

**Optimist Club of Fort Sam Houston**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**July 18, 2013**

President Rick Coleman began the meeting at 12:00. Sarah prayed for us all and Marcus Armstrong led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

Sarah & Y Villarreal	Jack & Fay Hopkins
Pam & Ed Parnell	Rick Coleman
Bob Hogue	Becky Kuykendall
Dean Wilson	Marcus Armstrong

Guest Nelson Balido

July Birthdays were recognized:

July 31<sup>st</sup>                      John Urda

Fay Hopkins read the minutes from the last meeting of July 11th. A 1<sup>st</sup> to approve was made by Y Villarreal with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky Kuykendall. The minutes were approved.

Humor was provided by Bob Hogue.

Update on Magic Show:

President Rick talked with the representatives of the Magic Show and after paying the bills, we are still projected to raise about \$4000.00 from this project. He was also given the opportunity to have the Magic Show put on again next with our club as the sponsors. If the calculations come out correctly, he is sure that we will be more than happy to sponsor this project again.

He then gave a brief update on the club visitation with the Alamo Heights club on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

We had 7 members and 1 guest visit and we all had a very good time. . Members present were Rick Coleman, Jack and Fay Hopkins, Y and Sarah Villarreal, Letty Deites, Jack Kellmann and his lovely bride Estelle as a guest. We were all impressed with the diverse age group of the ever growing Alamo Heights Club. They have been able to recruit quite a few new members still in their youth. President Rick expressed his desire to have our club work on growing our club in the same manner.

We then learned that Ivy Taylor will be speaking to our club on September 26<sup>th</sup> and Carlos Uresti will also be speaking to the club at a future date.

President Rick then introduced our speaker Nelson Balido. Nelson is a syndicated columnist for Fox New Latino. Nelson is also with the Border Trade Alliance and spoke on being a Syndicated Columnist that publishes his opinion in articles that relate to immigration, securing our border, and bills that have been presented in Washington DC on these subjects.

He gave us all a very informative talk on troubles in Mexico and how they may or may not affect our own population and our economy.

Great Speaker!!

Nelson then drew the winning ticket and Bob Hogue won \$11.00.

Following the Optimist Creed the meeting was adjourned at 12:56.

Respectfully submitted by

Fay Hopkins