

OPTIMIST CLUB OF FORT SAM HOUSTON
NOON MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2014

Vice-President Jack Hopkins sitting in for President Rick Coleman called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

The following members were present:

Bob Hogue	Ed & Pam Parnell	Jack and Fay Hopkins
Dean Wilson	Ray Holmes	Jack Kellmann
Sarah & "Y" Villarreal		

Fay led us in prayer and Dean led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests:

Special Guest Speaker:
Horace Phillips

April Birthdays:

Russell Shrader – 23rd

Minutes:

Sec. Dean Wilson read the April 03, 2014 Noon Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve was voiced by Jack Kellmann. There being no discussion; amendments; comments or corrections and after a second by Ed Parnell, the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Humor:

Humor was provided by Ed Parnell

Fines:

Sgt-At-Arms Bob Hogue collected fines.

Announcements:

Vice-Pres. Hopkins mentioned that a Foundation Executive Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday April 08, 2014 and Foundation business is moving progressively foreword.

The request for the printing of copies of the Foundation tri-fold brochure has been forwarded to Gene Overstreet and we are awaiting his response.

Fay brought up that she will be collecting applications (*Attached*) and checks for the annual Optimist International Foundation's Dime-A-Day Fundraiser and will be sending them in collectively as a club donation qualifying our club for a banner patch and a vote in the election of the 2015 O. I. Foundation Board. Fay related that the elections take place in May and she will be taking donations only until the end of April.

You can make a donation by filling out the attached application and a check for \$36.50 payable to Optimist International Foundation and bringing them to the Noon Meeting or sending both to:

Fay Hopkins
4310 Putting Green
San Antonio TX 78217

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Ed Parnell was called on to introduce our Guest Speaker of the Day Horace Phillips– Director of the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Horace who prefers the nickname “Dan” described himself as a military brat bumping around various duty stations with his parents. Retiring in 2003, his last assignment was Inspecting General – NORAD; US Space Command; US NORAD Command and heavily involved in the events of “911”. Horace graduated the Air Force Academy in 1978; went through pilot training and flew F-4s and F-16s; met his wife an Air Force Flight Officer while stationed in Australia; they have five children and live in New Braunfels with the 3 youngest who are still in school. Horace spoke on some of the latest updates at the Cemetery such as new leadership; he being the Director overall and that of his Assistant Director whose job it is to make sure that all funerals and interments are done properly; a new Groundskeeper in charge of setting and resetting headstones and making sure the cemetery grounds are properly cared for; Committal Shelters where people can get out of inclement weather and if necessary complete funeral services; contracting for new restroom facilities also a proposed overpass to span the Nurse Rd access to Fort Sam allowing funeral service participants and visitors a more solemn and dignified migration between the west and east sides of the Cemetery. Along with these and future improvements and projects, “Dan’s” ultimate goal within the next two to three years is to have the Cemetery upgraded to National Shrine status, a projection he and his staff are working on diligently.

Kitty Number:

“Dan” picked Jack Hopkins number for a win of \$9.00

Vice-Pres. Hopkins presented “Dan” with the Club Certificate of Appreciation and Fay documented the event with a photo.

All said and all done, Jack Kellmann led us in the recital of the creed after which the bell was rung to adjournment at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dean T Wilson
Club Secretary 2013-14

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Dime A Day



*Building a Future Where Every Kid Counts
Can you spare a dime a day?*

Most of us spend money thoughtlessly on small things. There's an old saying, "Mind the pence and the pounds will take care of themselves." Although British in flavor, it's true that if we pay attention to how we spend our pennies, we will have more dollars.

How many times have you been in line at the checkout and picked up an item you didn't really need – gum, batteries, breath mints?

How often have you bought gas, gone inside to pay and walked out with a cup of coffee and a candy bar?

How often have you bought a magazine or newspaper to read at the airport even though the same publication would be waiting for you at home?

Driving home from work thinking about what to have for dinner, have you wheeled through a drive-through for that evening's meal?

Most of us can answer "yes" to more than one of the above items.

Most of us could easily contribute a Dime A Day every year of our membership as Optimists.

SAVE APPROXIMATELY A WEEK'S WORTH OF DIMES BY

- bypassing the vending machine for an afternoon snack
- skipping the fries
- waiting to get coffee at the office



SAVE APPROXIMATELY A MONTH'S WORTH OF DIMES BY

- ordering plain coffee instead of a "grande cappuccino"
- sending a greeting card from a box rather than an individually purchased card
- brown-bagging lunch instead of ordering out for a day

SAVE APPROXIMATELY A YEAR'S WORTH OF DIMES BY

- giving up one golf game a month
- catching a few movies on video instead of at the theater
- clipping grocery coupons for a month and donating your savings

All of us can contribute a Dime A Day. Our unrestricted gifts help fund the annual Optimist scholarships, which cost more than \$200,000. Every year. They help fund Optimist programs such as JOOL. Dime A Day gifts are important.

Won't you start saving your dimes right now?



*Helping Optimists
Help Kids*



I'm on board! Please accept my \$ _____ donation. Enclose check, payable to Optimist International Foundations, referencing "Dime a Day" in the memo section.

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