



# THE ORACLE

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## NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS MONDAY OCTOBER 20

Our next regular meeting is a **Steak Night** — Monday, October 20, grill time 6:30pm at the Rec & Parks admin patio. **It's a good time to bring out that new member prospect!** We always need to bring in some new blood to help get our projects completed! Membership Chairman **Jeff Arnold** ([arnoldjef@gmail.com](mailto:arnoldjef@gmail.com) or 813-707-8373) is working on a member recruitment incentive for current members bringing in new members. Come out and be a part of the planning for Youth Appreciation, Tree Lot and Christmas Parade float! Want to bring dessert? Contact **Prez Jeb Hicks** at [shicks5@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:shicks5@tampabay.rr.com) or 813-754-8804 and tell him what you are bringing!

## YOUTH APPRECIATION EVENT IS COMING UP FAST!

Youth Appreciation Event Chairman **Mike Williamson** ([michaellwilliamson@gmail.com](mailto:michaellwilliamson@gmail.com) or 813-757-6570) reports that plans are well under way for our annual Youth Appreciation Banquet to be held on **Monday, November 3 at 7:00pm** at the Rec & Parks admin office conference room. Of course, our honorees and two family members will be invited at no charge, but we want plenty of members and member families present as well. Catering by First Choice BBQ. At only \$5 per person—it's a great deal! Guest Speaker **David Steele** (former PCHS Principle and now General Director of Secondary Education for the School District of Hillsborough County) is confirmed. Final details will be decided at the next meeting, so be there and help out!

## THE TREE LOT IS IN OUR SIGHTS!

It is that time of year, that is, it's time to start serious planning for the Tree Lot! The order has been placed and confirmed. Tree Lot Chairman **Dave Robbins** ([drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com) or 813-754-2257) says now it's time to plan the set-up, work schedule and break-down of the lot. *Tentative dates are noted on the attached calendar.* Please start planning your personal schedule to allow you to work at least one week night shift and at least three weekend shifts. Shifts are 5-9pm week nights and 9am-1pm, 1-5pm and 5-9pm weekends. We will start taking sign-ups soon, so compare calendars and reserve some dates on your personal calendar for working the Lot!

## PLAN TO BE A PART OF OUR CHRISTMAS PARADE ENTRY

The planning has begun for our Christmas Parade entry and member social. The parade may be moved to Saturday, December 6 — we'll know more at the meeting. Plan to help out Parade Event Coordinator **Alaina Edgemon** ([aedgemon@gmail.com](mailto:aedgemon@gmail.com) or 813-650-4393) and be a part of the fun in the parade!

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

**Prez Jeb** ([shicks5@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:shicks5@tampabay.rr.com) or 813-754-8804) will help pick the Citizen Of The Year in February. Nominations are required in January. Please review the attached Citizen Of The Year file and contact Jeb with your thoughts.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, October 20**, Steak Night meeting, 6:30pm grill time, Rec & Parks admin patio. Agenda: Youth Appreciation, Tree Lot, Christmas Parade event, Tri-Star Basketball, Oratorical Contest, Citizen of the Year.
- ✓ **Monday, November 3**—Youth Appreciation Banquet, 7:00pm, Rec & Parks admin office conference room. \$5 per person (honorees and two family members each are free).
- ✓ **Monday, November 17**—Steak Night meeting, 6:30pm grill time, Rec & Parks admin patio. Agenda: Tree Lot, Christmas Parade event, Tri-Star Basketball, Oratorical Contest, Citizen of the Year.

### 2008-2009 OFFICERS

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