

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON  
NOON MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 21, 2014**

**President Rick Coleman called the meeting to order at 11:58 AM**

**The following members were present:**

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

**Absent** ..... All Executive Officers were present

**Invocation**..... Sarah led us in prayer

**Pledge of Allegiance**..... Bob Hogue led us in the Pledge

**Speaker/s of the Day:**

George Taylor, Lawyer – August 21, 2014

**Future Guest Speaker:**

**August Birthdays:**

Fay Hopkins – 15th

Jack Hagans – 25th

**Minutes:**

Sec. Wilson read the August 21, 2014 Noon Meeting Minutes. Pres. Coleman called for and received a motion to approve the minutes from Bob Hogue and with a second by Becky Kuykendall, the minutes were approved by acclamation.

**Announcements:**

Pres. Coleman called for announcements. Ed responded that for the 2014-15 Club Officer Installation Banquet September 25, 2014, he has filled the Parnell table with six (06) guests. Ed also laid down a challenge for all members to do the same. This is a great way to generate new membership. The Club still needs two (2) new members before the end fiscal year to qualify for Distinguished Club status.

*(At this time Pres. Coleman called for the record to reflect that Jack Kellmann entered the meeting at 12:11 PM.....no fine was levied.)*

Jack Hopkins continued on with an update on the District Conference held in Austin, August 15-17, 2014, most importantly, the election of Irvin Williams as Governor 2014-15 and Zone 06 Lt Gov. John Blackwell as Governor-Elect 2014-15. At the Saturday night August 16th, Officer Installation Banquet, Fay was installed as District 06 Secretary/Treasurer and Jack Hopkins was installed as Zone 06 Lieutenant-Governor.

All of the above Offices go into effect starting on the fiscal year October 01, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2014.

Fay followed up stating that overall the entire conference was successful and passed around a couple pictures of the banquet including The East Fort Bend County Optimist Club receiving their Club Banner; Bell and Gavel. Nine members of that club were present including Governor-Designate Irvin Williams, who is also a member of our club constituting the club with the most members in attendance.

Betty Gower took the floor and asked if anyone had any idea what the mystery object was that she has been carrying around in the trunk of her car for the last two (02) years, probably left over from one of our old garage sales. The object appeared to be a 6 to 8 in. 4-sided square tube 3 to 4 ft. long

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made of a foldable, nylon rubber-lined material. No one in the assembly had a clue of its function, even two of the Clubs' most notorious "Know-it-Alls", namely, Sec. Wilson and Treas. Shrader....  
..... *It remains a mystery.*

As Betty has refused to baby sit the "thing" any longer, Rick has decided to take it into his possession and maybe use it from time to time as a conversation piece at an occasional local libation station.

**Humor was provided by**.....Fay Hopkins; Rick Coleman and George Taylor

**Fines**....were collected by Sgt-at-Arms Bob Hogue

**Guest Speaker Program:**

Pres. Coleman introduced our "Guest Speaker for the Day" Lawyer George Taylor a client of Ricks and the brother of Club Member Becky Kuykendall.

George has addressed the Club in the past on the subject of capital murder and high profile cases. Today's subject is on the importance of voting for local, state and federal candidates, finding out what these candidates have to offer and not just pulling the full party lever. Texas government indictments and or impeachments such as the Gov Perry plight was next thing addressed. George handed out copies of the Perry indictment to understand it in case we have a debate with someone on the subject.

George explained the difference between state and federal judge rulings and who makes the final judgment on those rulings such the Appellate; Circuit; District; Federal and Supreme Courts. Sarah Villarreal asked to have George come back with a continuation should his schedule allow.

**Kitty Drawing:**

George drew Russell's number for a win of \$12.00.

**Certificate of Appreciation:**

Pres. Coleman presented George Taylor the Club's Certificate of Appreciation.

Jack Hopkins archived the event with a scrapbook photograph.

At this time Ed Parnell announced that the Club Speaker Program will continue next week with ED teaching a series on the history of Aircraft Carriers.

**Optimist Creed:**

Following Ed's announcement and with all said and all done, Pres. Coleman asked Ed to lead the assembly in the Optimist Creed, after which the bell was struck to adjournment at 1:04PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean T Wilson  
Club Secretary 2013-14