



The Orange Coast Optimist Club
of
Garden Grove
Rak Kan News

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Greetings from the President . . .

As you read this newsletter, you will see we have a lot of events already planned for you! For you new members, please come out and **participate**...just once. I guarantee you'll be hooked! your children will have a wonderful time at the OCO Halloween Party. This year, the Jr. Optimist Club is putting together an all-new special "Haunted Acres," just for the little kids who are not quite ready for the super scary "Haunted House" that will be put on by the Octagons! You and your whole family will enjoy this great event. Our installation banquet and new member induction is planned for November 16. Here we install our new officers and board of directors and formally welcome all our new members! As you will experience, the majority of the OCO functions are family oriented. So, "Bring the whole family," because we want you and your family to be a part of the OCO family. Give us a try...**PARTICIPATE!** You won't regret it!!!

Judy James

Election Results

OCO Board

President - Judy James
President Elect - Neddie Bokosky
First VP - Linda Kimoto
Second VP - Nori Nishida
Treasurer - Ellen Natsume
Secretary - Ann Joyce
Past President - Bob Kubo
Board of Directors - Cindy Goss, Vince
Hamasaki, Eileen Kato, Mitch Okuda,
Clay Sakurao, Glenn Tanaka
Appointed Officers:
SEYO Rep - Marsha Hamamoto, Les Ito
OCNCC Rep - Jesse James
OCO Octagon Advisor - Linda Kimoto
Rancho Octagon Adv - Eric Hamamoto
Jr. Optimist Advisor - Bob Kubo
Sergeant of Arms - Howard Kunihiro
Rak Kan News Editor - Stacey Yoshinaga
OCO Webmaster - Chris Kato

OCO Holiday Boutique

Holiday shoppers...save this date! Stop by the OCO Holiday Boutique and start your holiday shopping early!

Saturday, November 16
Rancho Alamitos High School Cafeteria
time to be determined

Looking for interested "vendors"...
please contact Stacey Yoshinaga if you are interested in reserving a table at which to sell your holiday gift ideas, crafts, etc.



Space is limited!

Stacey - 714-963-9366

OCO Youth Clubs plus more

Octagons

Hello, my fellow homo-sapiens! The month of October is here and we Octagons are planning big things. Just one of these is the Haunted House. On the day of October 26 you can count on us waiting for you in the Rancho Girl's gym, where the Haunted House will be held. We would like to thank in advance two of our members, Scott Tajima and Peter Park, for putting together the Haunted House. We are very ebullient and look forward to *scaring* you.

We also want to remind you that we are still doing the canned food drive, and it would be much appreciated for all of you to support us. The Octagons would also like to send out an enormously big thank you to Mrs. Okuda for taking the time to make costumes for our skit. Lindsey Shiomi and Dean Otsuka produced our skit and put everything together for the canned food drive. If you haven't seen the skit, don't worry, we are planning to do it again, as we know the older teams did not get to see it. The Octagons that were doing the skit got in a car accident. So we apologize to the older teams. On a lighter note, the canned food drive is coming along smoothly.

Lastly, we are preparing to begin patrolling the gym area. With the help of Jesse, we plan to be ready by the start of November. You can find us in our bright orange vests, with our walkie talkies and can of pepper spray.

Steven
Octagon Pres.

Sunday, December 1 First SEYO Basketball Games of the Season



(Basketball bag orders are currently being taken. See Linda Kimoto for more details.)

Junior Optimists

Back for another year by popular demand! We had over 60 seventh and eighth grade students at our first Junior Optimist meeting, held on October 12. It was a very busy meeting. We had OCO Halloween Party sign-ups, a video about UNICEF, and our election of our Club officers. It worked out so well last year, we are doing it again this year by having co-presidents.

This year's officers are:

Co-President: Kimberly Goss, Bryce Kubo
VP of Activities: Garrett James
VP of Membership: Chris Bartlett
Treasurer: Shannon Nishinaka

Congratulations to all the officers, and a thank you to the other nominees.

It is not too late to join the OCO Jr. Optimist club. Come to our next event -- OCO Halloween Party -- at Rancho Alamitos High School, October 26, at 1 p.m. Help us with the "Haunted Acres" or later that night at 6 p.m. Our meetings are the second Saturday of each month.

Looking for another *great* year!

Bob Kubo
Junior Optimist Advisor

Viva Las Vegas

Mark your calendars for
Saturday, February 15, 2003!
OCO will host the second annual
Casino Night
at the Orange County Buddhist Church.
You won't want to miss this
adults-only event.
Tickets will go on sale November 16,
so be sure to purchase them.
Invite your friends and family to a
fun evening of gambling, food,
entertainment, and good company!
Don't forget about the \$1,000 raffle...
YOU might be the lucky winner!

©©© Halloween Party



Don't miss the BEST party
of all time...

OCTOBER 26

The time: starts at 6 p.m. and ends at the witching hour
The place: Rancho Alamitos High School Cafeteria...the happening place

It is a Pot Luck Affair!

Each family should bring a *main dish*,
plus what is noted below based on your last name initial:

- A - H Salads, vegetables, *swamp grass*...
- I - M Appetizers, chips, *lady fingers*...
- N - R Rice dishes, *sushi with live unagi*...
- S - Z Cakes, cookies, pies, *brain pudding*...

It is sure to be a *screaming* and *howling* Halloween party!

There will be plenty of fun...a costume contest for the little ones, and a Grand Master contest for the others. And of course we'll have our Trick-or-Treat parade. *So be sure to bring goodies for at least 30.*

For all the little rugrats, the Junior Optimists will be presenting "Haunted Acres." Find your way through the never-ending MAZE, the TREES of HORROR, and find a place to bed down in the GRAVEYARD. Do not get caught in the undertow! Join us for a WILD and FUN time.

The Octagoons will have a super scary Haunted House for those who dare to try it!

Crafts, games, and a whole lot of fun!!!



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Upcoming Events

October -

26 - Halloween Party

November -

9 - Team Rep Meeting

16 - OCO Installation Meeting and
Holiday Boutique

December -

1 - First SEYO Game

8 - Hylond Home Christmas Party

29 - Mochi Tsuki @ Tanaka Farms

January -

4 - Basketball Practice Resumes

11 - OCO Picture Day (tentative)

25 - OCO Night at Chapman
University

February -

8 - Tri-Star Competition

15 - OCO Casino Night Fundraiser

16 - No Basketball Games

23 - Last Basketball Games

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moral, and civic development
of the youths in every community.

Be sure to check the OCO Website -
www.ocoyouth.org