

OPTIMIST CLUB of FORT SAM HOUSTON
Noon Meeting Minutes
November, 21 2013

Vice President Jack Hopkins called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.
The following members were present:

Bob Hogue	Russell Shrader
Ed & Pam Parnell	Sarah & "Y" Villarreal
Jack Hopkins	Dean Wilson
Jack Kellmann	Betty Gower

Sarah led us in prayer and Ed led us in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Today's Guest: Ron Graves – Past Distinguished Governor; Past President of Optimist International Foundation and has held Honorable Executive positions at Region; District and Club levels of Optimism.

Today's Guest Speaker: Jan Oord Graves – Southwest Region Vice President – Elect.

We have no members with birthdays in November. We need to extend the search.

Secretary Dean Wilson read the minutes from the November, 7th 2013 Noon Meeting. Ed moved that the minutes be approved, "Y" seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Humor was provided by Ed; Bob and Dean followed by SGT-AT-ARMS Bob Hogue's collection of fines.

Ed Parnell reported that the Christmas Party Committee has been busy tying up the last loose ends with the Golf Club and SAMMC and we have come in well under budget. The Balloon Artists; Face Painters and of course Santa are all in place. Ed got word that the Windcrest Club's Youth Program is sending six Roosevelt High School Rough Riders to serve as ushers and Santa's helpers during the festivities. Ed said that was good news and came at a most opportune time, as Tracy Chavis' JR. ROTC/JOOI Club has a previous commitment on the Dec 21st party date.

Bob Hogue received word that President Rick has in his possession 250 tickets for the club to sell for next year's Children's Movie Festival Fundraiser and will have all the particulars of the event when he returns from a short business trip. (Note: the club retains all proceeds from the sale of all tickets sold by the club)

At this time Vice President Jack Hopkins read a short Bio, written by Fay in her absence, introducing our featured Guest Speaker, Jan Oord Graves.

Jan is a Past Distinguished Governor of the Michigan District where she has held many honorable offices and is currently serving as the Southwest District Leadership Development Chairperson.

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MS Graves is a member of the Optimist Club of San Antonio; a member of the Metrocom Club and as you probably already figured out is happily married to our other Distinguished Governor, Ron Graves.

Jan's presentation covered 2013-14 District Quarter Meetings; Optimist International Leadership Summit and the Optimist International Convention and the importance of getting to and attending these meetings. The Leadership Development Team along with Jan; Fay Hopkins; Lt-Governor John Blackwell and many others have put a lot of time; thought and work into Leadership Programs and Sessions that make these meetings more vibrant and thought provoking so that as new members come into Optimism and attend these meeting they will come away with a solid foundation for becoming future leaders in the organization with the ability to impress upon the youth of the community the importance of what the Optimist Creed can mean to them and our country.

With her presentation concluded, Vice-President Jack Hopkins asked Regional Vice-President-Elect Jan Oord Graves to help him with three chores (*yes, it's true we do put our guest speakers to work*). 1 – To please accept a Certificate of Appreciation for a magnificent presentation; 2 – pose for a Scrapbook Photo Op and 3 – draw Sarah's \$10.00 winning Kitty ticket number.

So with all being said and all being done Jack asked Ron Graves to lead us in the recital of the Creed.

Immediately after, the bell was struck to adjournment at 12:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean T Wilson
Club Secretary 2013-14