

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON**  
**NOON MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 17, 2014**

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

The following members were present:

Bob Hogue	Russell Shrader	Dean Wilson
Jack & Fay Hopkins	Rick Coleman	Lloyd Buckmaster
Jack Kellmann	Sarah & "Y" Villarreal	

Jack Hopkins led us in prayer and Lloyd Buckmaster led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests:

Special Guest Speaker

Mary Jane Hardy – Author:

“Spiritual Treasures of Downtown San Antonio”

Jane Young – Friend and Assistant to Today’s Guest Speaker

April Birthdays:

Russell Shrader – 23rd

Minutes:

Minutes were available but not read

Humor:

Humor was provided by Bob Hogue

Fines:

Sgt-At-Arms Bob Hogue collected fines.

Announcements:

Fay Hopkins announced that Lt-Governor – John Blackwell has scheduled a Joint Zone Meeting for Zones 05 & 06 this Thursday night April 24, at Blanco BBQ 13259 Blanco Rd, starting at 6:30 PM. It is a great place for a family meal, and their banquet room with a capacity to accommodate up to 75 people, a great place for a social gathering. Every club member is encouraged to attend.

Fay addressed an email received from Karen Kovar President of our new sister club the East Fort Bend County Optimist Club outlining projects that they have scheduled from April through June like:

Easter Basket Project

Easter Seals Walk – April 26th

1st Annual Banjo Festival – May 4th

EFBC Optimist Family Fun Day – June 21st

Fay also reminded all club members of South Texas District of Optimist International 3rd Quarter District Meeting May 2-4, 2014  
Emerald Beach Hotel

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And last but not least please try and get your \$36.50 Dime-A-Day – OI Foundation donation to Fay before the end of the month so she can send all of the Club Members contributions to OIF collectively.

At this time Jack Kellmann was called upon to introduce our Special Guest Speaker of the Day, longtime family friend and retired native San Antonio Educator, Mary Jane Hardy. Mary introduced her guest Jane Young. Jane is a friend and confidant and assistant to Mary when she goes out to speak on or promote her book “Spiritual Treasures of Downtown San Antonio”. This book was completed and published in 2012 and to this date has raised over \$18,000 of which Mary takes zero monies. 100% of all proceeds over printing and distribution of the book are passed onto the Down Syndrome Assn. of South Texas. “Spiritual Treasures of Downtown San Antonio” provides a most interesting look at several historic churches, showing how each one played a significant role in the development of the communities and cultures that comprise this vibrant city. It helps the reader understand the faith and craftsmanship that went into the construction of each magnificent structure. Mary’s inspiration for writing this book came from her spending a lot of her youth in the downtown area going to and from St Mary’s Parochial School and St Mary’s Catholic Church.

*“San Antonio is a very special city. This book will help the reader discover the richness of its history and spirituality.”*

Rev. Msgr. Lawrence J Stuebben  
Vicar General, Archdiocese of  
San Antonio (Retired)

This book is available online at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com); [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com)

Kitty Draw:

Mary picked Jack Kellmann’s number for a win of \$10.00

Pres. Coleman presented Mary with the Club Certificate of Appreciation and Jack Hopkins documented the event with a photo.

All being said and all being done, Dean Wilson led the assembled in the recital of the creed after which the bell was rung to adjournment at 12:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean T Wilson  
Club Secretary 2013-14