



THE ORACLE

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NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY FEBRUARY 18—ORATORICAL CONTEST

Final preparations are being made for the Oratorical Contest to be held this coming Monday, February 18 at 6:30pm sharp at the Dr Martin Luther King Jr Recreation Center, 1601 East Dr Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard. Word from Chairman Dave Robbins (drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-2257) and his wife/assistant Doris is that, with 7 girls and 6 boys competing, it will be a great evening of presentations on the topic **“Why me? Why not!”** As usual, strawberry shortcake will be served following the speeches while the judges tally the points. If you have not already replied to the RSVP request earlier, please drop a note or call to Prez Jack (jackholland@att.net or 813-763-4238) so we will have enough seating and shortcake for everyone. Come out and support these youngsters as they compete to advance to the Zone Competition on Thursday, March 20 at 6:30pm at Paradise Lakes in Mulberry and hopefully on to the North Florida District Finals April 5 in Orlando.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 20

The secret votes of the 10 service club presidents have been tallied and are sealed in a mason jar in the Sunshine State Federal Saving & Loan Association vault. We are again involved with the Citizen of the Year luncheon along with the other service clubs in the City. The luncheon is set for Wednesday, February 20, 11:30am at the Red Rose Ballroom. Members that have committed to attend are: Jeff A, Walt A, Jeb H, Jack H, Jeff O, Dave R, Jim R, Mike W and Paul W. If you are on this list and can not attend, please contact Prez Jack at 813-763-4238 so a replacement can be found. We'll report on the event in the early March Oracle.

THE EASTER EGG HUNT IS COMING UP SOON... COOKS/SERVERS NEEDED!

Yes, it's only mid-February, but the Easter Bunny is working feverishly to be ready for the Plant City Recreation & Parks Department's annual City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt. Steve Rossiter, PC Rec & Parks Dept Special Events Coordinator and OC member, is finalizing the details this week. As usual, the event is the Saturday of Easter weekend, so mark your calendar for Saturday, March 22. We are looking for 10-12 of you to help out that day cooking, assembling, wrapping, storing and serving hotdogs and tapping sodas for the crowd of 1,000+/- youths. Be ready to confirm your attendance when Easter Egg Hunt Event Chairman Jeb Hicks (shicks5@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-8804) starts asking. More exact details in the next Oracle.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, February 18** at (new location) Dr. MLK Rec Center, Oratorical Contest, 6:30p, dessert provided.
- ✓ **Wednesday, February 20** at Red Rose Ballroom, Citizen of the Year Luncheon, 11:30a.
- ✓ **Monday March 3** - no meeting due to the Strawberry Festival and Parade Day
- ✓ **Monday, March 17** at Rec & Parks Dept patio, 6:30p, Steak Night meeting. Agenda: Scholarships, Easter Egg Hunt, Respect For Law.
- ✓ **Thursday, March 20** at Paradise Lakes (3900 N SR37, Mulberry), 6:30p, Zone Oratorical contest
- ✓ **Saturday, March 22** at OMA Sports Complex, 9:00a grill time, 10:00a event time, Easter Egg Hunt
- ✓ **Friday-Sunday, April 4-6** at Holiday Inn I-Drive Orlando, OI North Florida District Conference, site of the N FL District Oratorical Contest Finals

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