



# THE ORACLE

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## NEXT MEETING IS NOVEMBER 5

The Oracle staff is proud of the great turnout at the meetings, especially at the last steak night October 15. We hope that all of you will continue to return to meetings even though Pat S did not bring the ranch dressing to the last steak night meeting... Our next meeting is the Youth Appreciation Banquet at the Rec & Parks admin office conference room on Monday, November 5 at 6:30pm - details below. We will have a very quick meeting following the event to coordinate last minute tree lot set-up details and tree unloading. Please bring your calendar with you so that we can begin to fill the work schedule for the tree lot.

## YOUTH APPRECIATION BANQUET IS HERE!

Monday, November 5 is the date, 6:30pm sharp is the time, the Rec & Parks admin conference room is the place. Chairman Mike Williamson ([michaellwilliamson@gmail.com](mailto:michaellwilliamson@gmail.com) or 813-757-6570) has worked hard to set up a great event and we want all members and their families to attend. Catering is by 1st Choice BBQ (Leland Young's folks) and the member cost is \$10 per adult and \$7 per youth 12 and under. We have nearly 30 attendees counted so far. If you have not R.S.V.P.ed, please do so today by contacting Prez Jack at [jackholland@att.net](mailto:jackholland@att.net) or 813-752-2057. Bring the family and help us recognize these fine youths.

## TREE LOT SET-UP MOVED A WEEK EARLIER

To be safe in case of bad weather, we will assemble the tree lot framing and shade cloth on Saturday, November 10 at 8:00am at the tree lot in front of the Plant City High School gymnasium. This gives us a make-up week if needed. The unloading of the trees is scheduled for Sunday, November 18, now at 1:00pm. The lot will open that week, and that means everyone needs to sign up for a work shift (or two or three) at the lot. Start clearing some dates on your calendar to assist with the set-up, unloading and manning of the lot. Help our Tree Lot Chairman Dave Robbins ([drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com) or 813-754-2257) by volunteering. It's our biggest fundraiser and it will go smoothly with your help!

## A NEW ACQUISITION FOR THE TREE LOT

As you probably know, the trailer we have used for 10+ years has seen it's better days and needed to be retired a few years ago. After discussions on beginning the search for a suitable replacement, a 14' long x 7' high box trailer was spotted for sale. After due diligence and negotiating (and writing a check), we are now the proud owner of a new tree lot storage/transport/office trailer. Special thanks to Dave R, Walt A, Jeff A, Paul W and any others that worked to make this become a reality. Not only will it be functional as a storage/transport/office unit, but with added lettering it will serve as a billboard at the tree lot to draw in customers.

## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- √ Monday, November 5 - Youth Appreciation Banquet, 6:30p, Rec & Parks Admin Office Conference Room
- √ Saturday, November 10 - Tree Lot set-up, 8:00am, Plant City High School
- √ Sunday, November 18 - Unload trees, 1:00pm, Plant City High School
- √ Monday, November 19 - Meeting at the Tree Lot, 6:30pm. Agenda: parade, Steppin Stone, Oratorical
- √ Monday, December 3 - Meeting at the Tree Lot, 6:30pm. Agenda: Steppin' Stone, lot tear down, Oratorical

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