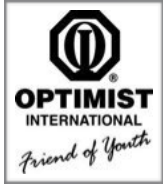


CAMARILLO NOONTIME OPTIMIST CLUB

News Brief

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

Sept. 12, 2016 David M. Smith Entertains Us

Former Camarillo Noontime Club member and past-president, **David M. Smith**, stopped by at the regular Monday meeting to tell everyone that he is retired from the Financial Planning Business and is embarking on a new calling—**Standup Comedian**. Although he got a lot of laughs from his former club members, friends, sons and visitors while telling some great jokes, he said his wife let out the loudest hoot when he shared this new venture with her for the first time!



Longtime friend and Optimist Club member, **Howard Hoover**,



introduced David, and talked about many of his city, business and community accomplishments. When sharing one of his Camarillo City Council experiences, he asked **Larry Davis** why he wouldn't support me, and he said Larry (jokingly) replied, "I don't like you!" He got a lot of laughs, too, from his list of "advantages of being bald." One of which was —"You don't have to listen to your barber's bad jokes anymore."



Standup comedians demand and usually get a respectable compensation. After what must have been some tricky negotiations and old time banter with **Howard, David** not only did not charge his usual going rate of hundreds of dollars per performance, he gave the Camarillo Noontime Optimist Club a very generous donation for its many kids programs and activities!!!

To the left is a beautiful tall ship drawing by his granddaughter, Jasmine. She was inspired to draw and overcome some early school shyness while attending a field trip setup by **Joyce Amer** a number of years ago.

Knowing the talent and experience **David** has acquired over the years dealing with clients, city council partners, the public, club members, friends, etc., he will certainly have a lot of material

for his new stage career. We look forward to seeing him soon on Saturday Night Live.

(l-r) below: David's sons—Brandon and Eric; Jerry Purdy, Audrey Purkiss, Mark Mehrali, Fred Phips, Mary Buzzell, David Smith, and Howard Hoover.



News Flash—The JOOI Clubs will be called “JOI Clubs” since the OI Convention dropped the word “Octagon” this summer!!! Please pass the word onto all the school club advisors and principals planning to print shirts or something else this coming year.

September 19, 2016 Ventura County Grand Jury

David Gale and Carlos Mestas (pictured l-r with **Ada Lee Sullivan**, our club president, and **Mike Kroll**, our guest recruiter for the day) from the Ventura County Grand Jury shared the latest information and activities for the year. They noted that the Grand Jury has a very big job—examining all aspects of County government and 10 city governments, special districts (such as school, water, harbor, etc.) and agencies to determine whether the best interests of Ventura County residents are being served.



They noted that the Grand Jury is authorized to:

1. investigate complaints pertaining to local governments;
2. verify the public funds are properly accounted for and legally spent;
3. inspect conditions of all detention centers and jails;
- and 4. inquire into charges of willful misconduct by public officials or employees.

To serve on the Grand Jury they listed the following qualifications:

1. Be a citizen of the US, 18 years old or older (they noted that most of the Optimist Club members would more than qualify...), be a resident of Ventura County for one year;
2. Be of ordinary intelligence (some of us would qualify there...), sound judgment, and fair character (OK, we all qualify there...);
3. Have functional knowledge of the English language. Persons selected for the Grand Jury serve a one-year term, July 1 through June 30. Members usually serve between 15 and 30 hours a week.

Additional information is available at: www.ventura.org/grand-jury or you can call (805) 477-1600.

News Flash #2—Adolfo Camarillo High School is pursuing a new JOI Club for the coming year. Added to the other schools from last year, this will make seven in our community!!!

Mark Your Calendar—

September 26 - Candidate for Camarillo City Council - Matt Lorimer

October 3 - Candidate for Camarillo City Council - Tony Trembley

October 10 - No Meeting - Columbus Day Holiday

October 17 - Candidate for Camarillo City Council - Bill Little

October 24 - Candidate for Camarillo City Council - Jameson Lingl

October 31 - Candidate for Camarillo City Council - Kevin Kildee

November 7 - Al Limon, Remax Realty, The Real Estate Market

November 14 - Shig Yabu and guests, “A Boy Heart Mountain” and lots more...

November 21 - Tony Stafford, General Manager of the Camrosa Water District

November 21 or 22 - Koeze Nut Holiday Fundraiser Orders due...

SAVE THE DATES EVENTS

Fri., Sep. 30, 2016, AWARDS AND INSTALLATION DINNER—Boys and Girls Club 6:30 pm

Nov. 10, 2016, RED RIBBON WRITING CONTEST—School TBA

Dec. TBA, 2016, Christmas for Needy Families Program—Las Posas School

Sat., Jan. 28, 2017, WALK FOR YOUTH—Arneill Ranch Park

Thurs., Mar. 16, 2017, YOUTH BANQUET—Camarillo Civic Center

Fri., May 5, 2017, OPTIMIST GOLF TOURNAMENT—Sterling Hills CC

The Koeze Nut and Candy Holiday Fundraiser helps our Optimist Club start the year funding the JOI Club memberships, Red Ribbon Week Writing Contest prizes, Xmas for Needy Family gifts, etc. For those

new members and very generous members who have ordered in the past, catalogues and order forms are now available at every Monday meeting. Please call Ron 484-1343 or Jeanette 388-2195 if you need them delivered. Thank you so much for your past support.

Roger Ransom, your talented, witty, informative and always hilarious Optimist Club monthly newsletter editor for many years (now retired), and the Club Board authorized more frequent “News Briefs” (like this one) to help the club get information about events and activities to our members and friends. In the year ahead we will try to do a weekly short news brief along with the Monday meeting announcements. We hope this will keep you better informed.

**Many thanks to Janna and others for finding those “planted” mistakes in the last newsletter. Keep up the considerate checking and reporting so they can be corrected on the website:
www.camarillooptimistclub.org**

Filler...

**The police officer asked, “You drinking?”
I replied, “You buying?”
We just laughed and laughed.
I need bail money...**

**Husbands are the best people to share secrets with.
They will never tell anyone, because they aren’t ever listening.**

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented... I forgot where I was going with this.

I love being over 70... I learn something new every day... and forget 5 others.

