



THE ORACLE

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

Early May, 2007



NEXT MEETING IS MAY 7

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 7. This is a restaurant meeting at ABC Pizza. We are winding down through a busy spring and we want to see as many in attendance as possible before we start scattering for summer vacations. Topics we need to discuss are the upcoming Respect For Law banquet, our Steppin' Stone Summer Picnic (late July) as well as the Golf Tournament (September 22 at Walden Lake Golf & Country Club). No phone-ahead food orders... you have to wait for your food like the rest of us! Let's fill the room this coming Monday!

AMANDA WILLIAMSON SHINES AT ORATORICAL DISTRICT FINALS

Several members went to Ocala to support Amanda as she competed in the North Florida District finals. Unfortunately, she was not the winner, but she did a magnificent job at the finals and represented our club well. Congratulations to Amanda for her performances and the fine job she did. We look forward to seeing her compete again next year.

DAVE ROBBINS IS BACK IN THE SADDLE

As you know, Dave decided to give Doris a rest and took off for a few days in the hospital recently. We are happy to report that his progress is great and he attended the Plant City High School Awards Night Program on Thursday April 26. We're glad to see him up and doing well!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE AWARDS PRESENTED

President Jeff Arnold and 1st VP Jack Holland attended the PCHS Awards Banquet on Thursday April 26, presenting five \$1,000 financial assistance scholarships. High School Graduate Scholarship Committee Chairman Dave Robbins and his committee narrowed down the applications and the recipients were Adam Batley, David Byars, Jake Hippler, Jeff Knight and Kellie Liess. Special thanks to Rick Baldwin and Construction Technology Group, Incorporated for their continued support of this very important program. See thumbnail student bios on page 2 of this Oracle.

SOCCER TRI-STAR SKILLS COMPETITION

Over 130 boys and girls competed in the 2007 Soccer Tri-Star Skills competition last Saturday, April 28 at the Otis M. Andrews Sports Complex. Thanks go out to Tony A, Jeff A, Jeb H, Jack H, Scott L and Paul W for helping out future member and PC Recreation & Parks Department Special Event Coordinator Steve Rossiter with the event! Some pics, one with 12 of the 24 winners, are on page 3 of this Oracle.

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

- √ Monday, May 7 - meeting at ABC Pizza, 7:00pm. Agenda: Respect For Law, Steppin' Stone Summer Picnic
- √ Monday, May 14 - Respect For Law banquet, 7:00pm, Plant City Police Department conference room.
- √ Monday, May 21 - no meeting due to the Respect For Law banquet the previous week.
- √ Monday, June 4 - meeting at ABC Pizza, 7:00pm. Agenda: Steppin' Stone Summer Picnic
- √ Plan ahead... late July - Steppin' Stone Farm Summer Picnic
- √ Plan ahead... Saturday, September 22 - Golf Tournament at Walden Lake Golf & Country Club

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

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE AWARDS - STUDENT BIOS

As mentioned in the cover item, five \$1,000 financial assistance scholarships were awarded at the Plant City High School Awards Ceremony Thursday night, April 26, by our club with help from Rick Baldwin and Construction Technology Group, Inc. Below are abbreviated bios of the selected recipients.

DAVID BYARS

GPA 5.229 **SAT** 1260 **ACT** 30

PLANNING TO ATTEND: Florida State University

EXTRACURRICULAR/CLUBS: National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Youth Alive, Jr. Civitan Club, PC Baseball Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Senior Executive Council

HONORS/AWARDS: Who's Who Among American High School Students, Ray Henderson Veterans Scholarship finalist

POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP: Captain - PCHS Cross Country team, Public Relations Coordinator - Jr. Civitan Club, Member - PCHS Senior Executive Council

ADAM BATLEY

GPA 5.50 **SAT** 1240 **ACT** 24

PLANNING TO ATTEND: University of Florida

EXTRACURRICULAR/CLUBS: FFA-PCHS, Best Buddies, National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, Jr. Civitan Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Senior Executive Council, Student Council Representative

HONORS/AWARDS: Optimist Club Youth Appreciation award, PCHS Senior of the Month Dec 2006, Strawberry Festival Youth Parade Marshall, Ray Henderson Veterans Scholarship Honorary Mention

POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP: Recording Secretary - National Honor Society, Junior VP and President - Jr Civitan Club, VP - Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Captain - Cross Country

JAKE HIPPLER

GPA 5.86 **SAT** 1420 **ACT**

PLANNING TO ATTEND: University of Florida

EXTRACURRICULAR/CLUBS: National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, FFA, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Jr. Civitan, National Technical Honor Society, Prom Committee, Varsity Baseball

HONORS/AWARDS: Potential Key Scholar, Key Scholar, Academic Letter Member of 1270 Club, Congressional Student Leadership Conference Invitation, AP Scholar Award, Tampa Tribune Scholar Award

POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP: Treasurer - National Honor Society, Captain - Ornamental Horticulture Team, Florida State Senate Page

JEFF KNIGHT

GPA 4.752 **SAT** 1100 **ACT**

PLANNING TO ATTEND: University of South Florida

EXTRACURRICULAR/CLUBS: Jr Civitan, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Varsity Basketball, Plant City Recreation Department

HONORS/AWARDS: High Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Academic Letter, Defensive Player of the Year - Varsity Basketball, All Tournament Team - Terry McGrady Shootout, 2nd Team All-Western Conference, Western Conference All Star Boys Team

POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP: Captain - PCHS Varsity Basketball Team

KELLIE LIESS

GPA 5.73 **SAT** 1180 **ACT** 25

PLANNING TO ATTEND: University of Central Florida

EXTRACURRICULAR/CLUBS: Students Against Destructive Decisions, Keyettes, Science Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, Best Buddies, Prom Committee

HONORS/AWARDS: Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Award, Plant City Optimist Club Oratorical Contest 3rd Place, Plant City Optimist Club Outstanding Youth Award, Relay for Life Gold Member, Science Bowl at MOSI Chemical Equations 2nd Place, Who's Who Among American High School Students

POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP: President - Students Against Destructive Decisions, Vice President - Keyettes, Treasurer - Science Club, Historian - Student Council, Senior Executive Council Representative

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