

The Orange Coast Optimist Club  
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Santa Ana

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**GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

There are only two things in life that you can depend on — TAXES and OCO. On April 15<sup>th</sup> you were reminded of one and the OCO 3-on-3 Tournament is an example of the other. I was amazed again, how we pull this off with a lot of phone calls and e-mails and **the tremendous effort and hard work of Teddy**. We had parents and coaches spending their weekends at the gym commissioning games, Octagons and Junior Optimist scorekeeping and running a snackbar, the paperwork, the t-shirts/sweatshirts (very organized, there must have been some Kimoto involvement), and of course all the players. This shows the power of OCO, this commitment to volunteer for the benefit others — in this case, it was over 500 kids having a whole lot of fun.

Another example of the OCO spirit was a conversation I had with our Commissioner of Commissioners, Glenn Tanaka. During the hundreds of games and thousands of referee's calls, there bound to be a few missed calls with angry coaches and parents. After one of these few exchanges, was Glenn upset at the referee, commissioner, scorekeeper, parent, or coach. No he was bothered that this one call would ruin the joy of the game for the kids and parents. He knows the 'win-loss' should be decided on the court with the players — what a true Optimist.

Don't ask, I just love the pressure... your procrastinating-last minute tax filing president, bob

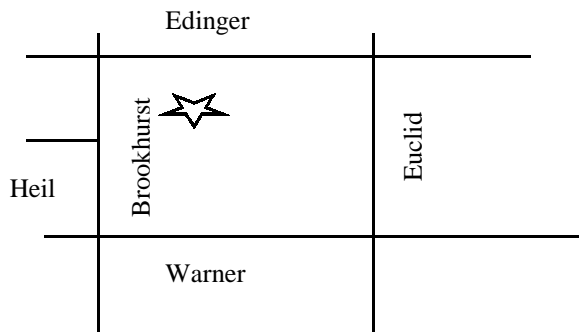
**OCO  
SCHOLARSHIP  
BANQUET**



The academic year of 2000-2001 is coming to an end soon and with that, we are once again honoring graduating seniors and the presidents of our youth service clubs at the annual Scholarship Banquet. At this very important program for OCO we will be awarding over \$10,000 in scholarships and awards! We will also be honoring the winners of our Oratorical Contest! This is a great opportunity for your children to see great role models and get an ideal of what they can achieve in their high school years!! Once again, the banquet will be held at the Amada Club on Thursday evening, May 17th beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner will be \$18.25 for adults, chicken teriyaki, vegetables, rice, bread, and dessert; and \$10.00 for children, sesame chicken, french fries, cole slaw and dessert. Please R.S.V.P. to Greg Kimura @ (714) 377-4400 or e-mail to [gkimura@socal.rr.com](mailto:gkimura@socal.rr.com) by May 9th.

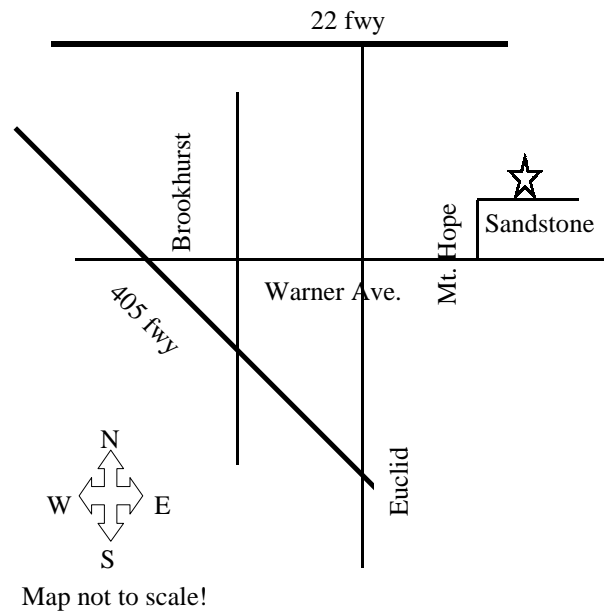
**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME . . .**

The OCO baseball season has officially begun!! A coaches/parent clinic was held on Sunday, April 29th at Miles Square Park. Jesse had them practicing all the drills the kids will be doing! It was a sight to see! Beginning this Sunday, May 6th, we will be holding baseball clinics for any child interested in playing at the Mile Square Park Little League fields from 2:00 to 4:00. Clinics will be held on May 6th, 20th, and 28th. The official SEYO baseball league will begin on June 3rd. Sign ups will also be held at the clinics. The cost is \$20 for Coaches Pitch-Pee Wee Lower, \$40 for Pee Wee Upper and up. This cost is the registration fee only, it does not include the cost of the uniform. For more info, please call Jesse @ (714) 531-1875 or e-mail him at [jessed-james@ocoyouth.org](mailto:jessed-james@ocoyouth.org).



**"T-BALL TIME"**

It's T-Ball time again!! T-Ball is for children 5-6 years old as of Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 2000. The program will take place on Saturdays, May 19 thru June 30, (except for May 26th) from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Northcutt Elementary School, 11303 Sandstone Ave., Fountain Valley (see map below). The fee is \$35, this includes a shirt and cap. For more info on this program, please contact Jesse James @ (714) 531-1875 or e-mail him at [jessedjames@ocoyouth.org](mailto:jessedjames@ocoyouth.org).



**STEAK DINNER**

Our major fundraising event, "The Steak Dinner" is scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2001, at the Orange County Buddhist Church, in the gym! The dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the drawing will begin at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$100 per ticket, this entitles the bearer to two (2) adult dinners (\$50 tax deductible) and a chance to win the grand prize of \$5,000.00. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased for \$20 for ages 16 & up, \$10 for ages 13-15 and children 12 and under eat free! All our programs at OCO are funded by this fundraiser and our annual golf tournament, so come out and support OCO!! Even if you cannot attend, please purchase a ticket to show your support and enter the chance of winning the grand prize! We are in need of donations, whether they are merchandise or gift certificates. Please contact Judy James @ (714) 531-1875 or via e-mail @ [judyjames@socal.rr.com](mailto:judyjames@socal.rr.com) if you have something you would like to donate or would like to purchase a ticket or if you just have questions regarding this event!! Looking forward to seeing you all there!!!!



**ORANGE COUNTY  
NIKKEI  
JUNIOR GOLF**

The OCNJG will once again sponsor the Junior Golf Clinics. The details have not yet been finalized. Please look on our web site for updates on this program. For any questions, please call Jeanne Tsuruta @ (714) 828-5151 or Ellen Natsume (949) 367-0757.

**OCO BASKETBALL CAMP**

The first session of the OCO Basketball Camp will be held on July 30 through August 3; second session will run from August 6 through August 10. The camp is held at Rancho Alamitos High School, 11135 Dale St., Garden Grove from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily, daycare after 3:00 is available for no cost). The cost for each session is \$100 per camper, this includes a shirt and ball, an additional \$10 will be charged for registration after the June 30th deadline! For more information or an application, please contact Linda Kimoto @ (714) 842-7822 or via e-mail at Lkimoto@aol.com.

**NIKKEI GAMES**

This year **The Nikkei Games: Games for the Generations** will be held on August 18 & 19. The Games include track and field, karate, martial arts demonstrations, golf, judo, gateball, volleyball, Kendo, Naginata, Nanshiki, youth All-Star baseball games, adult baseball, adult softball, taiko demonstrations, youth 3-on-3 basketball, adult 3-on-3 basketball and bowling. Applications will be available soon through the web site. Please keep a look out for these! The website is [www.apc.net/pat\\_wong/nikkei.html](http://www.apc.net/pat_wong/nikkei.html). For more information on the Games or sponsor information, please call Jesse James @ (714) 531-1875 or e-mail via [jessed-james@ocoyouth.org](mailto:jessed-james@ocoyouth.org).

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:**

I apologize for slacking on my job during the past couple issues !! No excuses!! Next year, I will be taking the job of "President", therefore, my editor job will be available to anyone who is interested! If you are interested, please contact me @ (714) 531-1875 or e-mail me at [judyjames@socal.rr.com](mailto:judyjames@socal.rr.com)

**OCO 3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT**

Teddy has done it once again!! During the weekend of March 31-April 1, OCO held another successful 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament!! But he could not have done it without the fabulous help of all the division commissioners: Nori Nishida, Dean Ozawa, Dave Tanabe, Ann Joyce, Mitch Okuda, Caryn Ito, Marsha Hamamoto, Duane Asao, Wallace Chan, Curtis Siu, Bob Kubo, Jed Shiraki, Masa James, and Renee Kimoto; Glenn Tanaka & Alvin Hagino for recruiting court commissioners; Linda Kimoto for taking care of the shirts and sweatshirts; Christine Kimoto for taking care of the scorekeepers; Jesse James for securing the gyms; all the Octagons who refereed and kept score; and all the OCO volunteers who got involved!!! We're looking forward to the Nikkei Games 3-on-3!!!

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***DATES TO REMEMBER . . .***

MAY 6 BASEBALL CLINIC @ MILE SQUARE PARK, 2:00-4:00 P.M.

MAY 17 SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET @ US Amada

MAY 19 T-BALL CLINIC @ Northcutt Elementary School

JUNE 9 OCO STEAK DINNER @ OCBC, 5:30

JULY ??? JR. GOLF TO BEGIN

JULY 30-AUG 3 OCO BASKETBALL SESSION I

AUG 6—AUG 10 OCO BASKETBALL SESSION II

AUG 18-19 NIKKEI GAMES

**WEB SITES addresses**

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