



THE ORACLE

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TIME TO CLOSE DOWN THE TREE LOT!

As of Wednesday December 12, the final 55 trees are all that are left on the lot and they are going fast! With nearly 800 already out the door, it's been a great season. Thanks to everyone who braved the mosquitoes to unload, untie, display, spin, fresh cut and load trees for customers. So, Friday night, December 14, we will close operations for the season. You know what that means, it's...

TIME TO BREAK DOWN THE TREE LOT

The date is set... Saturday, December 15. The time has been bumped to 9:00am to allow the shade cloth to dry from the morning dew. We need all hands on deck to make the effort go smoothly and quickly. Please bring your ladder and gloves for the fun this coming Saturday at 9:00am. Donuts and juice provided!

STEPPIN' STONE FAMILY EVENT—MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

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 sharp. Coordinator Walt Arnold (walt34a@gmail.com or 813-752-1602) has everything set. The list of the resident girls and staff for gift purchasing is attached again for your reference. Write the name big on your tag so Santa can read who the recipient is. If you have gifts for Santa to hand out to your children, put the family gifts in a separate bag. **For those not attending the event, all gifts need to be dropped at the tree lot before we break down the tree lot on Saturday or they need to be dropped off from 5:30 to 6:00pm on Monday before the convoy leaves for the event or drop them off at Prez Jack's office, 1904 S Park Road from 8a-5p weekdays.** 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! Directions to Steppin' Stone Farm, 8421 Pritcher Road, Lithia: Redman Parkway/SR39 south, cross SR60, continue 3.5 miles to Keysville Road. Left (east) on Keysville Road/CR676 for 2.3 miles to Nichols Road. Left (north) 1.4 miles on Nichols Road to Pritcher Road. Left (west) on Pritcher Road 0.6 miles, Steppin' Stone Farm is on the left.

CHRISTMAS PARADE WAS A LOT OF FUN

Co-Chairs Darcy and Pat Stottlemeyer (darcystottlemeyer@hotmail.com or patrick.stottlemeyer@kraft.com or 813-759-1019) put out a lot of effort to get our float ready for the parade and the parade was a lot of fun for both our members and the kid's riding our unit. It was great exposure for the Club. Thanks to Darcy and Pat as well as Paul W for coordinating the pizza and drinks.

HAVE A SAFE AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY!

This is the last Oracle of 2007. We look forward to seeing everyone back safe and healthy for 2008! The first meeting of 2008 is Monday, January 7, 6:30pm at First Choice BBQ, 712 South Collins Street. Some of you will be tied up at the youth basketball games, but we need a good turnout as we have a lot to discuss. Please plan to attend!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Saturday, December 15** at tree lot, 9:00am, break down tree lot and pack away until next November.
- ✓ **Monday, December 17** at Steppin' Stone, 6:30pm, Christmas Party (leave lot at 6:00pm sharp).
- ✓ **Monday, January 7** at First Choice BBQ, 712 S Collins St (formerly Porters Restaurant), 6:30pm, Regular meeting, Agenda: tree lot wrap-up, Oratorical Contest, Tri-Star Basketball, Citizen of the Year, Scholarships, Easter Egg Hunt.
- ✓ **Monday, January 21** at Rec & Parks patio, 6:30pm, Steak Night meeting. Agenda: Oratorical Contest, Tri-Star Basketball, Citizen of the Year, Scholarships, Easter Egg Hunt, Respect For Law.

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