



# THE ORACLE

Optimist Club of Plant City  
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## BUSY TIMES AT THE TREE LOT!

What a start to the season! Following normal sales on the Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday before Thanksgiving, we had a blockbuster day on Friday with 80 trees heading home for the holidays. We are at or ahead of the curve with sales so far this year and many thanks go out to those of you that have braved the mosquitoes and helped people adopt a tree for the holidays. We are almost half way through the effort and it looks to be a great year!

## NO MEETING DECEMBER 3, SAUSAGES ON DECEMBER 10

Monday December 3 is a callout night for the youth basketball program player team assignments, so many of our members are obligated to be there. We will bump the meeting one week to Monday December 10, 6:30pm at the tree lot. We will have Walt's flame-cooked sausages and all the trimmings for members to enjoy. We need to discuss the Steppin' Stone event and tree lot breakdown, so plan to attend!

## SOME OF YOU ARE MISSING IN ACTION AT THE TREE LOT!

We still have a lot of work to do to finish out the tree season. Some members have stepped up and covered the open slots, but many of our able-bodied members have not signed up to work. We need to fill some of these evening and weekend slots! Every member is expected to work a couple weekend shifts. Do your part! A copy of the updated schedule is included with this Oracle's delivery. **Every member needs to sign up for at least four time slots, including two weekend slots, to fairly share the load.** Check over the schedule and either update the one on Google Documents or just send your dates/times to Prez Jack at jackholland@att.net or call him at 813-752-2057. Tree Lot Chairman Dave Robbins (drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-2257) can answer any tree lot questions you have. This is our biggest fundraiser and it is going smoothly with your time and talent, but all of us need to be involved!

## CHRISTMAS PARADE IS COMING UP

Co-Chairs Darcy and Pat Stottlemeyer (darcystottlemeyer@hotmail.com or patrick.stottlemeyer@kraft.com or 813-759-1019) say we are almost ready to strut down the parade route. Come out and help assemble the float 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 GIFT LIST TO BE POSTED SOON

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. We will send out a notice to everyone once the list is available. 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. The Oracle has learned that Santa returned his RSVP! This is a great family event and we need to have a good turnout of members and their families!

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ Monday, December 3 no meeting due to the basketball program team assignment callouts.
- ✓ Monday, December 10 at Tree Lot, 6:30pm, Sausage 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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