

OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON

NOON MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2014

President Fay Hopkins called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM

The following members were present:

Russell Shrader	Bob Hogue	Rick Coleman
Ed & Pam Parnell	Sarah & "Y" Villarreal	Jack & Fay Hopkins
Dean Wilson	Ray Holmes	Betty Gower

Club Officers All Executive Club Officers were present

Invocation..... Sarah led us in prayer

Pledge of Allegiance..... Ed led us in the Pledge

Guest/Guest Speaker..... None scheduled

Future Speakers and Events

Current Calendar

October 23, 2014	??????
October 24-26, 2014	First Quarter STX District Meeting in Laredo
October 30, 2014	??????
November 4, 2014	Board Meeting
November 6, 2014	Business Meeting
November 13, 2014	??????
November 20, 2014	??????
November 27, 2014	No Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving
December 13, 2014	Christmas Party for Pediatric Oncology/Hematology patients at SAMMC

Graph courtesy of fshoc.org and webmaster@stxd.org

October Birthdays:

Dean Wilson – 8th
Irvin Williams – 18th

Minutes:

Sec. Wilson read the October 09, 2014 Noon Business Meeting Minutes. Pres. Hopkins called for and received a motion to approve the minutes from Ed Parnell and with a second from "Y" Villarreal, the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Humor was provided by..... Bob Hogue and Betty Gower

Fines....collected by Sgt-At-Arms Bob Hogue

Announcements:

Pres. Hopkins inquired of Betty Gower if she was aware that she had been recruited in absentia to sit on the \$2500 Scholarship Program Committee established at the October 07, 2014 Board Meeting. Betty answered positively, that Letty Dietes had communicated the situation with her immediately after said meeting.

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Pres. Hopkins prompted all to remember the First Quarter STX District Meeting in Laredo October 24-26th and that she and Jack will be attending. Optimist International First Lady Patsy Garner wife of 2014-15 President Ken Garner will host a seminar on the Young Texan/Texanne Program and at such time as it allows Club President Hopkins will present a check for \$200 in the name of the Club to the First lady for the Young Texan/Texanne Program. Fay hopes that by doing so, more clubs in the District will follow suit.

The first Bike Rodeo is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2014 – 7:30 AM, at Eldorado Elementary School.

Speaker of the Day:

In lieu of a speaker for the day, Ed Parnell in concert with Jack Hopkins presented another in a series of naval warship videos. With.....

Propulsion: One nuclear reactor, one shaft.

Length: 560 feet

Displacement: 16,764 tons surfaced; 18,750 tons submerged.

Speed: 20+ knots – 23+ miles per hour

Crew: 15 Officers, 140 Enlisted

.....the Ohio-class Nuclear Submarine USS Pennsylvania the focus of this video is one of fourteen (14) Navy ballistic missile submarines, often referred to as "boomers," that serve as an undetectable launch platform for intercontinental missiles. They are designed specifically for stealth and the precise delivery of nuclear warheads.

Each of the 14 Ohio-class Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarines - SSBN can carry up to 24 submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs) with multiple, independently-targeted warheads. However, under the New Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty, each submarine will have four of its missile tubes permanently deactivated in the coming years. The SSBN's strategic weapon is the Trident II D5 missile, which provides increased range and accuracy over the now out-of-service Trident I C4 missile.

SSBNs are specifically designed for extended deterrent patrols. The Ohio-class design allows the submarines to operate for 15 or more years between major overhauls on radio-active fuel the size of a softball. On average, the submarines spend 77 days at sea followed by 35 days in-port for maintenance. Each SSBN has two crews, Blue and Gold, which alternate manning the submarines and taking them on patrol. This maximizes the SSBN's strategic availability, reduces the number of submarines required to meet strategic requirements, and allows for proper crew training, readiness, and morale.

Kitty Drawing..... Pam Parnell won \$11.00

Certificate of Appreciation..... None presented

Optimist Creed:

At this time with all said and all done, President Fay Hopkins asked Jack Hopkins to lead the assembly in the Optimist Creed, after which the bell was struck to adjournment at 1:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean T Wilson
Club Secretary 2014-15