



THE ORACLE

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, JANUARY 5

Our next regular meeting is **Monday, January 5 at ABC Pizza, 114 N Alexander Street, Plant City.** Along with a review of the Tree Lot fundraiser and a review of the Steppin' Stone Christmas Social, we'll need to cover a lot at this meeting. On the agenda are Tri-Star Basketball Competition January 24, Oratorical Contest on February 16, Citizen of the Year on February 18, getting Scholarship info to the schools and setting the date for Respect For Law. We've all had a chance to catch our breath following the Tree Lot... now it's time to get back into the day to day activities of our club. Let's have a big turnout for this meeting and start 2009 out right! Bring those new member candidates!

TREE LOT IS A HUGE SUCCESS

Although we were not able to shake a lot of the members out of their houses to work the tree lot, we did get it done and had a very successful season. Around 800 trees passed through the lot over the 22 days the lot was open. A one-day record of 98 trees were sold on one date. **Tree Lot Chairman Dave Robbins** (drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-2257) will give his report at the January 5 meeting.

STEPPIN' STONE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL—YOU SHOUDA BEEN THERE!

A fun time was had by all at the Steppin' Stone Christmas Social on December 15. **Steppin' Stone Events Chairman Walt Arnold** (walt34@gmail.com or 813-752-1602) will give his report containing the attendance count and highlights of the evening at the January 5 meeting. Some event photos are on pages 2 and 3 of this Oracle.

CHRISTMAS PARADE , VERSION 2.0—SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT US

It was decided that we would not be able to participate in the rescheduled Christmas Parade, so we will focus our efforts toward the 2009 event. **Parade Event Coordinator Alaina Edgemon** did a great job getting our entry ready for the original event and we look forward to her leadership for next year's entry.

YOUTH BASKETBALL GETS UNDER WAY JANUARY 6

Games start in the 2009 Plant City Recreation & Parks Department/Optimist Youth Basketball Program on January 6 at Tomlin Middle School, Marshall Middle School and the Plant City Family YMCA. We'll provide more details next Oracle so that you can plan to stop in and see some of our members in action as coaches or officials as watch some of the 400+ youths participate. Schedules are available at www.plantcitygov.com, search "youth basketball"

TRI-STAR BASKETBALL SKILLS COMPETITION NEEDS HELP!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 24 at 1:30 (set-up) and 2:00-3:30 (event) at Tomlin Middle School.** We need to have 8-10 members work this event, so plan to let **Basketball Tri-Star Chairman Tony Almon** (talmon@tampabay.rr.com or 813-927-1966) know your availability at the January 5 meeting!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Saturday, January 24**—Tri-Star Basketball Competition at Tomlin Middle School, set up 1:30, event 2:00-3:30pm.
- ✓ **More details next time:** Oratorical Contest—February 16, Citizen of the Year February 18

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