



# THE ORACLE

Optimist Club of Plant City  
PO Box 1755, Plant City FL 33564-1755  
[www.plantcityoptimistclub.org](http://www.plantcityoptimistclub.org)

Early February, 2009



## NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

January is gone and it's time to turn to February. The next meeting will be **Monday, February 2**. We will start at **6:00pm at the Health Center of Plant City** (701 North Wilder Road, 813-752-3611) for a visit with **Charter Member Bernie Reynolds**, followed by the regular meeting at **6:45pm at—new location—Olde Towne Pizzeria** (3011 James L Redman Parkway, 813-752-5800). A menu is available online at [www.oldetownpizzeria.com](http://www.oldetownpizzeria.com). On the agenda are Oratorical Contest on February 16, Citizen of the Year on February 18, Scholarship info to the schools, Scholarship selection process and setting the date for Respect For Law. We need your input on several items, so let's have a big turnout!

## TRI-STAR BASKETBALL WAS A BIG HIT!

Over 70 participants were at the Basketball Tri-Star event on January 24 at Tomlin Middle School. We had a great turnout of members to assist **Basketball Tri-Star Chairman Tony Almon** in covering all the work. The press release and group photo of the event were e-mailed to the media (cc: each of you) earlier. Some club photos are attached to this Oracle on pages 2 and 3. Thanks to everyone for the help and to **Tony A** for the leadership.

## ORATORICAL CONTEST IS SET FOR FEBRUARY 16

The Oracle staff has learned that we have seven contestants already lined up for the 2009 **Oratorical Contest**. The event will be **Monday, February 16 at 7:00pm at the Rec & Parks admin office conference room**. **Oratorical Chairman Dave Robbins** (drobbins11@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. The usual awesome strawberry shortcake will be served. We need to have all of you attend with your families to support these young orators. Plan to be there!

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 18

**Prez Jeb** (shicks5@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-8804) will represent the Club on the stage at the Citizen of the Year Luncheon on Wednesday, February 18 at 11:30am at the Red Rose Ballroom. Our table of eight is set, with **Jeff A, Walt A, Alaina E, Jack H, Jeff O, Dave R, Mike W** and **Paul W** attending. The identity of the honoree is still a secret... we'll update you after the event.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, February 2:** Bernie Reynolds visit, 6:00pm, Health Center of Plant City, followed by a regular meeting at—**new location**—Olde Towne Pizzeria, 6:45pm. Addresses for both sites are in the article above. Agenda: Oratorical Contest, Citizen of the Year, 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
- ✓ **Monday, March 2:** Strawberry Festival Parade Day - if we meet, it will be announced in the next Oracle.

---

### 2008-2009 OFFICERS

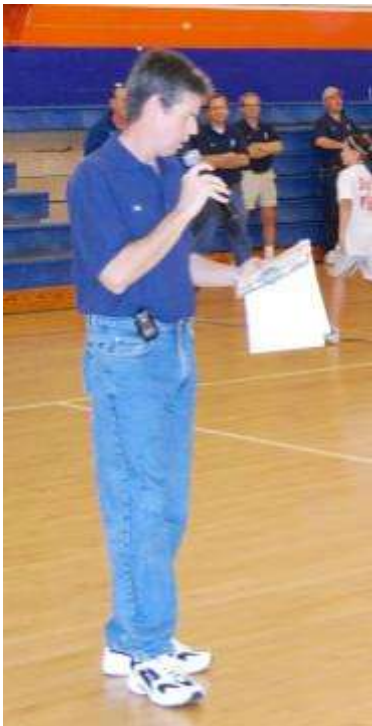
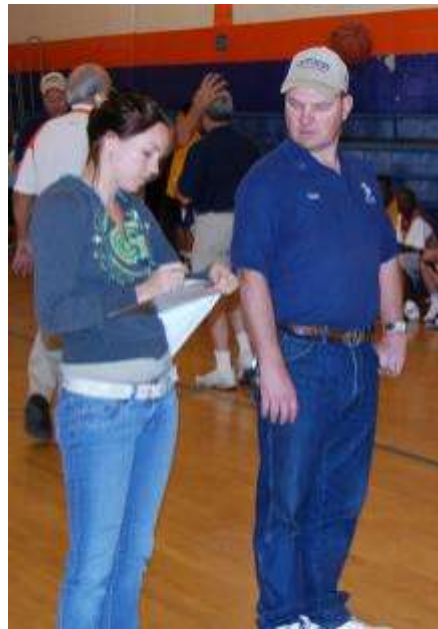
Jeb Hicks, President (813-754-8804)  
Mike Williamson, 1st Vice President (813-757-6570)  
Jeff Ogden, 2nd Vice President (813) 651-3787  
Paul Woods, Secretary/Treasurer (813-752-0356)  
Walt Arnold, Sergeant at Arms (813-752-1602)



### 2008-2009 BOARD MEMBERS

Jack Holland, Past President  
2008-2009:  
Scott Lawson - Jeff Ogden - Pat Stottlemeyer  
2008-2010:

**TRI-STAR BASKETBALL WAS A BIG HIT!**



**TRI-STAR BASKETBALL WAS A BIG HIT!**

