



THE ORACLE

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

Late December, 2006



TREE LOT A HUGE SUCCESS

Even with an additional 100 trees purchased to supplement our original order of 610 trees, WE HAVE SOLD OUT ALREADY without any problem. President Jeff Arnold has been diligent in getting members to sign up to work and we have had a very positive response from the Club. Dave Robbins and Walt Arnold have covered the 9am to 5pm shifts virtually every weekday. Thanks to every member and the many P.C.H.S. volunteers for their help in working the Lot this season!

CHRISTMAS PARADE TURNOUT WAS EXCEPTIONAL

Thanks to the over 60 members, their families and guests that attended the pre-parade pizza party at the Tree Lot and then participated in the parade. Pat and Darcy Stottlemeyer did a great job building the float and coordinating the truck, trailer and drivers (4) from Keith Valentine at Florida Landscape Doctor. Walt Arnold, Jack Holland and Paul Woods organized the parade candy, food and drink. We all enjoyed dessert from Jared Arnold's 9th birthday cake as well. Thanks to Gene Bowman, Tim Shuff, and Paul Woods for manning the Lot during the parade. At the risk of missing someone, thanks to the parade walkers/riders (and total count for their group): Jeff A (6), Walt A, David B (2), Jeff B (4), Cal C (5), Karen G (3), Doug H (3), Jack H, Stan H, Ben K (3), Scott L (7), Jeff O (5), Mike P (3), Jim R (2), Hunter S. Darcy S, Pat S, Jim S (4) and Mike W (4). Check out pages 2 and 3 of this Oracle for some photos of this fun event.

STEPPIN' STONE FARM GIFT LIST AND CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Every one should already have their name off the list provided by Christmas Social Co-Chairmen Walt Arnold (813-752-1602) and Jim Sun (813-707-9165). **Be sure to get your gift to Walt no later than 10:00am on Saturday, December 16.** 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! Remember to bring a finger food of some sort, and lots of it as we will have the 27 girls plus staff and our members and families - probably near 100 people total. The caravan from the Tree Lot leaves at 6:00pm sharp and everyone should be on-site at Steppin' Stone Farm by 6:30pm sharp. This is a club tradition since 1978, so be there for the fun! *Wear your new Optimist shirt (no hat) to the party!*

MEMBERS LOOK GREAT IN THE NEW SHIRTS AND HATS

Special thanks to Cal Calhoun (813-754-1189) who did a great job coordinating the member shirts and hats order. If you have not picked up yours yet, get it from Cal. Also, if you have not paid for yours, please see Paul Woods at the Steppin' Stone social (\$33.50 for the set, payable to the Club). If you did not order yours, a second order is being made... see Cal.

TREE LOT BREAK DOWN IS SCHEDULED

Less than one month after construction, it's time to de-construct the tree lot. We will meet at the tree lot Saturday morning, December 16 at 8:00am to do the dirty deed of packing the lot away for another year. Be sure to bring your 6' ladder and allen wrenches. If we have as many members help take it down as we did to assemble it, the work will be done quickly and nearly pain free. Please check with Jeff Arnold (813-707-8373) and get your name on the worker list!

BASKETBALL STARTS SOON

The 38th season of youth basketball starts on January 4 with 520 youths ages 8-16 on 48 teams. Many members or families (and some potential members) are involved.

Coaches: Jeff Arnold, Jimmy Garrison, John Knight, Ben Knox, Jeff Ogden, Mike Palestrini, Tim Shuff, Mike Williamson. **Officials:** Jeff Arnold, Adam Batley, Zack Batley, David Byars, Jeb Hicks, Jake Hippler, Travis Hippler, Jeff Knight, Nate Moore, Dave Robbins.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ✓ Saturday, Dec. 16 - Break down Tree Lot, 8:00am.
- ✓ Monday, Dec. 18 - Steppin' Stone Party, 6:00 at Tree Lot, 6:30pm sharp at the Farm.
- ✓ Monday, Jan. 1 - Holiday - no meeting
- ✓ Monday, Jan. 15 - Steak Night Meeting, 7:00pm grill time, Rec & Parks admin office patio. Agenda: Tree Lot post-mortem; planning for Basketball Tri-Star (Sat Jan 27), Oratorical, Citizen of the Year, PCHS Scholarships,

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

PRE-PARADE SOCIAL DECEMBER 1, 2006



CHRISTMAS PARADE DECEMBER 1, 2006

