

OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON

NOON MEETING MINUTES

October 02, 2014

Newly elected 2014-15 President Fay Hopkins called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM

The following members were present:

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

Club Officers All Club Executive Officers were present

Invocation..... Jack Hopkins led us in prayer

Pledge of Allegiance..... "Y" led us in the Pledge

Guest Speaker..... Carrilee Adkins – San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind
 and her guest Darcy Brown

Future Speakers and/or Events

CURRENT CALENDAR

October 7, 2014	Board Meeting
October 9, 2014	Business Meeting
October 14, 2014	Foundation Board Meeting
October 24-26, 2014	First District Meeting 2014-15 – Laredo, TX

October Birthdays:

Dean Wilson – 8th
 Irvin Williams – 18th

Minutes:

Sec. Wilson read the September 18, 2014 Noon Meeting Minutes. Pres. Hopkins called for and received a motion to approve the minutes from Ed Parnell and with a second from Bob Hogue, the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Humor was provided by..... Jack Hopkins

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

Announcements:

Pres. Hopkins announced and with condolences on behalf of the entire club membership, the memorial services for Estelle Kellmann, wife of long time Club Member Jack Kellmann.

Memorial Rosary

Thursday October 9, 2014
 Porter Loring North Chapel
 7:00 P.M.

Memorial Mass

Friday October 10, 2014
 St. Mark The Evangelist Catholic Church
 1602 Thousand Oaks
 11:30 A.M.

Interment to immediately follow Memorial Mass at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

The Kellmann family has asks that in lieu of flowers, donations please be made to:

Ft. Sam Optimist Youth Foundation
 c/o Rick Coleman
 8700 Crownhill Suite 802
 San Antonio, TX 78209

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We will continue to keep Jack and the Kellmann family in our thoughts and prayers.

Pres. Hopkins announced that at the Tuesday October 07, 2014 *Executive Board Meeting the main topic will address the Club Budget for 2014-15 and her visions for the Club programs/projects already in place and what new ones the Club can bring to the Foundation for consideration throughout the year. As always all club members are welcome to attend. If not able to attend the Board Meeting, the results of the meeting will be presented and discussed at the Thursday October 09, 2014 Noon Business Meeting.

* **Crown Towers Bldg. – 5th flr Conference Rm – 8700 – Crownhill SATX – 6:00 Pm**

Fay asked for and got a confirmation on the date of the Christmas Party, December 21, 2014 from that Christmas Party Committee dynamic trio of Ed Parnell; Letty Dietes along with Missy Bonnor. Details to follow.

The First District Conference is set for October 24-26 in Laredo, TX. Go to stxd.org/voice for complete information on registration and schedule.

The Optimist Club of Fort Sam Houston beginning the year with a Plus One (+01) in membership has achieved Distinguished Club status for the year 2013-14 and as such will be honored at the Second District Meeting in February, 2015 here in San Antonio at the Holiday Inn Airport. Details to follow.

Speaker of the Day:

A this time Pres. Hopkins turned the meeting over to Letty Dietes who in turn introduced our guest speaker of the day Carrilee Adkins and Ms Adkins guest Darcy Brown, longtime friends that Letty met, got to know and plays Mahjongg with on Tuesday nights. Mahjongg is an ancient Chinese game of solitaire where four (4) players are challenged to eliminate all pieces of tiles from the board. Carrilee, now program director at the San Antonio Lighthouse for the blind, not knowing what she wanted to do upon graduating from college, and through a personal experience with a torn retina got interested in the visual-impaired went on to further her education in teaching the visually-impaired and has taught extensively throughout her career visually-impaired youth from kindergarten to high school. Carrilee started at the San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind in February 2014 and when the program director was accepted to medical school Carrilee stepped in and took over.

Each day San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind impacts lives through employment for people with severe vision loss and blindness; rehabilitation services that create high-quality independent lives; offers a High School to Work Program for ages 16 to 21; a Blind Children's Education Program; a website where you can order over 60,000 office products, made in-house, that support their blind programs.....and so much more!!!

For more information; brochures and/or donations you can contact Carrilee Adkins or Vince Boyd at:

210.533.5195

Or online at: www.salighthouse.org

Kitty Drawing..... Our Guest Speaker, Carrilee Atkins drew "Y"s ticket for a win of \$11.00 Ed Parnell won a bag of goodies brought by Carrie in a second drawing.

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Certificate of Appreciation..... Pres. Hopkins presented Carrilee Atkins with the club's Certificate of Appreciation for her dedication and commitment to the "San Antonio Lighthouse for the blind" as Jack Hopkins archived the event with a photograph.

Optimist Creed:

At this time with all aid and all done, President Fay Hopkins asked "Y" who led us in the pledge; suggested that USAA has a lot of money; won the Kitty and said his ticket should have been put back in the pile for the second drawing to lead the assembly in the Optimist Creed, after which the bell was struck to adjournment at 12:56PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean T Wilson
Club Secretary 2014-15