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A MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE GARDENA EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB
ZONE 3 - PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

President's Message:

Greetings fellow Optimists. I hope everyone had a great Fathers Day. June 2005 for GEO started out with a dinner meeting at our favorite Grill, Cherrystones Restaurant.



At this meeting club elections were held. I'm very happy to inform the membership that Robin Arakaki has accepted the President Elect position 2005/06. Congratulations Robin.

The board of directors meeting was on June 14th. At this meeting the board approved the resignations of Hiroshi Kika and Mel Iizuki from the board. Motions were also made and approved by the board to appoint Ed Cababa and Joan Aoki as new board members. Congratulations and thank you to Ed and Joan.

Our last dinner of the month was held at Miyabe Restaurant. This was our Club in Action meeting. Chris Yasaki was the chairperson for this event and he did an outstanding job. A few members gave testimonials like Bert Kawahara, Bill Coonce and BJ Coonce. Chris informed the attendees about GEO Club programs and he also reminded us about the "handshake" "it's a long standing tradition in our club" Chris said.

As you can see June was a busy month and July will be starting off with a BANG at the annual GEO Fourth of July picnic. The fun starts at 11am until 5pm at Naders Barn. So bring the kids and your favorite pot luck dish and come out and

enjoy a great day of Bingo, door prizes, horseshoes, kid games, piñata, food and fellowship. Remember this event is for the members as a way of saying thank you for your participation in the clubs activities.

*****Notice******the first dinner meeting of the month July 5th is **CANCELLED** due to the closeness of the Fourth of July picnic. The board of directors meeting is not cancelled and will be on July 12th 7pm at the JCI

This year the Ho'olaule' fundraiser will be July 15,16 and 17th. This event is a lot of work, however it is a lot of fun. Chairperson Mike Tsuge and his committee need your help and support to make this a successful weekend, especially Friday afternoon at Charlie place. So find your name on the work schedule and make your plans accordingly. If you need to change the time you are scheduled to work just call Mike and let him know.

The second dinner meeting will be at the Happa Restaurant July 19th 7pm in the Gardena Hotel.

Regarding any questions about our GEO basketball season. Please see the attached invitation letter or visit our basketball website. Commissioner Mako Oyama will need all the **HELP** he can get. The health of this program is vital to our club, so we need all GEO members to be ready to volunteer whenever possible.

Lastly I would like to thank all the members and their families for their help and support this year, of the Evening Optimist Club of Gardena. THANK YOU.

Sincerely,
Dave

EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB OF GARDENA

“Friend of Youth”

June 27, 2005

Dear Team Members, Parents, and Coach,

Welcome to the Gardena Evening Optimist Club's 37th Annual GEO Basketball League. GEO continues its tradition of providing an arena where youth can develop moral character, a sense of ethics and fair play, and athletic skills in a safe environment.

It is our pleasure to invite your team to play in our annual GEO Basketball League. Any other teams in associated leagues are invited as well.

The league will continue to play its games in our regular gyms and will be able to accommodate 160 teams.

As always, the season will begin play on September 11th, 2005, and will conclude on November 19th, 2005.

The league team fee will be \$450.

The league will consist of the following divisions:

- Small Fry: Boys and girls in the 1st and 2nd grades as of September 2005.
- Peewee: Boys and girls in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades as of September 2005.
- Midget: Boys and girls in the 6th and 7th grades as of September 2005.
- Junior: Boys and girls in the 8th and 9th grades as of September 2005.

Please fill out the enclosed application and return the form by July 13, 2005. All applications submitted after July 13, 2005 will also be considered in the chronological order received. Your timely response will allow us to properly accommodate your entry into our GEO Basketball League.

If you have any questions contact: Mako Oyama - (310) 529-1187
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Let's have a rewarding season for our players, parents, and coaches.

Regards,
Gardena Evening Optimist Club
Basketball Commissioner
Executive Officers and Board of Directors

Enclosures: GEO Application (roster)
GEO Waiver
GEO Basketball League Application Process and Acceptance Process

Ho'olaule'a Workshifts: July 15, 16, 17th 2005

Hey, you looking for fun? Come out for some fellowship and sun! We make the best Pork Adobo and Spare Ribs in the South Bay! Once again, the Club will be supporting the Hawaiian Inter-Club Council of Southern California (HICCS) at its annual Ho'olaule'a July 16th and 17st at Alondra Park in the city of Lawndale. It is located off of Manhattan Beach, between Crenshaw and Prairie. Ho'olaule'a is a festival celebrating the Hawaiian and Polynesian cultures. Continuous entertainment provided by talented musicians and hula (hula schools), food, game, and craft booths are all a part of the celebration. The event runs from morning till sunset both Saturday and Sunday so there is plenty of time to explore. There is no admission charge, but there is a small fee to park in the El Camino College structure off of Manhattan Beach Blvd, just east of the college and west of the event.

The Club will be cooking our famous pork adobo and sweet-sour spareribs for all to enjoy. Skilled epicureans will show you how the food is prepared, from a "secret" recipe, but everyone knows, the preparation is more about the "love" and caring put into the food than the ingredients. No hats will be provided this year, so come with your own 'lid', or you can have one of our wonderful paper "server" caps that make you look like a soda "jerk" from the movies.

It is a nice opportunity to "mingle" with the club members you may not have met yet. I always considered it a "highlight" of the GEO calendar. Food and drink will be provided, so come down for some fun and sun.

If you cannot make your assigned shift, please call me @ (310) 327-9466. Note that there are no assignments for Friday, but we would appreciate your help at Charlie Oyagi's house anytime after noon, or at Alondra Park after 4 PM to help setup the booth. We can use any help you offer, even if it just for a short time.

Mike Tsuge
Chairman

Friday, July 15th, Noon

Place: Charlie's house, 2125 W. 152nd St., Gardena (310-327-1596, 310-324-3004)

Tasks: Cut pork and ribs into 1" cubes, package into 20 lb. portions; cook macaroni & potatoes for salad and package into portions; transport perishables to overnight storage

Friday, July 15th, 4 PM

Place: Charlie's house (load) or Alondra Park (unload)

Tasks: Transport equipment and non-perishables to the park; setup tarps and decorate booth.

Saturday, July 16th, 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Tasks: Cook and serve adobo & spareribs; enjoy 'refreshments', people-watch

Dave Allen	Randy Hermosura	Daniel Molinelli	Ron Shintani
Robin Arakaki	Lori Hoshiko	Alan Nakagawa	Mark Tsuneishi
Justin Carroll	Les Ito	Tony Nakamura	Dennis Watanabe
David Doi	Wesley Kaneshiro	George Nosaka	Keith Yoneji
Sachi Fujita	Bob Lyons	David Oriba	Zee Zimmer
Sid Haluska	Glenn Matsushima	Steve Penna	

Saturday, July 16th, 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Tasks: Cook and serve adobo & spareribs; enjoy 'refreshments'; sorry, but this shift can't people-watch cause this is the busy shift.

Tad Amano	Bill Coonce	David Fujiura	Glen Higuchi
Kathy Asanuma	Ed Endo	Glenn Hanaya	Norm Hirata

Louis Ito	Norman Maehara	Harvey Nakashima	Norm Shizumura
Dan Kato	John McGady	Howard Ogomori	John Tsuruta
Dave Kim	Ken Motoyasu	Shelly Oriba	Dave Yamamoto
Deryck Koga	Jerry Nakkafuji	Richard Peterlin	Tomiko Yshida

Saturday, July 16th, 2:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Tasks: Cook and serve adobo & spareribs; enjoy 'refreshments'; people-watch; clean-up and prepare for Sunday

Dwayne Andrews	Sho Hiraizumi		Efren Sales
Bradley Atwood	Melvin Iizuka	Jeffrey Mitsui	Emory Tamashiro
BJ Coonce	Larry Jue	Ken Murabata	Bob Ueunten
Tony Fiamengo	Sid Kato	Lisa Nakagawa	Mark Yamauchi
Morio Fukuto	Phil Kiyokane	Kris Nakasu	Sara Young
Buz Haraguchi	Ron Mark	Ricky Oka	

Sunday, July 17th, 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Tasks: Cook and serve adobo & spareribs; enjoy 'refreshments'; people-watch

Woody Andrews	Carolyn Hyatt	Frank Miuccio	Mako Oyama
Paul Ashcraft	Pearl Iizuka	Glenn Murakami	Steve Sato
Don Cline	Patty Kakita	Paul Nakagawa	Shelley Taniguchi
Kathy Fujii	Bert Kawahara	Derek Narimatsu	Mas Uriu
Warren Furutani	George Kobayashi	Brian Okamoto	Chris Yasaki
Jerry Hashimoto	Roy Marubayashi	Charlie Oyagi	

Sunday, July 17th, 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Tasks: Cook and serve adobo & spareribs; enjoy 'refreshments'; people-watch

Joan Aoki	Dean Hokama	Bill Murdock	Terry Terauchi
Ed Cababa	John Ing	Mark Nakamoto	Mark Usui
Jim Carroll	Ed Kambe	Cary Nishimoto	June Yasaki
Ken Fujimoto	Herb Kawahara	Howard Okano	
Jim Goda	Daryl Masuyama	Gerry Ozawa	
Jon Hayashida	Sam Miyamoto	Wes Sato	

Sunday, July 17th, 2:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Tasks: Cook and serve adobo & spareribs; people-watch; polish off the rest of the 'refreshments'; return equipment to lock-up

Tak Aoki	Bob Horii	Martin Matsunaga	Wayne Park
Patricia Case	Valerie Isozaki	Sei Miyano	Pam Shigeta
Mark Chomori	Kevin Kamehaiku	Mas Nagaoka	Mike Tsuge
Ray Fujimoto	Amy Kika	Burt Nakamura	George Wada
Fred Goo	Hiroshi Kika	Gayle Northrup	Kerry Yim
Dwayne Hayden	Steve Kurata	Bob Omatsu	

July 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 GEO Fourth of July Picnic at Naders Barn. 11am to 5:00pm Potluck	5 Dinner Meeting is CANCELLED	6 Optimist International Convention in New Orleans	7 OI Convention	8 OI Convention	9 OI Convention
10	11	12 7:00pm GEO Board of Directors Meeting at the JCI. All members welcome	13	14	15 12:00-4:00 Ho'Olaule'a preparation at Charlie Oyagis 4:00 Set-up at Alondra Park	16 Ho'Olaule'a Festival. See workschedule for you shift time.
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Vice PresidentJim Carroll
Vice PresidentBill Coonce
Secretary..... Norm Hirata
Treasurer Sid Halushka
IPP Carolyn Hyatt

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

First Year Members

Tak Aoki
Ed Cababa
George Nosaka
Charlie Oyagi
Ron Shintani

Second Year Members

Robin Arakaki
Joan Aoki
Ron Mark
Mas Nagaoka
Chris Yasaki

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Jim Carroll Ed Kambe

Club Elections:

The annual club elections were held at the members' dinner meeting on June 7th, and the following members have been elected to serve during the 2005-2006 Optimist Year. Congratulations to all our future GEO leaders

Pres-Elect/VP Internal Affairs

ROBIN ARAKAKI

VP External Affairs

DERYCK KOGA

VP Youth Work

RON MARK

Board Members

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