

CAMARILLO NOONTIME OPTIMIST CLUB

Newsletter



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By providing hope and positive vision,
Optimists bring out the best in kids

2016 Optimist Club Scholars Share Their Accomplishments, Interests and Future Plans



(l-r) Kayla Kotake and Patricia Del Rio—ACHS; Isaiah Robinson—Ace Charter HS; Alexandra Gordon—ACHS; Zachary Robinson—ACE Charter HS; Fernando Hernandez—ACHS; Nicholas Abel Saavedra and Randle Porte—Rio Mesa HS; Howard Hoover—Camarillo Noontime Optimist Club Scholarship Committee Chairman

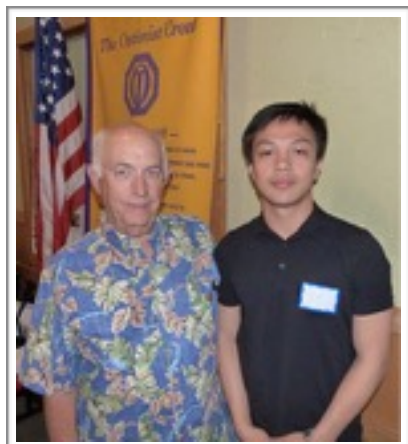


Alexandra Gordon, will be studying at California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo with the goal of becoming an elementary teacher.

Patricia Del Rio, plans to attend California Lutheran University to pursue a degree in either math or science and go into the the medical field.



Randle Porte plans to attend Ventura College for two years to finish basic courses and then transfer to UCLA to study aeronautical engineering and software engineering.



Fernando Hernandez will be attending the University of Michigan to study biology or aerospace engineering.



Zachary Robinson (I) and Isaiah Robinson will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona. Zachary plans to get a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering focusing on Robotics. Isaiah will pursue a Degree in Aeronautical Science and become a pilot.





Kayla Kotake would like to become a Pediatric Physical Therapist by studying Kinesiology at University of Southern California.

Nicholas Abel Saavedra will be attending MIT in Boston, MA, this year. He will be studying for a career in engineering.



June 13 - Get to Know Your Optimist—Speaker—Aaron Aronson



Aaron shared with the members an amazing history lesson and story that certainly could be made into a book and/or a movie. His father, and his parents, who owned a small store, were born in Russia. They endured the brutal atrocities committed against Jewish Russians by the Cossacks. The pogroms and other oppressions of the Tsarist period between 1880 and 1914 drove millions of Jews to the United Kingdom and United States.

His father served in the Mule Corps during WWI fighting in Egypt in one of

many battles throughout the years leading up to and culminating in the establishment of the modern nation state of Israel on May 14, 1948! After WWI Aaron's father came to America and lived in Johnstown, PA, and then Detroit, MI. As a result of the Stock Market crash of 1929 his dad lost five houses that he had acquired over a long period of hard work as a wagon riding "junk man" and salesman. Aaron helped his dad and at a very early age learned how to drive the truck.

In Detroit he met and married Diane, his charming, witty and very intelligent companion for the past "few" decades!!! They moved to California with \$121 in their possession, and, through a cousin, who lived in Culver City, Aaron got jobs in connection with the movie studios and eventually became a driver for some of the big name stars. We could not begin to list all the characters he chauffeured around to early morning shoots and the funny, bazaar and scandalous stories he can tell. (This is where writing a book could be very appropriate and interesting.) When you get a chance to chat with him, please ask about Raymond Burr's "1 p.m. sickness," the two versions of "Terminator" with Arnold Schwarzenegger, or what a gentleman James Garner always was...



Aaron and Diane have two sons and five grandchildren! Their older son helped sponsor the Camarillo Optimist Club Youth Benefit Golf Tournament with a Tee sign advertising his very successful glass business. Their other son, and his family, lives in Seattle, WA. Aaron wasted no time in helping the Optimist Club when he graciously volunteered to help with the January Walk for Youth fun fundraiser by helping sign in participants with Shig Yabu. Aaron has been a terrific public relations advocate for the club by extolling the many activities and events we sponsor to help youth in our community. WELCOME ABOARD!

Hello... Induction of our three newest members—Kim Stephenson,



Brian Morgen, and Kris Devillers (framed by Club sponsors Jeanette Bassett, and Ada Lee Sullivan on the left and Howard Hoover on the right) on June 27.

Good-bye... RaeAnne Michael, longtime member and retiring Superintendent of the PVSD, was honored by the Optimist Club for the programs and support she has given to help kids in the community—“Red Ribbon Week Writing Contest,” “Christmas for Needy Families,” Junior Optimist Clubs, and more. The Optimists wished her a great retirement and many fun family years ahead.



Many thanks to those of you who glanced through the last newsletter and caught some of the mistakes—especially to the reader that noted the “Filler” section jokes were stale. At least it tells me somebody read them.

Please feel free to send me any “good” jokes you come across and any stories you think should be included in the next rag. In the past Roger Ransom had a “FOR SALE” advertisement section that I would be happy to include. So if you are trying to unload that racy red Maserati, or, ok, that 20 year-old blue Buick, or anything else, it can be done—no charge.

Remember, the newsletters are loaded and saved on our website: www.camarillooptimistclub.org for the public to view going back to last September and as long as the Optimist Club requests... Ron

President’s Message

As we begin our summer vacation, it is good to reflect on this past school year. I think we have had a really good year. We have seven new members – YEA! Unfortunately we have lost a few – 2 have resigned and one, Stan Daily, passed away. Stan is a big loss as a friend as well as a member. But, we are up four members and that is very good for us.

Our fundraisers were better than the prior year especially the Walk for Youth and the Golf Tournament. And, we did something new and exciting, sponsoring the Candidate Forum for the VC District 3 Supervisor race. Well planned, well executed and well attended – and, I think we had fun.

We had great JOOI Club participation and events. Red Ribbon Week essays were both charming and powerful. We had a really good heart-warming Holiday Party at PVSEA. The participation in our Youth We Appreciate was

great and always so rewarding. Our Youth Banquet was very well attended and went off without a hitch. We had excellent Essay Contest winners. Our scholarship candidates were excellent as well and the winners were exceptionally impressive. And, we all share in all of these successes

One of the final events of the school year that Jeanette and I attended was the Scholarship Awards Ceremony at the Youth Authority. This event was also impressive and heart-warming. We are most hopeful that these young people have turned their lives around and will be successful in the future. We must keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Enjoy any planned activities in July and I look forward to seeing you again in August.



Optimist Club Calendar

July - No Meetings are scheduled

August 1 - Get to know your Optimist Club members—Tribute to Shirley Seaver

August 8 - Debbie Maki & Robert Waggoner

August 15 - Dr. Kris DeVillers

August 22 - Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park - Mike Mishler

August 29 - Health Breakthrough - John Chamberlin

September 5 - No Meeting - Labor Day Holiday

Filler:

Words of Wisdom

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone? That's common sense leaving your body.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to change calling the bathroom the John and renamed it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

Old age is coming at a really bad time. When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is..."I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

I don't have gray hair, I have "wisdom highlights." I'm just very wise.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course I talk to myself, some times I need expert advice.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

"...learn to live in the moment with love, peace, forgiveness and compassion" — Janet Bennett

Have a fun, memorable and relaxing summer!

