

OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON
NOON MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2014

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

The following members were present:

Bob Hogue	Becky Kuykendall	Dean Wilson
Ed Parnell	Rick Coleman	Jack & Fay Hopkins
Jack Kellmann	Ray Holmes	Sarah & "Y" Villarreal

Absent with leave.....Treasurer – Russell Shrader

Invocation.....Sarah led us in prayer

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

Guests.....Special Guest Speaker:
Club Member – Becky Kuykendall

June Birthdays.....Sarah Villarreal – 1st
Pam Parnell – 9th
Debby Rosenwald – 13th
Ed Parnell – 22nd
Kimberly Coleman – 26th
Bob Ritchie – 26th

Minutes:

Sec. Wilson read the June 05, 2014 Noon Meeting Minutes. Pres. Coleman called for a motion to approve the minutes. Ray Holmes voiced said motion and with a second by Ed Parnell, the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Sec. Wilson was called on and read the June 10, 2014 Foundation Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve was voiced by Jack Hopkins and with a second by Ray Holmes these minutes were approved by acclamation.

Humor was provided by.....Rick Coleman tried memory humor, but his “why the long face?” joke fizzled down from chuckles to a few low groans.

Fines: SGT-AT-ARMS Bob Hogue collected fines.

Announcements:

Before the above acknowledged humor was provided Rick announced that right after the June 05 Foundation Executive Committee Meeting he attended the election of club member Lloyd Buckmaster to Post Commander – American Legion Post 592 in their new facility at 1948 Austin Hwy. Lloyd has offered the Club a standing invitation to hold club meetings at the post in the event we can no longer hold meetings at the FSH Golf Course. The Club thanks Lloyd for his sincere offer of optimism.

Fay Hopkins received an email from Pres. Karen Kovar – East Fort Bend County Optimist Club outlining a family outing on Saturday, June 21, 2014. They will meet at a local Park & Ride and caravan over to a ranch owned by one of their club members in Sargent, TX for a kickback day of rest; relaxation and Optimistic fellowship. All FSH club members are also invited to attend at the Garcia Ranch in Sargent, TX. . You can google for directions.

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The Stafford, TX and Missouri City, TX hold a joint annual festival on July 4th and this year the East Fort Bend Club has been asked by the Stafford Police Dept. to help staff a concession booth at the festival from which they will share the profits. As Fay put it... "a windfall fundraiser right out of the blue".

Ed Parnell is throwing a BarBQ Birthday Party for himself, at his home, this Sunday, June 22nd 3:00PM 6715 Chelsea Wood. For directions call Ed at 210.669.0108; Google it or set your GPS. Because the Club is in need of new members ED says you are welcome to bring as many guests as you care to... then we can have a ("NOW") "NEW MEMBERS NEEDED" Party also.

At this time Pres. Coleman introduced our Special Guest Speaker of the Day long time Club Member Becky Kuykendall. Becky a retired Special Education teacher and her husband Don now reside in Austin, TX where she takes care of her parents. Becky accepted an invitation to speak to the Club about her volunteer work as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children who have been abused and/or neglected in the Foster Care System within the Travis County Juvenile Court System. Because of her background in Special Education and her work with Special Needs Children Becky related that upon retirement she became interested in the CASA Program while still living in San Antonio but put off any follow-up contact as she and husband Don contemplated and finally made a necessary family move to Austin. Through a fellow church member who was training in the Austin CASA program Becky's interest was renewed and she volunteered for the one year program and committed to the mandatory 30 hrs. of training (*now up to 36 hrs.*) plus 12 hrs. of Continuing Education.

These volunteers are basically assigned a child to represent in court at trial and give a report on their findings about the child's care or mis-care. They will continue to monitor the child's wellbeing until that child is being cared for properly, but will disassociate with the child once that case is over.

Becky says she has been doing this work now for the last 6 months and enjoys it very much.

The Optimist Club of Fort Sam Houston is honored to have people like Becky in our fold who take of their time to give support to and care for the less fortunate youth of our communities.

Kitty Drawing:

Ray Holmes drew Rick's number for a win of \$10.00.

Optimist Creed:

At this time, Jack Kellmann was asked to lead the assembly in the Optimist Creed, after which the bell was rung to adjournment at 12:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean T Wilson
Club Secretary 2013-14