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A MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE GARDENA EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB
ZONE 2 – PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OF OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

President's Message —

March started off with a **Zone meeting with Lt. Governor Minu Chagolla** at the Optimist Youth Home meeting on March 1st. A bevy of information on the Youth Homes and upcoming events were announced.



. GEO is proud to sponsor several **Jr. Blind athletes** in the upcoming Olympics.

American Cancer Society staff partner, Salvador Velasco introduced club members to the upcoming **Relay for Life in Gardena** and presented a talk on cancer awareness at the March 2nd club meeting.

GEO Senior Basketball teams are off and running! Our best wishes for a great season to the athletes and their parents. Go Teams!! Thanks to **Kathy Fujii** for a great job.

Boy Scout Troop 683 produced two more **Eagle Scouts** on March 14th. **Ryan Akiyama** and **Brett Sakaguchi**, along with their families and other Scouts presented a fabulous program and great food at their Court of Honor. We are very proud of Ryan and Brett, recipients of our Youth Appreciation Awards.



The Depot Restaurant was the venue for our **Essay Contest** on March 16th. We had the pleasure of hearing the excellent Essays from our winners and inspiring words of wisdom from Daily Breeze Assistant Editor, Sylvia Masuda. Terry Terauchi did his usual wonderful job as the Master of Ceremonies

Great Job to Jim and his committee for a great evening!

April has been proclaimed, by the city of Gardena, as **Internet Safety** month. Our newest Optimist International program will help to protect our children as they become involved with the workings of the computer and their exposure to the Internet.

Club nominations and elections are coming up in **April and May**, so if you want great representation, please voice your interests in the nominations. Don't take a back seat to this important event of the club. If you haven't been to a club meeting or event recently, **please come on out**. I am proud to say that the Board has been working hard and we have been making great strides in offering opportunities for the kids in the community!

Casino Night 2010 is coming up on **April 24th at JCI**. Contact **Emory Tamashiro, Dave Allen or any Board Member** to get your tickets for an evening of **"fun"draising**. Texas Hold Em Poker, Blackjack, Roulette and Craps, along with food, music and raffle prizes will round out a perfect evening that will greatly benefit the youth of our community.

Happy Easter and Yours in Optimism,

Jeanette

GEO RECEIVES AWARD!

April Proclaimed as Optimist Internet Safety Month



GEO Members Jim Carroll and Ron Shintani accept City's Optimist Internet Safety Proclamation from Mayor Pro Tem Dan Medina

TO BE PROCLAIMED S.B. (4)

**OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
INTERNATIONAL INTERNET SAFETY
MONTH – APRIL 2010**

Internet safety is a growing concern facing children, worldwide, as almost all young people have access to the Internet, either at home, at school, at a friend's home, or at a local library.

The popularity of social networking sites has shown an increase in the posting of youth and teens' personal information online; and the Internet often serves as a positive and powerful area for this socializing and learning. However, the use of the Internet also brings about risks to their safety, including the dangers of sexual solicitation, online harassment and bullying, and exposure to illegal content.

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Therefore, I, Paul K. Tanaka, Mayor of the City of Gardena, California, in agreement with this effort, do hereby proclaim APRIL 2010, to be

**OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
INTERNET SAFETY MONTH**

and remind citizens of all ages of the wonderful resources found on the Internet, but also of the possible, personal safety risks they may encounter if not educated about taking appropriate precautions when online

LOCAL STUDENTS WIN OPTIMIST CLUB ESSAY CONTEST



The Gardena Evening Optimist Club presented awards to the winners of their 2010 Essay Contest based on a theme of "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?" at a special Awards Banquet on March 16th at The Depot Restaurant. First place winner was Brian Ruben, 14 years old and an 8th Grader from Calle Mayor Middle School in Torrance; second place was Evan Christensen, 18 years old, from Redondo Union High School in Redondo Beach; and third place was Grace Hayashi, 18 years old currently from Westmont College and a resident of Torrance. "Congratulations to our winners for their excellent essays and also to all our participants. It takes a tremendous amount of dedication and effort to compose an original essay and to articulate your thoughts coherently and convincingly in just 400-500 words,"

Club President Jeanette Mena



Gardena Evening Optimist Club 2010 Casino Night and Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament



Saturday April 24, 2010
JCI Nisei Vets Hall
1964 W. 162nd St.
Gardena

Poker Tournament Registration 5:00p.m.
Poker and Casino Games Start 5:30p.m.
Evening Concludes 10:30p.m.

**BLACKJACK
FOOD & DESSERTS**

**ROULETTE
BEVERAGES**

**POKER
MUSIC**

**CRAPS
RAFFLE**

Casino Night\$40.00
Texas Hold-em Tournament\$50.00
Casino Night & Poker Tournament\$80.00

For ticket sales information please contact
Dave Allen 310-323-0717 email: info@gardenaoptimist.org

The Gardena Evening Optimist Club cordially invites you
and your friends to join us for an evening of 'fun'draising!

All proceeds from this event will benefit the community
through the club's many youth service projects.

Your donation gets you chips for the tables, delicious food,
entertainment and a chance to win some great raffle prizes!

Sponsor Opportunities:
\$1000,\$500,\$250,\$100
Donations of Any Kind
Accepted!

Music & Raffle Prizes
Throughout the Evening!

Beer, Wine, Soda &
Water Available

NO ONE UNDER 21 ALLOWED



Gardena Evening Optimist Club 2010 Casino Night and Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament



Below are the opportunities for sponsorship at our April 24, 2010 Casino Night. We also have many opportunities for raffle and prize sponsors. All you need to do to become a sponsor for this great event is fill out the form on the back of this sheet and return it to your GEO representative or to the address below. Don't forget all sponsors are invited to attend our Casino Night which will be held at the JCI Nisei Vets Hall, 1964 West 162nd St. in Gardena. Proceeds from this event go back to the community in the form of youth programs and projects..

Presenting Sponsor: \$1000

- Company Name and Logo included in event title
- Your Name or Company Name on every table
- Full page recognition on the Center fold or inside cover of the event program
- Recognition in the GEO Optipinion Newsletter
- Opportunity to display product at the event
- 4 tickets to Poker and Casino Night

Dinner Sponsor: \$500

- Your Name or Company Name on a sign at the food table
- Recognition on the event banner
- Recognition in the event program
- Recognition in the GEO Optipinion Newsletter
- Opportunity to display product at the event
- 2 tickets to Poker and Casino Night

Drink Sponsor: \$250

- Your Name or Company Name on a sign at the drink table
- Recognition on the event banner
- Recognition in the event program
- Recognition in the GEO Optipinion Newsletter
- Opportunity to display product at the event
- 2 tickets to Poker and Casino Night

Table Sponsor: \$100

- Your Name or Company Name on a sign at one poker or casino table
- Recognition in the event program
- Recognition in the GEO Optipinion Newsletter
- Opportunity to display product at the event

Entry to Poker Tournament and Casino Night: \$80

One ticket to both Poker & Casino Night (guarantees your fun after you drop out of Poker)

Entry to Poker Tournament Only: \$50; Entry to Casino Night Only: \$40

Gardena Evening Optimist Club Casino Night Committee
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April 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 	5	6 6:30 PM DINNER MEETING AT CHERYSTONES. GUEST AUTHOR SAMIA BOCTOR		8	9	10 JUNIOR BLIND OLYMPICS
11	12	13 6:30 GEO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT THE JCI.. MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 6:30 CLUB MEETING AT CHERRY-STONES. SOUTH BAY FAMILY HEALTH CARE.	21	22	23	24 5:00 PM CASINO NIGHT 2010 
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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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.

—Christian D. Larson

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