



# **THE ORACLE**

**Optimist Club of Plant City**  
**PO Box 1755, Plant City FL 33564-1755**  
**www.plantcityoptimistclub.org**  
**Early June, 2007**



## **NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 4**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 4. This is a restaurant meeting at ABC Pizza. Event though summertime is upon us and vacation season is starting, we still have business to attend to. Please attend the meeting and help with the planning for our Steppin' Stone Summer Picnic July 30 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! TV is all reruns, and Jack Bauer is on vacation...Come out and join us this Monday!

## **RESPECT FOR LAW BANQUET WAS A LOT OF FUN**

The Respect For Law banquet was held Monday, May 14 at 7:00pm at the Plant City Police Department. After a great sausage and burger meal, Hillsborough County Sheriff's spokesman Jack Espinosa spoke to us about many of his past experiences in law enforcement. Plant City Police Chief Bill McDaniel then spoke about our award recipient, Senior Police Officer James Cross. Prez Jeff Arnold presented a plaque to Detective Cross and then the group set out on a tour of the Police facility. Special thanks to Event Chairman Carl Hinson, cooks Walt A, Dave R, Mike W, and all the others that helped make it a great evening. Photos are on page 2 of this Oracle.

## **RECORD-BREAKING SOCCER SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE**

From 177 players in 1977 to 1,648 players in 2007, the 31st season of the Plant City Recreation & Parks Department / Optimist Youth Soccer Program has been a huge success. 126 teams played through their seven game season, scoring over 1,868 goals in 441 games (not counting Under 6 goals which are not tracked). The girls and boys divisions of the Under 10s, Under 12s, Under 15s and the co-ed Under 19s all finished tournament play Thursday night, May 31. Congratulations to our member/offspring coaches (Tony Almon, Jeff Arnold, Alaina Edgemon, Josh Edgemon, Jason Jackson and Paul Woods as well as officials Jeb Hicks, Jack Holland, Jason Jackson and Kellie Woods for a great job!

## **STEPPIN' STONE FAMILY SUMMER PICNIC**

Plans are being made for our annual summer retreat to Steppin' Stone Farm and the annual Family Picnic. Coordinator Walt Arnold (walt34@gmail.com or 813-752-1602) is putting the plan together and it will be a fun time for all. Please mark your calendar now for Monday July 30 - arrive at 6:00pm, eating at 6:30pm. More info in the next Oracle.

## **OFFICER SELECTIONS FOR THE 2007-2008 YEAR**

Soon, it will be time for officer selections for the upcoming year, as well as board appointments for 2007-2009 two year terms. It has been a very positive time for the club and we need to have fresh blood to keep the momentum moving forward. Be ready to give your time and talent to the Club for it's community-serving activities.

## **VISIT US ON THE WEB!**

Yes, our club has gone into the technical world. Visit our web site at [www.plantcityoptimistclub.org](http://www.plantcityoptimistclub.org) and check out the work that Jeff Ogden has put toward our worldwide presence. Thanks, Jeff!

## **UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- √ Monday, June 4 - meeting at ABC Pizza, 7:00pm. Agenda: Steppin' Stone summer picnic, officer nominations, golf tourn
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- √ Monday, July 2 - no meeting - see you Wednesday at the July 4th Celebration in Plant City Stadium!
- √ Monday, July 16 - meeting at ABC Pizza, 7:00pm. Agenda: picnic, nominations, golf
- √ Monday, July 30 - Steppin' Stone Farm Summer Picnic, arrive 6:00pm, eat 6:30pm at the Farm.
- √ Plan ahead... Saturday, September 22 - Golf Tournament at Walden Lake Golf & Country Club

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### **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

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