

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON
NOON MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2014**

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

The following members were present:

Rick Coleman	Dean Wilson	Jack and Fay Hopkins
Sarah and "Y" Villarreal	Letty Dietes	Jack Kellmann
Ray Holmes		

Sarah led us in prayer and Fay led us in The Pledge of Allegiance.

(At this time, Pres. Coleman called for and this record does so reflect that Ray Holmes entered the room shortly after The Pledge of Allegiance.)

Guests: none

Special Guest Speaker:

Betty Pack – Author

February Birthdays:

Jack Kellmann – 11th

Letty Dietes – 16th

Tracy Chavis – 18th

Ysidro Villarreal – 18th (also "Y" & Sarah's Wedding Anniversary)

Announcements:

1) The Great American Children's Film Festival is Saturday, February 22, 2014.

Films – MADAGASCAR III and MEGAMINDS

Time – 9:00 AM

Place – Regal Northwoods 14 Theater

17640 Henderson Pass

San Antonio, TX

Sec. Dean Wilson has agreed to attend the festival and represent the club in the absence of Pres. Coleman.

Rick will be meeting with the festival producers on Friday, February 21st to exchange revenues in compliance with festival contract to date.

Rick will coordinate with Tres. Russell Shrader and by the month of February 2014 all revenues collected and expenses doled out in association with the film festival will be finalized.

2) Ft Sam Optimist Youth Foundation:

Pres. Jack Hopkins reported that everything previously proposed and approved by the Foundation Executive Committee as to the function of the Foundation are up and running and promising positive results.

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3) Fort Sam Houston Fischer House:

Ray Holmes read a very sincere thank you letter from the staff at the FSH Fischer House thanking the Optimist Club of Fort Sam Houston for their donation of a four pound box of candy, originally anonymously donated for that exact purpose. A copy of the letter is attached to this email.

4) Fay Hopkins spoke on her and Jack's trip to Missouri City in East Texas to provide more training to The East Fort Bend County Optimist Club our newly co-sponsored optimist club. They started off with 26 members and are now up to 29. The original 25 members have worked together doing community service for years, so Fay's training was basically the World of Optimism. Their goals for the year consist of a Walk for Diabetes with one of their elementary schools; a Children's Banjo Festival; an Easter project; Kid's Count; Back to School (school supplies); an event at the Fort Bend County Fair last but not least a Magic Show put on by the same producers that put on our extremely successful Magic Show.

Fay also related that at the Feb. 2nd Qtr. District Conference Awards Banquet the District was distinguished and our club was honored and at that time she presented Pres. Coleman with an Honor Club Citation and an Honor Club Banner Patch which were humbly and graciously accepted.

5) On June 1st 2014 Letty is participating in a 100 mile Bicycle Rally in Lake Tahoe, NV. To ride in the rally she has pledged to raise \$2700 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. On March 8th from 9: am to 12:00 noon, her bicycle team are putting on a yard sale fundraiser in the parking lot of:

The School of Science and Technology
5707 Bandera Rd.
Leon Valley, TX

In an email Letty states "I would appreciate any donation items you may like to donate. I will accept just about anything including furniture items but nothing too large. I will be the one moving it around so it has to be of a size that I can manage. All of the normal garage sale type items are certainly appreciated. If I don't sell it I will be taking the items to Goodwill after the sale."

"10% of any money I earn over the \$100 mark will be donated back to the Optimist Youth Foundation.

Contact me if you have anything for me and I'll arrange to pick it up

In absence of both Sgt-at-Arms Bob Hogue and Tres. Russell Shrader, Sec. Dean Wilson collected fines.

At this time Pres. Coleman introduced our guest speaker for the day: Author, Betty Pack.

Betty has been a member of a military family for fifty years, is a retired high school English teacher and former prize-winning columnist for the (now defunct) San Antonio Light and

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for Stars & Stripes, European edition. Betty describes herself as a theologian “of arrested development” and lives in San Antonio, Texas with Bill, the “cute guy” she impulsively married a few years ago when she was a mere 67 and he, 83.

Her passion now is writing and her latest accomplishment is entitled:

HERE I AM: The Abraham Legacy - A novel about letting go.

The story is centered around a fictitious family and how they and others in a in a fictitious little town in Texas called Saverne, near the U.S. border with Mexico, cope with having loved ones go off to war as was the case in 1990, when Saddam Hussein’s military force invaded Kuwait and millions of Americans heard the call to surrender loved ones to bloody combat and almost certain death in the Arabian Desert.

The hard cover book is available at:

Amazon.com

Barnes & Noble .com

Scribd.com

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On conclusion of her Presentation, Rick presented Ms Pack this club’s framed Certificate of Appreciation.

After Betty drew Fay’s ticket for \$8.00, Ray led us in the recital of the Creed.
So with all said and all done the Bell was struck to adjournment at 12:52PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean T Wilson
Club Secretary 2013-14

*Optimist Club of Fort Sam Houston