



# **THE ORACLE**

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## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 MEETING IS AT STEPPIN' STONE FARM**

Our next regular meeting is **Monday, December 15 at Steppin' Stone Farm**. Be sure to read the information about the Christmas party on the attachment and also below. Looking ahead, our first meeting of the new year will be January 5 at ABC Pizza. We'll need to cover a lot at that meeting, including the Tri-Star Basketball Competition January 31, Citizen of the Year February 18 and the Oratorical Contest in February/March, Scholarship info to the schools and setting the date for Respect For Law.

## **TREE LOT IS WINDING DOWN**

We are nearing the end... but there is a lot of time to sell trees! Latest work Wednesday evening is that another 95 trees are coming in Thursday morning, so we will have work to do through the weekend. Many of you have not been out to the lot and only a handful are covering the work load. **There are several openings on the calendar that need to be filled!** We need everyone to do their fare share! **Please adjust your personal schedule this week and early next week to allow you to work!** Please e-mail or call **Prez Jeb** (shicks5@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-8804) to schedule your shift. Your time is very important to make the tree lot a success! Please do your part and schedule yourself to help close out the season! A one-day record of 98 trees were sold last Sunday, so your help is needed and appreciated.

## **STEPPIN' STONE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL—HAVE YOU R.S.V.P.'ed?**

If you have not personally talked to or e-mailed Steppin' Stone Events Chairman **Walt A** (walt34@gmail.com or 813-752-1602) or **Prez Jeb** (shicks5@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-8804) with your R.S.V.P and confirm your gift purchase, please do so today! We need to get a head count for the event and insure that all gifts are accounted for. **Remember to bring a lot of food. If you have non-member families or guests attending, please bring extra food to cover for them.** The event is **Monday, December 15 at 6:30pm at the Farm**. Read the attached file for more details. 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, VERSION 2?**

If you did not get to see our Christmas Parade float, kudos to Parade Event Coordinator **Alaina E** for a splendid job with getting it ready for the event. Unfortunately, the parade was cancelled due to the fugitive manhunt. Even though he was apprehended at 3:45, well before the parade start, every off-duty officer for Plant City, Hillsborough County and Highway Patrol was called in to work the manhunt and had put in a very long, stressful day. The officers were in no shape to turn around and work a parade. Sources Wednesday night confirmed that the parade will not be made up this year. Thanks, Alaina for a job well done! As for the candy we planned to distribute, it was contributed to Christmas In The Park at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Recreation Center on December 15. That event will feed and give toys to over 200 needy families, so the contribution will be well received!

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ✓ **NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 17**—Tree Lot work! Get your name on the calendar—see article above.
- ✓ **Monday, December 15 (revised date)**—Steppin' Stone Family Christmas event, details above.
- ✓ **Monday, January 5**—Regular meeting at 6:30pm at ABC Pizza. Agenda: Tri-Star Competition, Citizen of the Year, Oratorical Contest (February/March), Scholarship info and set the date for Respect for Law.

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