely Fiesta Texas. Ray a transplant survivor and a longtime supporter of the Texas Transplant Institute and on the planning committee for the Cancer Survivor Reunion through the Methodist Health System to be held on November 9th 2013 at Fiesta Texas. Now that we tax exempt status he feels we could possibly hold our party there. The subject will be discussed more in depth at a later date.

At this time Rick's "Cranial Humor Databank" kicked in and he graced us with yet another of his favorite anecdotes.

After Ray drew Bob Hogue's ticket winning \$10.00, Jack Kellmann led us in the Creed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean T Wilson
Secretary - 2013-14