

2012 - 2013

GARDENA



100% and then some...



evening



JuniorBlindOlympics



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Youth Appreciation Week



Internet Safety

INSTALLATION PROGRAM and YEAR BOOK



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2012-2013 Club President Stacy Cascadden



I was born, raised, and currently still live in Gardena. I have an amazing family which I love spending time with. I am a graduate of North Torrance High School and am currently working on my Bachelors degree from the University of Phoenix, which I will be completing the end of the year. I have been married for two years to my wonderful and supportive husband Jared. I have just recently started my career with Nordstrom as a department manager for the Specialty Coffee Division. My life has changed a great deal over the past few years and it has been a crazy rollercoaster full of surprises.

One of the biggest surprises was when I was asked to be the upcoming President for this year. I have been active in the club and the events far longer than I have been a member. My dad, Charles “Zee” Zimmer has been a member since ’89 and all of his kids have participated in the club activities since then. I officially joined the club in 2007. Since then I have been on the board as well as an officer for the club, which has changed my perspective of the club. I really enjoy what I can contribute in the future, present, and what I have in the past. I plan to give this year everything I have to give. I am excited about what the future with the club has to offer my family and myself.

EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB OF GARDENA
49th Annual Installation Dinner

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012 – DOUBLETREE HOTEL

PROGRAM

Eric Takaki (Past President) - MASTER OF CEREMONIES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCEJEANETTE MENA
INVOCATION PATTY YANAGA
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS ERIC TAKAKI
WELCOME..... RON HOM

- DINNER -

RETIRING OF 2011-2012 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS..... T G THOMAS
Governor Designate Pacific Southwest District
RETIRING OF 2011-2012 PRESIDENT..... T G THOMAS
INSTALLATION OF 2012-2013 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS T G THOMAS
INSTALLATION OF 2012-2013 PRESIDENT T G THOMAS
ACCEPTANCE STACY CASCADDEN
INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS T G THOMAS
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS..... RON HOM
PRESENTATION TO RETIRING PRESIDENT STACY CASCADDEN
OPTIMIST CREED RON SHINTANI
DOOR PRIZES..... EMILY LOPEZ

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INSTALLATION DINNER COMMITTEE

ERIC TAKAKI - CHAIRPERSON

DAVE ALLEN • ED CABABA • JIM CARROLL • BILL COONCE • SID HALUSHKA
• NORM HIRATA • LOUIS ITO • DERYCK KOGA • JEANETTE MENA
BURT NAKAMURA • GEORGE NOSAKA • CHARLIE OYAGI
RON SHINTANI • EMORY TAMASHIRO • TERRY TERAUCHI

PAST PRESIDENTS

1964-65	HERBERT KAWAHARA	1988-89	EMORY TAMASHIRO
1965-66	*DONALD PINKNEY	1989-90	VIC KAMBE
1966-67	*MINORU ITO	1990-91	MAMO KOTAKE
1967-68	*TOM HIRANO	1991-92	BUZ HARAGUCHI
1968-69	*MORIO FUKUTO	1992-93	ED CABABA
1969-70	BURT NAKAMURA	1993-94	JIM CARROLL
1970-71	*DANIEL NAKASHIMA	1994-95	SID HALUSHKA
1971-72	ROBERT HORII	1995-96	TERRY TERAUCHI
1972-73	*KENNETH KAMIYA	1996-97	LARRY JUE
1973-74	*GEORGE KOBAYASHI	1997-98	MAS NAGAOKA
1974-75	*DICK KIZUKA	1998-99	GLEN HIGUCHI
1975-76	TED HIRAYAMA	1999-00	DAVE YAMAMOTO
1976-77	*SATORI MORI	2000-01	BILL COONCE
1977-78	*JOHN CRONE	2001-02	NORM HIRATA
1978-79	STANLEY MURAKAWA	2002-03	LOUIS ITO
1979-80	PAUL KOSHI	2003-04	CAROLYN HYATT
1980-81	*JOSEPH YANAGA	2004-05	DAVE ALLEN
1981-82	CHARLES OYAGI	2005-06	DWAYNE HAYDEN
1982-83	GEORGE NOSAKA	2006-07	ROBIN ARAKAKI
1983-84	*WILLIAM MURDOCK	2007-08	RON SHINTANI
1984-85	*WILLIAM JUNG	2008-09	DERYCK KOGA
1985-86	FRANCIS ISHIDA	2009-10	JEANETTE MENA
1986-87	TORU YAMAMOTO	2010-11	ERIC TAKAKI
1987-88	MIKE HAMA		



CURRENT MEMBERS

Herb Kawahara.... 64	Ed Cababa 89	Kathy Fujii..... 03	Eric Takaki 07
Burt Nakamura 65	Charles Zimmer.... 89	John Ing 03	Eric Ige..... 08
Sho Hiraizumi 67	Louis Ito..... 90	Justin Carroll 04	Emily Lopez 08
Charlie Oyagi 75	Ed Kambe 90	BJ Coonce..... 04	Deanna Takahashi 08
Wayne Park 75	Ron Shintani..... 92	Wesley Kaneshiro . 04	Ron Hom..... 09
George Nosaka ... 77	Dave Allen..... 93	Brian Okamoto 04	Glenn Shimizu 09
Bob Ueunten..... 79	Ray Fujimoto 93	Dennis Watanabe . 04	Hank Arima 10
Norm Hirata 80	Bert Kawahara 94	Jun Goeku..... 05	Gilbert Mena 10
Emory Tamashiro 80	Norm Maehara 94	Les Ito..... 05	Julie Nagano..... 10
Jim Carroll..... 82	Warren Furutani ... 95	Daniel Molinelli 05	Sam Sarria 10
Steve Kurata 86	Lisa Nakagawa 95	Brian Machida 06	Terry Weber..... 10
Dwayne Andrews. 87	Kris Nakasu..... 97	Jeanette Mena 06	Patty Yanaga 11
Bill Coonce..... 87	Mike Tsuge..... 99	Ryan Yahata..... 06	Anthony Carroll 12
Sei Miyano 87	Deryck Koga..... 01	Stacy Cascadden .. 07	Ed Herrerea 12
Sid Halushka 88	Jerry Nakafuji 02	Michelle Goeku 07	Mikey Williams 12
Terry Terauchi 88			

*DECEASED

INCOMING OFFICERS 2012-2013

President..... STACY CASCADDEN
 Vice President.....BILL COONCE
 Vice President..... DERYCK KOGA
 Secretary.....JUN GOEKU
 Treasurer RON SHINTANI
 IPP RON HOM



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>First Year Members</u>	<u>Second Year Members</u>
DAVE ALLEN	JUSTIN CARROLL
JIM CARROLL	JEANETTE MENA
SID HALUSHKA	GLENN SHIMIZU



COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Bulletin/Web/Yearbook	JIM CARROLL
Childhood Cancer Campaign	GILBERT MENA
Christmas Party	RON HOM
Clambake	DAVE ALLEN
Fellowship/Attendance	BURT NAKAMURA
Fourth of July Picnic	RON HOM
Fundraising	BILL COONCE
Golf	BILL COONCE
Ho'olaule'a	JUSTIN CARROLL
Installation/Nomination	RON HOM
JCI Carnival	DERYCK KOGA
Junior Blind Olympics	BJ COONCE
Membership/Indoctrination	JIM CARROLL
Nisei Week	ERIC TAKAKI
Programs/Special Events	PATTY YANAGA
Publicity	JIM CARROLL
Respect for Law	JOHN ING
Scholarship	PATTY YANAGA
Scouts	JEANETTE MENA
Sergeant at Arms	DERYCK KOGA
Essay/Oratorical	JIM CARROLL
Youth Appreciation	MIKE TSUGE
Youth Home	RON HOM
Youth Sports	JIM CARROLL

OUTGOING OFFICERS 2011-2012

President..... RON HOM
 President Elect..... STACY CASCADDEN
 Vice President.....RON SHINTANI
 Vice President..... TERRY TERAUCHI
 Secretary..... DAVE ALLEN
 Treasurer..... SID HALUSHKA
 IPP..... ERIC TAKAKI



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JEANETTE MENA	DERYCK KOGA
GLENN SHIMIZU	EMILY LOPEZ
TERRY WEBER	PATTY YANAGA



COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Basketball	RYAN YAHATA
Bulletin/Web/Yearbook	ED KAMBE
Casino Night	PATTY YANAGA
Childhood Cancer Campaign	JIM CARROLL
Christmas Party	RON SHINTANI
Clambake	STACY CASCADDEN
Fellowship/Attendance	BURT NAKAMURA
Fourth of July Picnic	MICHELLE GOEKU
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Youth Home	JEANETTE MENA
Visitation	RON HOM

OUR CLUB IN ACTION

The Evening Optimist Club of Gardena is now in its 49th year of serving communities in the South Bay. We were originally sponsored by the Japanese American Optimist Club of Los Angeles and chartered in February 1964.

Our membership currently numbers 60 strong and represents a cross section of the community. Most of our members live in the immediate South Bay area; however, we do have some active members that live as far away as Orange County. Our primary goal is to serve our community through projects and programs designed to develop and enrich our youth. Our positive approach, our upbeat outlook, and our commitment to creating a more optimistic future for kids is what differentiates Optimist Clubs from any other volunteer opportunity.

In addition to the activities listed below the Evening Optimist Club of Gardena proudly sponsors Boy Scout Troop 683 of Gardena, We also actively support the Gardena Valley JCI, the Optimist Childhood Cancer Campaign, Optimist Junior Blind Olympics and the Optimist Youth Homes.

Fee and dues: Our annual member dues are \$150.00 year or \$37.50 per quarter. New members are assessed an initiation fee of \$35.00.

Meetings: Regular club meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of every month at various local restaurants and begin at 7:00 PM. Our Programs Chairperson is responsible for providing interesting and informative speakers or programs for these meetings. The third Tuesday of every month is usually reserved for special programs and social events in which spouses and guests are invited to attend. Our Programs/Special Events Chairperson and the other committee chairs, such as Respect For Law and Youth Appreciation, are responsible for the planning of these meetings.

What follows is a calendar of events for a typical year in the life of the Evening Optimist Club of Gardena:

October

- Annual Clambake and campout for club members, families, and friends at Carpinteria State Beach just south of Santa Barbara.

- City of Gardena Heritage Festival and Street Fair.

November

- Youth Appreciation Program - we honor outstanding youth of the community at a special awards banquet held at an exclusive local restaurant.

December

- Annual Essay Contest is conducted for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

- Christmas Party for Optimist Club kids of all ages.

- Annual Food and Toy Drive for the needy.

January

- Annual Club Visitation - a fun opportunity to see what the other clubs in our zone are doing.

February

- GEO Anniversary and Recognition dinner.

March

- Annual Oratorical Contest is held for youth 15 years of age and younger.

- Essay and Oratorical Awards Banquet.

- Spring GEO Youth Tennis League begins.

April

- Pacific Southwest District Oratorical Contest Finals at 3rd Quarterly Meeting.

- Annual Casino Night Fundraiser - games of chance, food, drinks, prizes and evening of fun and good spirits.

- Optimist Junior Blind Olympics at Junior Blind of America in Los Angeles.

May

- Respect for Law Program - our club honors members of the community who have aided or promoted law enforcement and presents Respect for Law and Community Service Scholarships to deserving students from South Bay High Schools

June

- Annual "Club In Action" membership event. A time to introduce prospective new members to the GEO.

- JCI Carnival.

July

- July 4th Picnic for club families and friends. A fun family day of pot luck dishes, kids' games, horseshoes and bingo at a local park.

- Optimist International Convention.

- Gardena Relay for Life in support of the American Cancer Society.

- Ho'olaule'a (Hawaiian Festival) at Alondra Park - a fun weekend of Aloha spirit and ono-licious kaukau.

- Small Fry Basketball Fundamentals Clinic for kids in K-2 grades.

August

- Pacific Southwest District Convention - a gathering of the approximately 60 optimist clubs in our district for an extended 3-day weekend of business, training, fellowship, and fun at a select resort hotel.

- President's Appreciation Banquet - a time to give thanks and appreciation to our Prez and have some good-natured fun.

- GEO Annual Golf Tournament at the Links at Victoria Golf Course.

- Annual Club visitation to the South Bay Bly Schwiering Group Home in Carson.

September

- Volunteer Recognition Dinner - a time to thank all the volunteers who helped with club activities, events and programs during the year.

- Joint Board Meeting - a special dinner to thank outgoing and incoming Board Members for their leadership and service.

- Annual Installation Banquet - a formal evening in which we recognize and retire the outgoing officers, install the incoming, and have a grand old time.

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself —

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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