



THE ORACLE

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Late January, 2009



NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Yes, it's a government holiday, but the Plant City Optimist Club has business to tend to. **The next meeting will be Monday, January 19 and it's a Steak Night meeting. Grill time 6:30pm at the Rec & Parks admin office patio.** Bring a steak and plate and a sweatshirt. 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. Let's have a big turnout for the first Steak Night of 2009! Bring those new member candidates!

GREAT TURNOUT FOR THE JANUARY 5 MEETING

It was an impressive showing of Optimism at ABC Pizza on January 5. Members were optimistic that room at the restaurant could be found for us since our reservation was made but not logged onto their calendar. Room was found and 12 of us enjoyed the food, company and actually got a lot of business accomplished. Thanks to **Sam Singletary** for attending as a guest... bring your completed membership next time, Sam!

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 10-12 members work this event. **Basketball Tri-Star Chairman Tony Almon** (talmon@tampabay.rr.com or 813-927-1966) will confirm the volunteers that have stepped up to the plate so far: **Jeff A, Walt A, Cal C, Alaina E, Jack H, Stan H, Jeff O, Pat S, Mike W, and Paul W.** If you are not listed, please contact Chairman Tony and get your name on the list.

ORATORICAL CONTEST IS SET FOR FEBRUARY 16

The date is set... the 2009 **Oratorical Contest is set for Monday, February 16 at 7:00pm at the Rec & Parks admin office conference room.** **Oratorical Chairman Dave Robbins** ([drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:d Robbins@tampabay.rr.com) or 813-754-2257) and his staff have gotten the word out and we expect a great turnout of both competitors and members. More details in the next Oracle, but please make plans to attend.

HEAD COUNT NEEDED: CITIZEN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 18

Prez Jeb (shicks5@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-8804) needs to let the Citizen of the Year committee know who is attending the Wednesday, February 18 luncheon at 11:30am at the Red Rose Ballroom. We have a table of eight, so look at your calendar and let Prez Jeb know if you are able to attend. We need to set the list at the January 19 meeting.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, January 19:** Steak Night meeting, 6:30pm at the Rec & Parks patio. Agenda: Tri-Star Competition, Citizen of the Year, Oratorical Contest, 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.
- ✓ **Monday, February 2:** Regular meeting at ABC Pizza, 6:30pm. Agenda: Citizen of the Year, Oratorical Contest, Scholarship info and Respect for Law.
- ✓ **Monday, February 16:** Oratorical Contest, 7:00pm, Rec & Parks admin conference room
- ✓ **Wednesday, February 18:** Citizen of the Year luncheon, 11:30am, Red Rose Ballroom

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