



THE ORACLE

Optimist Club of Plant City
P.O. Box 1755, Plant City FL 33564-1755

Late November, 2006



YOUTH APPRECIATION NIGHT

It was a great evening of recognition for outstanding area youths at the annual Plant City Optimist Club Youth Appreciation Banquet, held Monday, November 6 at the Recreation & Parks Department conference room. Our guest speaker was Cindy Churchill, Executive Director of Steppin' Stone Farm, who spoke to the students about keeping up the good work. Plant City High School Guidance Specialist Sherrie Mueller introduced five outstanding youths to the audience: Britney Balliet, Adam Batley, Ryan Consolver, Kellie Liess and Shane Sykes. Photos are on page 2 of this edition of the Oracle. Special thanks to our youths, our guests and to Jeff Arnold, Mike and Melanie Williamson and Walt Arnold for their assistance in organizing the event.

TREE LOT SET-UP

We need a motley crew of construction workers to show up at 8:00am on Saturday, November 18 to get the tree lot ready for use this year. Bring your ladder, allen wrench set and gloves. Your help is needed at our new site at Plant City High School, on the corner of Maki Road and West Alexander Street. Be there!

TREE LOT WORK SCHEDULE

In case you haven't noticed in the past, the trees don't just jump off the lot and into the buyer's cars themselves. We must have the help of the entire club to sell both trees and our club's activities for the four weeks that the lot is open. Your help is needed on Sunday November 19 at 1:00pm to help unload trees and you may get to play in the snow pack that sometimes comes with them. Then, the lot opens on Monday November 20 and we need staff on hand each evening to sell trees and spread the good word on what our club does for the community. Sign up to work at least three weekend shifts and two weeknight shifts at the lot. It takes 21 members to properly cover a Friday evening-Saturday-Sunday weekend on the lot. Please do your part, sign up and work!

CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT

Pat and Darcy Stottlemeyer (813-759-1019) are working on the club's entry into the Christmas Parade on December 1. More details next time, but we need walkers (teens and up) to hand out candy as well as riders on the float (younger players in uniform). Contact Pat or Darcy to volunteer!

FLAG FOOTBALL'S 40TH SEASON

Check out page 3 of this Oracle for a wrap-up of the 40th season of the Plant City Rec & Parks Department / Optimist Youth Flag Football program. Cheers to Jeff Arnold, League Director and the other members and their children that work in the league.

STEPPIN' STONE GIFT LIST

Keep an eye out for the Steppin' Stone Gift List, which will be posted at the tree lot by December 1st. Walt Arnold (813-752-1602) will gather the info and confirm all gifts are secured for Santa's trip to Keysville this December 18. More next month!

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ✓ Saturday, November 18 - Set up Tree Lot 8:00am.
- ✓ Sunday, November 19 - Trees arrive 1:00pm.
- ✓ Monday, November 20 - Tree Lot opens, 7:00pm meeting at the Tree Lot
- ✓ Friday, December 1 - Christmas Parade.
- ✓ Monday, December 4 - Meeting at Tree Lot, 7:00pm - food provided by the Club.
- ✓ Saturday, December 16 - Break down Tree lot.
- ✓ Monday, December 18 - Steppin' Stone Party.

2006-2007 OFFICERS

Jeff Arnold, President (813-707-8373)
Jack Holland, 1st Vice President (813-752-2057)
Jeb Hicks, 2nd Vice President (813-754-8804)
Paul Woods, Secretary/Treasurer (813-752-0356)
Walt Arnold, Sergeant at Arms (813-752-1602)



BOARD MEMBERS

Pat Stottlemeyer, Past President
2006-2008:
Dave Robbins - Walt Arnold - Steve Kennedy
2006-2007:
Bernie Reynolds - Carl Hinson - Cal Calhoun





40 YEARS OF FLAG FOOTBALL!

The 2006 season had 360 players on 36 teams playing 143 games and scoring 3,253 points (not counting Munchkin League scores) over the 7 week regular season and tournament week. Thanks to the members and their offspring that helped referee and administer the program!

