



# THE ORACLE

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

Late April, 2007



## NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 16

Steak Night is coming up soon! Be sure to bring a steak and a new member candidate to the Recreation & Parks Department admin office patio on Monday, April 16, grill time 7:00pm. (Yes, Pat, the screen doors are fixed!) Topics we need to discuss are the upcoming Respect For Law banquet, Soccer Tri-Star Competition, the high school graduate scholarships and awards banquet as well as the Golf Tournament (September 22 at Walden Lake Golf & Country Club). A special welcome to Tony Almon who attended the last meeting at ABC Pizza and was handed a membership application. Hope you become a regular, Tony. You survived the meeting and that's about as formal as we get. Hope we didn't scare you off!

## GREAT TURNOUT FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT

What a crowd - both participants and workers! Check out page 2 of this Oracle for more info and some photos.

## ORATORICAL CONTESTANT ADVANCES TO THE DISTRICT FINALS APRIL 14

Amanda Williamson aced the competition in Sanford on March 31 and advances to the North Florida District Finals in Ocala on Saturday, April 14. The competition is at 1:30pm and home club support would help her clinch the top spot. Interested in going? Contact proud papa Mike Williamson (michaellwilliamson@gmail.com or 813-757-6570) for travel plans. When you contact him, ask him to recite the speech for you... he knows it by heart after hearing 1,956 practice runs.

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE AWARDS BANQUET APRIL 26

High School Graduate Scholarship Committee Chairman Dave Robbins and Jack Holland will represent the club at the High School Awards Banquet on Thursday April 26 at the school. Dave's committee is narrowing down the applications and the award winners will be announced in the next Oracle. Special thanks to Rick Baldwin and Construction Technologies for their continued support of this very important program.

## SOCCER TRI-STAR SKILLS COMPETITION SATURDAY APRIL 28

Just like basketball, we also do the Tri-Star Soccer Skills Competition. The date is set for Saturday, April 28 from 9a to 11a - a flyer was sent with this Oracle. Dribbling, passing and shooting ability is tested with awards to the top finishers. Boys and girls compete separately in age groups that parallel the youth soccer age groups: 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-15. Event Chairman Jeb Hicks (shicks5@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-8804) will need some graders on site from 8:30a through 11:00a. The OC sports banner needs to be located and brought as well. Wear your OC shirt and hat!

## RESPECT FOR LAW BANQUET MAY 14

The Respect For Law banquet is set for Monday, May 14 at 7:00pm at the Plant City Police Department. Event Chairman Carl Hinson (preer77@aol.com or 813-752-8406) has coordinated former Hillsborough County Sheriff's spokesman Jack Espinosa as our guest speaker. Espinosa's stories of Old Tampa have earned him legendary status. A tour of the facility will be a part of the evening's activities following the meal. The Club will cover the meal (burgers, hotdogs, baked beans and more), members are requested to bring a dessert. This is a family event and we need a great turnout.

## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- √ Saturday, April 14 - District Oratorical Contest, 1:30pm, Ocala.
- √ Monday, April 16 - Steak Night, 7:00pm grill time, Rec & Parks admin patio. Agenda: Soccer Tri-Star, Respect For Law, scholarships.
- √ Thursday, April 26 - Plant City High School Awards Banquet, time TBA, PCHS.
- √ Saturday, April 28 - Soccer Tri-Star Competition, 8:30a to 11:00a, OMA Sports Complex (west fields).
- √ Monday, May 7 - meeting at ABC Pizza, 7:00pm. Agenda: Respect For Law, scholarships.
- √ Monday, May 14 - Respect For Law banquet, 7:00pm, Plant City Police Department conference room.

---

---

### 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

## **GREAT TURNOUT FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT**

Thanks to everyone that helped out at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 7. Event Chairman Mike Williamson coordinated the following to work the event: Jeff A, Walt A, Cal C, Jeb H, Carl H, John K, Scott L, Jeff O, Dave R, Pat S, Mike W and Paul W. Also, Jim S made a drive by appearance! The food line and especially the drink area went very well thanks to the club's help! Photos below and on page 3.





