



THE ORACLE

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IT'S TIME TO UNLOAD TREES THIS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18!

With 12 able bodied members present and several munchkins to assist, the tree lot was assembled on Saturday November 10 - photos on page 2. The new trailer is the lot HQ, functioning both as both a billboard as well as the office. New wiring for the lights is in and now it's time for the next step... unloading trees! **We will meet on Sunday, November 18 at 1:00pm at the lot to unload and sort trees.** Your help is needed! Please RSVP to Prez Jack at jackholland@att.net or 813-752-2057 so we can organize the troops for this important part of the process!

NEXT MEETING IS STEAK NIGHT NOVEMBER 19TH

Monday November 19 is Steak Night for our next meeting. Steaks on the grill at 6:30pm. This will be a great opportunity to get acquainted with the tree lot and refresh yourself on the tree types and pricing. We need to discuss the tree lot, the parade, the Steppin' Stone social and wrap up the year. If only we could find someone to bring the ranch dressing and some cookies for dessert...Wonder who that might be...? This will be the last Steak Night of the year, so bring a steak and plate to the tree lot this coming Monday for you and your new member candidate!

HAVE YOU SCHEDULED YOUR WORK TIMES AT THE TREE LOT?

As our largest and most intense project of the year, we need everyone to help out with working the tree lot. Last week, you were e-mailed a work shift grid and we need you to help fill in the empty yellow spaces. A copy is included with this Oracle's delivery. **Every member needs to sign up for at least four time slots to fairly share the load.** We are working to have the schedule posted on Google Documents again so that you can go directly to the grid online and update it. If you would rather send it to Prez Jack at jackholland@att.net or call him at 813-752-2057 to book your time, that's ok as well. Any tree lot questions? Tree Lot Chairman Dave Robbins (drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-2257) has the answers. This is our biggest fundraiser and it will go smoothly with your time and talent!

CHRISTMAS PARADE IS COMING UP

Once the tree lot opens, we know that the annual Christmas Parade is not far behind. Co-Chairs Darcy and Pat Stottlemeyer (darcystottlemeyer@hotmail.com or patrick.stottlemeyer@kraft.com or 813-759-1019) need your help in float assembly at the tree lot on Friday December 7, starting at 1:00pm. Once we get the float assembled, we will have pizza and drinks for the parade walkers/riders at 4:00pm. Members, be sure to wear your Optimist Club polo shirt and everyone else wear an Optimist sport tee shirt. We'll leave the lot at 5:00pm to join the parade line-up. Come out and be a part of this fun family event which helps us promote our Club!

STEPPIN' STONE EVENT IS ON THE HORIZON

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Steppin' Stone Christmas Party! We will head to the country on Monday evening, December 17 with arrival time set at 6:30pm. A convoy will leave the tree lot at 6:00pm. Coordinator Walt Arnold (walt34a@gmail.com or 813-752-1602) will soon provide a list of the resident girls and staff for gift purchasing. Remember, it's also a covered dish affair and we need each member to bring a large batch of their favorite finger foods or dessert for the crowd. This is a great family event and we need to have a good turnout of members and their families!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ Sunday, November 18 at Tree Lot, 1:00pm, Unload trees... bring gloves, long sleeves and loose muscles!
- ✓ Monday, November 19 at Tree Lot, 6:30pm, Steak Night Meeting: agenda: tree lot, parade, Steppin' Stone
- ✓ Monday, December 3 at Tree Lot, 6:30pm, Meeting: agenda: tree lot, parade, Steppin' Stone, Oratorical
- ✓ Friday, December 7 at Tree Lot, 1:00pm, Parade float assembly
- ✓ Friday, December 7 at Tree Lot, 4:00pm, Pizza Party followed by Christmas Parade (leave lot at 5:00pm)
- ✓ Monday, December 17 at Steppin' Stone, 6:30pm, Christmas Party (leave lot at 6:00pm)

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TREE LOT SET-UP IS A BREEZE WITH LOTS OF HELP!

