



THE ORACLE

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NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Our next meeting will be the **Oratorical Contest** being held on **Monday February 16 at 7:00 pm at the Recreation & Parks administration conference room**. Details of the contest are below. Please make every effort to attend and help us have a great showing of support for these youths. A short meeting will follow the Oratorical Contest.

MEETING WITH BERNIE!

Last meeting, we gathered at Health Center of Plant City for a visit with **Charter Member Bernie Reynolds**. We had a fun time with Bernie and were glad to have him as a part of the meeting. Thanks to the members that were able to go with us.

THE CAKE STORY

We are still trying to figure out the complete story... Following the meeting at Bernie's, everyone went to Olde Towne Pizzeria for dinner. After the food was devoured, **Alaina** and **Gavin** presented **Cal** with a 60th birthday cake. Alaina alluded to the fact that there might have been a prior cake that might have had an unfortunate ending, prompting more cakes and that the cake we enjoyed might have been the 4th in a series of cakes for the event and the cake we enjoyed might have frozen in the restaurant cooler prior to serving. Maybe someday we'll get the real story from Alaina...



ORATORICAL CONTEST IS SET FOR FEBRUARY 16

The 2009 **Oratorical Contest** will be **Monday, February 16 at <<note new time>> 6:30pm at the Rec & Parks admin office conference room**. **Oratorical Chairman Dave Robbins** (drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-2257) and his staff report we will have 2 boys and 6 girls competing. The usual awesome strawberry shortcake will be served. We need to have all of you attend with your families to support these young orators.

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. We'll update you after the event.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, February 16:** Oratorical Contest, <<note new time>> 6:30pm, 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 - may delay due to holiday—check the next Oracle for details..

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