

Optimist Club of Fort Sam Houston
Minutes of Meeting
January 15, 2015

President Fay Hopkins began the meeting at 12:00. Sarah prayed for us all and guest Governor Elect John Blackwell led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

Sarah & Y Villarreal Jack & Fay Hopkins

Ed & Pam Parnell Rick Coleman

Russell Shrader Bob Hogue

Jack Kellmann Betty Gower

Ray Holmes

Guest Governor Elect John Blackwell

January Birthdays were announced:

Betty Gower January 26th

John Rosenwald January 30th

Fay read the minutes of the January 8th meeting. Jack Kellmann presented a 1st to approve and Bob Hogue a 2nd. The minutes were approved.

Humor was provided by Jack Hopkins.

Everyone present expressed concern about Dean Wilson.

Jack Hopkins announced that all of the pictures from the Christmas Party could be viewed on the club Website, with some on the District Website.

Governor Elect John Blackwell spoke on the upcoming District Conference to be held here in San Antonio on Feb 21st thru the 22nd. He also reminded all of us about the Leadership Summit to be held on February 28th at the Holiday Downtown.

John then asked if the Ft. Sam Houston Club would be willing to sponsor his grandson in the District Essay Contest. After Discussion, everyone agreed that our club would be happy to sponsor him. John will have all of the paper work to us before the 20th of February.

President Fay reminded everyone about the Zone social on January 21st at Blanco Bar-B-Que

She also informed everyone that the Hotline shows 2 clubs in the South Texas District will be recognized as Distinguished at the upcoming 2nd quarter District Awards Banquet on February 21. The Optimist Club of Fort Sam Houston is one of those clubs. Congratulations to our Past President Rick Coleman, Treasurer Rick Shrader, and Secretary Dean Wilson. Everyone should come out to the banquet at which they will receive their awards.

Our speaker Carlos Uresti was unable to keep his appointment with us to speak, so Ed Parnell gave a very interesting talk on his travels while in the Navy. Ed has traveled the world and visited many beautiful places. One of his finest moments was when he was stationed in Bermuda and met and married his beautiful bride Pam. After his retirement with the Navy, Ed held many prestigious positions and started his own business as a Ryder Truck Rental Franchise. He eventually became the Executive V.P. for Ryder Truck Rental. He was also appointed as the President of NCOA, went to work for the VA, and finally retired.

Ed was met with a rousing round of applause for his presentation.

Ray Holmes drew the winning ticket and Betty Gower won \$12.00.

After reciting the Optimist Creed President Fay adjourned the meeting at 1:00.

Recorded and submitted for the honorable Secretary Dean Wilson,

Fay Hopkins