



THE ORACLE

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

Early December, 2006



TREE LOT WORK SCHEDULE

The first four trees went out on opening day Monday 11/20... only +/- 600 more to go! Dave Robbins and Walt Arnold are doing a great job covering the weekday 9a-5p shifts. Please be sure to check with Jeff Arnold (813-707-8373) and get your name onto the Tree Lot work schedule. It takes 21 members to properly cover a Friday evening-all day Saturday-all day Sunday (7 shifts total) weekend on the lot. We need each member to work three weekend shifts (9a-1p, 1p-5p, 5p-9p) and two week day shifts (5p-9p) so the Lot is covered without some members working too many shifts. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year requiring all members to help out. Do your part and share the load of work... sign up with Jeff today!

CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT

Pat and Darcy Stottlemeyer (813-759-1019) are working on the club's entry into the Christmas Parade on December 1. We need walkers (teens and up in ref or team uniform) to hand out candy as well as riders on the float (younger players in uniform). Hopefully the member shirts and hats will be back in time for the parade. Walt Arnold (813-752-1602) is securing the candy to hand out. If anyone has access to any special handouts (i.e.: free coupons for food at restaurants, sample snacks, etc.), please call Walt and let him know. We will meet at the Tree Lot at 5:00pm for pizza and leave toward the line-up at 5:30pm, returning to the Tree Lot following the parade. Parade route is from the Masonic Lodge near the hospital eastward through town on Reynolds Street to the courthouse.

STEPPIN' STONE GIFT LIST AND CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Get your name off the attached Steppin' Stone gift list, which is also posted at the Tree Lot. Christmas Social Co-Chairmen Walt Arnold (813-752-1602) and Jim Sun (813-707-9165) will confirm that all gifts are secured for Santa's trip to Keysville. Gift price should be around \$20-\$30 and sized according to the list. Be sure to PRINT the name LARGELY so that Santa can see it, and also attach it firmly to the package! All gifts (Steppin' Stone and member children) need to be at the Tree Lot by 5:00pm on December 18. Remember to bring a finger food of some sort, and lots of it as we will have the 27 girls, staff and our members and families - probably near 100 people total. The caravan from the Tree Lot leaves at 6:00 sharp, everyone should be on site at Steppin' Stone Farm by 6:30pm. This is a club tradition since 1978, so be there for the fun!

TREE LOT IS SET-UP AND TREES ARE UNLOADED IN RECORD TIME!

We had a great group of workers setting up the lot and unloading trees! It was awesome to see the high school students (and possible future members) come out and assist. Many hands do make lighter work! See page 2 and 3 for photos... On Saturday November 18, the lot was set up in record time (less than 3 hours) with the help of Jeff Arnold, Walt Arnold, Cal Calhoun, Jeb Hicks, Carl Hinson, Jack Holland, John Knight, Scott Lawson, Jim Robertson, Reggie Sitze, Darcy Stottlemeyer, Pat Stottlemeyer, Jim Sun, Mike Williamson and six PCHS students. On Sunday November 19, the 600+ trees were unloaded in just one hour with the help of Jeff Arnold, Walt Arnold, Tony Azorin**, Jeff Batley, Cal Calhoun, Jeb Hicks, Carl Hinson, Doug Hippler, Jack Holland, Scott Lawson, Dave Robbins, Reggie Sitze, Jim Sun, Mike Williamson, Paul Woods and 14 PCHS students, including member sons Adam Batley, Zack Batley, David Byars, Jake Hippler, Travis Hippler, Jeff Knight and Doug Sitze. (** Tony knows why the asterisks are there... ask him!)

** DECEMBER 4 MEETING CHANGED **

Due to a conflict with youth basketball call-out for team assignment, we have changed the December 4 meeting to **December 11 at 7:00pm at the Tree Lot**. Sausages and hot dogs provided. Be sure to come out and be a part of the group and get an update on the Tree Lot progress.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ✓ Friday, Dec. 1 - Christmas Parade, 5:00 at the Tree Lot.
- ✓ Monday, Dec. 11 - Meeting at Tree Lot, 7:00pm - food provided by the Club (changed from Dec. 4).
- ✓ Saturday, Dec. 16 - Break down Tree Lot (hopefully!).
- ✓ Monday, Dec. 18 - Steppin' Stone Party, 6:00 at Tree Lot.

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

TREE LOT SET-UP NOVEMBER 18, 2006



THANKS TO THE PLANT CITY HIGH STUDENTS FOR THEIR HELP!



TREE UNLOADING NOVEMBER 19, 2006



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DAVE AND HIS SONS-IN-LAW...

