

# CAMARILLO NOONTIME OPTIMIST CLUB

## News Brief

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



### Inspiration and Pride Abound at the 32nd Annual Optimist Club Installation and Awards Dinner September 30, 2016



Dana LaMon (far left), the Governor of Optimist International of the PSWD, a blind African-American and former judge, retired last year's Board and installed the members for the coming year. He has been providing professional speaking services since 1991. He earned the title of World Champion of Public Speaking from Toastmasters International in 1992. He has spoken to audiences from Asia to Australia to South Africa, including more than 35 states of the U.S. inspiring and motivating his listeners.

Pictured with Governor LaMon from (l-r) Frank Roth, Ada Lee Sullivan, Jeanette Bassett, Ron Klemann, Roger Ransom, Mike Kroll, David Stone and Howard Hoover. Below are the new Officers and Board members—Frank Roth, Ron Klemann, Ada Lee Sullivan, David Stone, Jeanette Bassett, Luci Pommers, Howard Hoover, Janna Visser and Larry Davis.



The Installation and Awards Dinner was organized and planned by **Janna Visser and Jeanette Bassett** with lots of help and support from the Optimist Club members and friends (as you will see in some of the pictures below). The **Master of Ceremonies** for the evening was **Frank Roth** and greetings were shared by **Lt. Governor Roanna Prell**.

After the dinner, which was prepared and served by **DJ's Catering Services**, **Ada Lee Sullivan**, our **outgoing president**, presented the **Community Appreciation Awards** to three outstanding local individuals—**Jill McCrory—Achievement in Education** (longtime teacher from CAPE School), **Deputy David Boynton—Law Enforcement Officer of the Year** and **Captain Anthony Romero—Firefighter of the Year**.

Teacher—**Jill McCory**—with two of her students (one former and one current)—(left) **Sean Roth** a Newbury Park, HS, golf team member and longtime **Camarillo Noontime Optimist Club** helper, friend and event photographer; **Danny Roth**, his younger brother and CAPE student, and grandmother and **Club President—Ada Lee Sullivan**. (Below, l-r) **Deputy David Boynton** (right beside podium in red frame) and **Captain Anthony Romero**.



**Retired Judge and current Governor of the Optimist International PSWD shared a small part of his life and very moving thoughts as the keynote speaker at the Awards Dinner—**

**“When I was four years old, an event occurred that dramatically changed the direction of my life. I became blind. When I did, I could have adopted a life of self-pity; of questioning "why me;" of limitations imposed by others with their repeated refrain, "You're blind; you can't." I chose instead to use the abilities I have to live a full, complete, and purposeful life. This life is my only opportunity to do so.**

**You can choose to let circumstances and events dictate the course of your life, but doing so you miss a golden opportunity to make a difference. This life is your opportunity to shape the world. You can shape it knowingly or unconsciously; you can shape it with positive action or passive acquiescence. I recommend knowing, positive actions as you shape the world. What you do at home shapes the world; what you do on the job shapes the world; what you do in your community shapes the world. My mission is to help you ensure that what you do will be meaningful.**

**I provide keynotes, workshops, and other resources to motivate and inspire meaningful living. Life is meaningful when what you do showcases your talents and abilities, serves the good of humanity, shares love, and satisfies your soul.**

**Your life is too valuable to lose it on insignificance. Now is the moment to act. The speeches, books, and articles available here are developed to help you make choices and remove the clutter to create a path for making the moment meaningful--that is, a path to purpose and fulfillment.”**



### **Upcoming Event—RED RIBBON WRITING CONTEST AWARDS NIGHT**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
LOS PRIMEROS SCHOOL OF SCIENCES AND ARTS  
1555 KENDAL AVE., CAMARILLO, CA 93010**



**Luci Pommers, Al Limon, Ada Lee Sullivan, and Sean Roth** check in guests at the Installation Dinner (left).

(Below, l-r) **The Roth Boys, Ada Lee Sullivan, Pat Roth, Ken Wilhite and Nadine Wilhite** get a chance to socialize and do dinner.



## **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 musical guests, “A Boy from 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**

**Nov. 10, 2016, RED RIBBON WRITING AWARDS EVENT—5 to 7 p.m.—Los Primeros School of Sciences and Art—1555 Kendall Ave., Camarillo, CA 93010**

**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.**

## **FILLER: “THE ITALIAN MAMA”**

**Mrs. Castronova comes to visit her son Anthony for dinner. He lives with a female roommate, Maria. During the course of the meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how lovely Anthony's roommate is.**

**Throughout the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Anthony and his roommate that met the eye. Reading his mom's thoughts, Anthony volunteered, “I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Maria and I are just roommates.”**

**About a week later, Maria came to Anthony saying, “Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the silver sugar bowl. You don't suppose she took it, do you?”**

**“Well, I doubt it, but I’ll email her, just to be sure.” So he sat down and wrote an email:**

**Dear Mama,**

**I’m not saying that you “did” take the sugar bowl from my house; I’m not saying that you “did not” take it. But the fact remains that it has been missing every since you were here for dinner.**

**Your Loving Son, Anthony**

**A few day later, Anthony received a response email from his Mama which read:**

**Dear Son,**

**I’m not saying that you “do” sleep with Maria, and I’m not saying that you “do not” sleep with her. But the fact remains that if she was sleeping in her OWN bed, she would have found the sugar bowl by now.**

**Your Loving Mama**