



THE ORACLE

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NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, MARCH 9

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday March 9 at 6:30 pm at First Choice BBQ, 712 South Collins Street (813-752-7788)**. Several things on the radar, including Easter Egg Hunt, Soccer Tri-Star, Respect For Law and scholarships. **Bring that new member candidate** and be a part of planning our club's activities!

CITY-WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT COMING UP SOON!

The oak trees have shed their leaves and are in bloom, signaling that spring is not far behind. That also means that Easter approaches and it's time to prepare for the **City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt**. The event is scheduled for **Saturday, April 11 at 10:00am on the west fields of the Otis M. Andrews Sports Complex, 2402 East Cherry Street (just east of Hillsborough Community College)**. Cooking of hotdogs for the around 1,000 youths will begin earlier. It's possible that the famous sausage with grilled onions and peppers may make another appearance (hint, hint). More details in the next Oracle, but mark your calendar now for Saturday, April 11 as we will need cooks, bun stuffers and wrappers as well as coolers to store the 'dogs in prior to serving and soda tappers. Let's plan to have 10-12 members on hand to handle the food and drink duties as we always do. **Event Chairman Scott Lawson** (john_lawson@progressive.com or 813-267-0382) needs your help so contact him or volunteer at the next meeting!

SOCCKER SEASON IS ABOUT TO BEGIN SOON

By March 10, the rosters and schedules for over **1,300 youths on 100 teams** will be mailed out for the 33rd season of the **PCRPD/Optimist Youth Soccer program**. Games are played on 13 fields at the Otis M. Andrews Sports Complex every Tuesday and Saturday starting on March 24 for the older age groups (U19 and U15 Boys) followed by the other age groups on Saturday March 28. (No games April 7 and 11 due to Spring Break and Easter weekend). Game times are 8:30am, 9:45am, 11:00am and 12:15pm each Saturday (later on April 14 and 18 due to team photos those dates). Season runs through the end of May. **Prez Job** helps with the administration at the fields on game days and several other club members are coaches of officials. Come out one Saturday and see the dollars we raise in action.

SOCCKER TRI-STAR SET FOR MAY 2

The annual **Soccer Tri-Star Skills Competition is set for Saturday May 2** at the west fields of the Otis M. Andrews Sports Complex, 2402 East Cherry Street). Set-up and orientation is 8:30, competition starts at 9:00 and ends at 11:00 with the awards handed out at 11:30. The free event allows players to compete before or after their games and consists of dribbling through flags, passing through target spaces and shooting at point targets hanging in front of a goal. **Soccer Tri-Star Event Chairman Steve Rossiter** (stephenrossiter@verizon.com or 813-478-4142) will need 6-8 members on site to assist in the grading and awards presentation. Contact Steve to get your name on the list to help out!

RESPECT FOR LAW DINNER MAY 4

Mark your calendar as well for the **Respect for Law Dinner scheduled for Monday, May 4** at the Recreation & Parks administration conference room. Details are to be released soon. Contact **Respect for Law Event Chairman Terry Harnage** (terrifer@verizon.com or 813-239-4470) to help out with this event!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, March 9:** Regular meeting, 6:30pm, First Choice BBQ. Agenda: Easter Egg Hunt, Soccer Tri-Star, Respect for Law, scholarships
- ✓ **Monday, March 23:** Steak Night meeting, 6:30pm, Rec & Parks patio. Agenda: Easter Egg Hunt, Soccer Tri-Star, Respect for Law, scholarships
- ✓ **Monday, April 6:** Regular meeting, 6:30pm, location to be announced. Agenda: Easter Egg Hunt, Soccer Tri-Star, Respect for Law, scholarships

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