OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON NOON MEETING MINUTES October 30, 2014

President Fay Hopkins called the meeting to order at 1157: AM The following members were present:

Russell Shrader Dean Wilson Jack & Fay Hopkins Ed & Pam Parnell Rick Coleman Sarah & "Y" Villarreal

Jack Kellmann Missy Bonner

Club Officers All Executive Club Officers were present

Invocation Sarah Villarreal led us in prayer

Pledge of Allegiance Russell Shrader led us in the Pledge

Guest Speaker..... No Guests/No Guest Speaker

Future Speakers and Events

CURRENT CALENDAR

November 4, 2014	ELECTION DAY !! - NO Board Meeting!!
November 6, 2014	Business Meeting
November 11, 2014	Board Meeting
November 13, 2014	??????
November 20, 2014	??????
November 27, 2014	No Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving
December 13, 2014	Christmas Party for Pediatric Oncology/Hematology patients at SAMMC

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October Birthdays:

Dean Wilson – 8th Irvin Williams – 18th

Minutes:

Sec. Wilson read the October 23, 2014 Noon Meeting Minutes. Pres. Hopkins called for and received a motion to approve the minutes from Jack Kellmann and with a second from Rick Coleman, the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Humor was provided by....... Rick Coleman and Dean Wilson **Fines**....were collected by Acting Sgt-At-Arms Dean Wilson

Announcements:

It was stated by Fay; Rick and Jack Hopkins that the memorial services and grave side services for Club member and former STXD Governor – 2003-04 Albert (Al) Randez held on October 28, 2014 and October 29, 2014 went very well. Along with Al's family and many friends in attendance at either event were Club members Jack and Fay Hopkins; Rick Coleman; Bob Hogue; Bob and Margaret Richie; STX District members.

Prior to today's meeting the Christmas Party Committee met to co-ordinate their activities. Committee Chairperson Ed Parnell related that there is confirmation on the date of the party

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December 13, 2014; Santa in place – confirmed; December 11, 2014 - "Goody Bag" stuffing project at that noon meeting – confirmed, (At least 10 to 15 volunteers needed, the more stuffers – the quicker we finish). After the terrific job she did last year, Missy Bonner will again canvass donors to acquire gift items for the "Goody Bags" and Raffle prizes. Gene Overstreet will preside as Master of Ceremonies. Letty Dietes, Gene's alternate M. C., is in charge of communications with SAMMC and will proceed with that activity immediately after the pediatric unit's Halloween festivities are completed.

The date of December 12, 2015 has been set for next year's Christmas Party.

Pres. Hopkins will contact the Alamo Heights club who have partnered with our club in this event to confirm their involvement this year.

The Windcrest club, a partner for most of our 14 years presenting this project, has acknowledged that their budget will not allow them to further support the Christmas Party. The Club sincerely thanks Windcrest for all they have done in the past.

Ed will meet with Lt. Colonel (Ret.) Tracy Chavis Commander – Jefferson High School Jr. ROTC unit to confirm use of any number of his charges to serve as "Santa's Helpers". These young committed volunteers have excelled at this task in the past.

Rick Coleman – Foundation Scholarship Chairperson is in touch John Shroyer with the Air Force Assn. Scholarship Program to meet with the Foundation Committee to discuss procedures; guidelines and applications associated with Scholarship Programs and to have John speak at a Club noon meeting before December 31, 2014.

Rick is on top of the Guest Speaker Program locating interesting and informative speakers to the noon meetings.

Jack Hopkins updated us up to date on some of the happenings at the District Meeting in Laredo October 24-26, 2014, starting with his presenting the Club's thirteen (13) "Dime-A-Day Program" applications along with their donations to the Dime-A-Day Foundation Representative which proved to be the most donations given in District 06. Jack reported that there were 72 District members and O. I. leaders in attendance. The "Hello Party"; General Assembly; Training Sessions and the Saturday evening Halloween Costume Party, all went well with everyone coming away from the conference with renewed positive Optimism in Governor Irvin William's mission and leadership for 2014-15. (Incidentally, Jack and Fay won best costume – Jack-a piece of bread w/peanut butter & Fay-a piece of bread w/ jelly)

The highlight of the Saturday evening festivities was our sister-club East Fort Bend County Optimist Club with the aid of Governor Williams (also a FSH club member) and Club President Fay Hopkins bringing in a new club. District Field Representative Jack Hopkins installed and introduced Gateway Optimist Club of Laredo with 15 young new members to South Texas District 06.

Kitty Drawing...... Fay drew Dean's number for \$11.00

Optimist Creed: At this time with all aid and all done, Jack Kellmann was asked to lead the assembly in the Optimist Creed, after which the bell was struck to adjournment at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Dean T Wilson Club Secretary 2014-15