



THE ORACLE

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NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY APRIL 21

Our next meeting is Monday April 21—Steak Night— at the Rec & Parks admin office patio, grill time 6:30pm. We will need to discuss upcoming events such as the PCHS Awards Night, Soccer Tri-Star and Respect For Law. Bring a steak and a guest and let's have a large turnout!

ORATORICAL CONTESTANT WINS NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT

Our local male winner, fifteen year old **Nathan Carson**, was the winner at the North Florida District Oratorical Contest on Saturday April 5 in Orlando. Nathan was judged the winner after he competed against two other male competitors from Ocala and Panama City. By winning the contest, the home schooled 9th grader received a trophy and the \$2,500 Bob Howe Memorial College Scholarship. Following the award, Nathan was invited to present his speech to the banquet audience that night at the North Florida District 3rd Quarter Convention. We will invite Nathan to come out and receive his savings bond from our local competition and again present his award-winning speech to us.

A MEMBER IN NEED...

Charter Member **Bernie Reynolds** is reported to be doing much better but is still at the Health Center of Plant City, room 5-C, 701 North Wilder Road, phone 813-752-3611. The facility is located just east of baseball fields at Mike Sansone Park. We plan to have a future meeting there so he can attend and be a part of an Optimist evening. He is up for visitors, so please plan to visit him and keep Bernie and his wife Elsie in your thoughts and prayers.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ARE SELECTED

The last meeting was also "Grading Time" for the scholarship applications we received. The rankings are completed and the four \$1,000 scholarships will be handed out by our **Scholarship Committee Chairman Dave Robbins** at the Plant City High School Awards Night on Tuesday April 29. The winners and their bios will be printed in the next Oracle.

SOCCER TRI-STAR COMING UP SATURDAY MAY 3

Mark your calendars and plan to help out for the **Soccer Tri-Star Competition** on Saturday morning, May 3 from 8:30 set-up through 11:30 pack-up. Similar to basketball, players go through stations showing their soccer dribbling, passing and shooting skills. We need 8-10 members to come out and help. **Soccer Tri-Star Event Chairman Scott Lawson (john_lawson@progressive.com or 813-719-9679)** is looking for some volunteers. Please drop him a note and volunteer your time and talent to help with this event!

RESPECT FOR LAW SET FOR MONDAY MAY 5

Monday, May 5 is the date, 6:30pm is the time and the Recreation & Parks admin office conference room is the place. The annual **Respect For Law** event details will be finalized at the next meeting. We promise it will be a family oriented event this year since our 2007 speaker is on a book tour and is unavailable to be at the meeting. **Event Chairman Carl Hinson (preer77@aol.com or 813-752-8406)** will have all you need to know at the next meeting.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, April 21** at Rec & Parks admin patio, Steak Night meeting, 6:30pm, Agenda: Scholarships, Soccer Tri-Star, Respect for Law, Golf Tournament.
- ✓ **Tuesday, April 29** at Plant City High School, 6:30pm or later, PCHS Awards Night Scholarship Presentations
- ✓ **Saturday, May 3** at OMA Sports Complex, 8:30 set-up to 11:30 pack up, Soccer Tri-Star.
- ✓ **Monday, May 5** at Rec & Parks admin patio, Respect for Law event, 6:30pm.
- ✓ **Monday, May 19**, meeting—location to be announced, 6:30pm. Agenda: Golf, Steppin' Stone event.
- ✓ **Monday, June 2**, meeting—location to be announced. Agenda: Steppin' Stone event, Golf, Elections, Tree order.

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