

OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 07, 2014

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

The following members were present:

Russell Shrader	Dean Wilson	Bob Hogue
Ed & Pam Parnell	Lloyd Buckmaster	Sarah & "Y" Villarreal
Jack & Fay Hopkins	Rick Coleman	Letty Dietes

Invocation.....Led by Sarah Villarreal

Pledge of Allegiance.....Led by Lloyd Buckmaster

At this time Pres. Coleman remarked that the club acknowledges a July birthdate that was missed and that being Lloyd Buckmaster coming into the world on July 8th.

August Birthdays:

Fay Hopkins – 15th
Jack Hagans – 25th

Business/Noon Meeting Minutes:

The August 05, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes were not read. All but four of the assembled were at that board meeting. Sec. Wilson did email a copy of the August 05, 2014 Board Meeting to all Club members.

Sec. Wilson was called on and read the July 31, 2014 Noon Meeting Minutes. Bob Hogue floored a recommendation to amend the July 31, 2014 Noon Meeting Minutes by adding Lloyd Buckmaster's July 8th birthdate to the July Birthdays section. Ed Parnell voiced a motion to approve the minutes as amended and with a second by Jack Hopkins the motion was approved by acclamation.

Special Guest Speaker:

Club Member Lloyd Buckmaster brought the club up to date with information about the American Legion. Aside from being a Club Member, Lloyd is presently Post Commander of American Legion Post 592 – 1948 Austin Hwy. He just finished two (2) years as District Commander of all Bexar County and is also Division Commander responsible for several hundred American Legion Posts, south from Georgetown and Round Rock down to Laredo and McAllen, east to Houston and west to Castroville.

The American legion was founded in 1919 in Paris, France by American veterans, who for years had each other's backs, then realizing the war was over, wondered who would look out for them in the future.

A lot of them could not join The Veterans of Foreign Wars because to qualify for membership you had to have had feet on the ground in a combat zone, whereas with the American Legion you only had to serve or have served during the time of the conflict era.

The American Legion was basically founded on The Four Pillars:

1) Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation – employment; advocacy for family improvement; health and health care issues

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- 2) National Security – homeland security; border control; military support
- 3) Americanism – teaching youth love of country
Oratorical Contest – participants must pick a part of the constitution to speak on
- 4) Children & Youth – family support; temporary financial aid; social support

American legions reach out to the community youth and support s Boy Scouts; Texas Youth Baseball; school supplies; a welfare program providing needy families with small children financial aid for food; rent; clothing and utilities.

The above listed does not even scratch the surface of what American Legions offer their local communities. To get the full story on The Four (4) Pillars categorically, log on to www.legion.org . You will be truly amazed.

Fay announced that the Kidsville Club in concert with Alamo Toyota is sponsoring a free “Back to School Safety” event Saturday August 23, 2014

Humor.....provided by Bob Hogue; Ed Parnell and Dean Wilson

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

Drawing.....Rick drew Letty’s number for \$16.00, as she showed all by purchasing 5 tickets how to win \$11.00.

Optimist Creed....With all said and all done, “Y” led the assembly in the Optimist Creed after which the bell was rung to adjournment at 12:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean T Wilson
Club Secretary – 2013-14