



THE ORACLE

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NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

If you were not at the Youth Appreciation dinner, you missed a great night out to support our area youth. Our next meeting is a **Steak Night — Monday, November 17, 6:30pm at the Rec & Parks admin patio**. We will make final plans for the tree lot (set up, unloading and scheduling) as well as look ahead to the Christmas Parade, the Steppin' Stone Christmas Party, Citizen of the Year and Basketball Tri-Star. Bring that new member recruit you've been thinking about, and don't forget your steak and a plate (and another for your guest). The club will furnish the salad, spuds and tea.

YOUTH APPRECIATION EVENT RECOGNIZED EIGHT OUTSTANDING YOUTHS!

Kudos to Youth Appreciation Event Chairman **Mike Williamson** (and wife Melanie) for the coordination of the Youth Appreciation Banquet held on Monday, November 3 at 7:00pm at the Rec & Parks admin office conference room. All eight awardees were there with their families and we had a full house of members and their families. Each of you should have received the e-mail press release with the youths' biographies. Thanks to everyone that attended to support this event! See pages 2 and 3 of this Oracle for photos from the event.

IT'S TREE LOT TIME!

It's time to get down to business! Tree Lot Chairman **Dave Robbins** (drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-2257) is formulating final plans to be revealed at the Steak Night meeting November 17. We do know that Tree Lot **set-up is Saturday, November 22nd at 8:00am**. Bring your 6' ladder and gloves to the tree Lot location (corner of Maki Road and W Alexander St.). Trees arrive to be **unloaded on Sunday, November 23rd at 1:00pm**. Tree Lot **opens Monday, November 24th**. Please start planning your personal schedule to allow you to work at least one weeknight shift and at least three weekend shifts. Needed shifts are 5-9pm weeknights and 9am-1pm, 1-5pm and 5-9pm weekends. The sign up calendar will be finalized at the November 17 meeting and then posted online for everyone to access. If you need help with the calendar or do not have internet access, you need to contact **1st VP Mike Williamson** (michaellwilliamson@gmail.com or 813-757-6570) and he will log your time on the calendar for you. Your time is very important to make the tree lot a success! Please do your part and schedule yourself for the needed shifts as noted.

CHRISTMAS PARADE PLANS UNDER WAY

Parade Event Coordinator **Alaina Edgemon** (aedgemon@gmail.com or 813-650-4393) is planning our Christmas Parade entry and member social. The parade is set for **Friday evening, December 5th**. We will meet at the Tree Lot before the parade for a member family pizza social and to put the float together. Plan to help out and be a part of the fun!

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Prez Jeb (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, November 17**—Steak Night meeting, 6:30pm grill time, Rec & Parks admin patio. Agenda: Tree Lot, Christmas Parade event, Citizen of the Year, Tri-Star Basketball, Oratorical Contest.
- √ **Saturday, November 22**—Tree Lot set-up, 8:00am, bring your gloves and 6 foot ladders!
- √ **Sunday, November 23**—Trees arrive for unloading, 1:00pm, bring your gloves and long sleeve shirts!
- √ **Monday, November 24**—Tree lot opens—sign up for one weeknight shift and three weekend shifts!
- √ **Monday, December 1**—Regular Meeting, 6:30pm at the Tree Lot. Agenda: Tree Lot, Christmas Parade event, Tri-Star Basketball, Oratorical Contest, Citizen of the Year.
- √ **Friday, December 5**—Christmas Parade, meet at Tree Lot, time and details to be announced.
- √ **Monday, December 15 (revised date)**—Steppin' Stone Family Christmas event, details to be announced.

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