



THE ORACLE

Optimist Club of Plant City
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ORATORICAL CONTEST NEXT WEEK

Don't forget to be at the Recreation & Parks Department conference room this coming Monday, February 19 for the annual Oratorical Contest. We hear there may be 5 boys and 3 girls participating. Be in your seat by 7:00pm sharp as the doors close during the presentations. Following the competition, we will have strawberry shortcake. Doris and Dave Robbins have worked hard to bring this all together. All members and their significant others are invited to attend and support these orators. We want a full room for the participants to speak to! **Please RSVP to Prez Jeff (arnoldjef@gmail.com or 813-707-8373) by Sunday night February 18!** The Zone Competition is on Thursday, March 15 at Paradise Lakes, Mulberry.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR ATTENDEES

Each year, the city's civic clubs send their presidents to a meeting to nominate and select a "Citizen Of The Year". The grand announcement is set for a luncheon on Wednesday, February 28 at the Ramada Inn Plantation House. Planning to represent our club: Prez Jeff A, 1st VP Jack H, 2nd VP Jeb H, Sec/Treas Paul W, Board Members Dave R and Walt A as well as Jeff O, Jim S and Pat S. **(Any cancellations, please call Prez Jeff now.)** The recipient is more of a secret than Santa's ride in the parade. We'll report the day's events in the early March Oracle.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS SET

Our club will again join forces with Rick Baldwin and Construction Technology to provide \$1,000 scholarships to four Plant City High School graduates. The paperwork has already been provided to the PCHS Guidance Department for distribution. To qualify, the student must have participated in one of our programs. Chairman Dave R will put together a crew to evaluate the applications and select the top four to be recognized. Dave R and Jack H will present the awards at the school's Awards Banquet. Information on the selected recipients will appear in a future Oracle.

BASKETBALL SEASON WRAPPING UP

Thanks to everyone that helped out with the basketball program. We are heading into tournament games and the season will end on February 27. As of press time February 14, we had played around 180 regular season games with nearly 11,000 points scored in the 48 team/520 player league, not counting the first round of Cadet (age 8-10) tournament games!

SOCCER REGISTRATION NEARLY COMPLETE

As this Oracle went to press, the last day of youth soccer registration was under way and there was a line waiting to turn in their form and fee. It looks like close to 1600 players will participate this spring.

EASTER EGG HUNT COMING UP SOON!

Reserve the morning of Saturday April 7 to help out at the city's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Chairman Mike Williamson will need hot dog grillers (8:30am) and others to man the assembly line and serving line (9:00am to noon). Remember to bring large coolers to store the assembled dogs in! More info in the next Oracle!

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- √ Monday, February 19 - Oratorical Contest, 7:00pm, Rec & Parks admin conference room.
- √ Wednesday, February 28 - Citizen of the Year Luncheon, 11:30am, Ramada Inn Plantation House.
- √ Monday, March 12 (**not** March 5 due to Festival Parade Day) - meeting at ABC Pizza, 7:00pm.
Agenda: planning for PCHS Scholarships, Easter Egg Hunt.
- √ No meeting in late March due to Spring Break.
- √ Monday, April 2- meeting at ABC Pizza, 7:00pm. Agenda: Scholarships, Easter Egg Hunt.
- √ Saturday, April 7- Easter Egg Hunt: 8:30 grill time, 9:00 assembly line, 10:00 event start, 10:30-11:30 serving line

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