

**Optimist Club of Fort Sam Houston  
Meeting Minutes**

**January 9, 2014**

President Rick called the meeting to order at 12:00

The following were present:

Jack and Fay Hopkins	Y & Sarah Villarreal
Pam & Ed Parnell	Bob Hogue
Rick Coleman	Jack Kellmann

Guest: Past Distinguished Governor Jerry Eschberger

Sarah prayed for us all Bob Hogue led us in the pledge of allegiance.

President Rick began the meeting asking us all to remember in our prayers the following who have been ill:

Russell Shrader who has been ill with the flu, Jack Kellman's wife Estelle, Bob Ritchie's wife Margaret who had surgery on Monday, and future member Al Randez who had emergency 2 weeks before Christmas. Please keep all In your prayers.

January Birthdays were announced:

Betty Gower on the 26<sup>th</sup> or maybe on the 22<sup>nd</sup> according to President Rick and John Rosenwald on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

There were no minutes from our last meeting on December 19, 2013 due to the fact that we all were having fun stuffing bags for the children's Christmas Party.

President Rick read the minutes from the Board meeting held on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Jack Hopkins offered a 1<sup>st</sup> to approve and Bob Hogue chimed in with a 2<sup>nd</sup>. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Rick read notes from V.P. Ruth Nelson congratulating the club on sponsoring a new club, the East Fort Bend County Optimist Club.

He also read a card sent by the Roosevelt Leo's that wished us all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. They also expressed their enjoyment at being able to help at the Children's Christmas Party and asked that they be remembered next year to help out again.

Ed Parnell announced that he had received a note from the Amazing Texas Twisters expressing their appreciation for being invited to perform at the party.

Humor was provided by Ed and President Rick.

Fines were collected and Fay Hopkins introduced our guest speaker Past Distinguished Governor and President of the Texan/Texanne Scholarship Program Jerry Eschberger.

Jerry gave a very thorough talk on the Texan/Texanne Program and educated us all on how the program operates and how winners for scholarships are chosen. He distributed information on how our club can become involved in submitting students resumes from a chosen school or schools to be eligible for a scholarship. He also explained the benefits that our club would have if we chose to develop the program within our community.

President Rick advised Jerry that our club had already approved a donation to be sent to the program.

Jerry then drew the winning ticket and Bob Hogue won \$9.00.

Sarah lead us all in the Optimist Creed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

Respectfully recorded and submitted for the Honorable Dean Wilson

Fay Hopkins