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NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, MAY 4

Our next meeting will be the Respect For Law Dinner on **Monday May 4, 6:30 pm** at the **Rec & Parks admin conference room**. Details on the dinner are in the article below. We will have a short meeting at the end of the dinner to touch on a couple topics: Steppin' Stone Summer Outing and Golf Tournament. **Bring that new member candidate!**

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 staff orientation is 8:30, competition starts at 9:00 and ends at 11:00 with the awards handed out at 11:30. Similar to football and basketball, the competition tests dribbling, passing and shooting skills. So far, **Soccer Tri-Star Event Chairman Steve Rossiter** (stephenrossiter@verizon.com or 813-478-4142) has **Jeff A, Larry B, Cal C, Jeb H, Jack H** and **Dave R** volunteering to assist in the grading and awards presentation. We can still use a couple more hands on deck... contact Steve to help out!

RESPECT FOR LAW DINNER MAY 4

Next meeting is the **Respect for Law Dinner, 6:30 pm on Monday, May 4** at the Recreation & Parks administration conference room. **Respect for Law Event Chairman Terry Harnage** (terrifer@verizon.com or 813-239-4470) has coordinated our honoree from Plant City Police Department as well as our guest speaker, Mayor Rick Lott. The menu is **Walt A's** famous grilled sausages with onions and peppers (hotdogs for the little ones), potato salad, baked beans and various desserts volunteered by Terry H, Jeb H, Jeff O, and Mike W. To cover costs, we are collecting \$5 from each member, all guests are free. **WE NEED TO GET A HEAD COUNT, so please RSVP your YES (with your guest list) or NO to Prez Jeb (shicks5@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-8804) no later than Sunday, May 3 so we can make appropriate arrangements.** Let's have a great turnout to honor our law enforcement honoree!

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The winners of our four \$1,000 college scholarships were announced Tuesday April 28 at the Plant City High School Awards Banquet. **Prez Jeb** and **1st VP Mike W** presented the awards to **Victoria Capezza, Ali Boggs, Andrew Orso** and **Josh Thiebe**. We hope to have bios on these outstanding youths in the next Oracle.

ORATORICAL WINNER TAKES DISTRICT BY STORM

In case Grandpa **Dave R** has not called you and you missed the press release... **Amanda Williamson** won at the North Florida District finals on Saturday, April 25 at the Hilton Hotel Ocala. By winning, she brought home not only a trophy (for her) but also a \$1,500 college scholarship (for parents Mike and Melanie). Congratulations, Amanda!

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars as well for **Monday, June 29**... that will be the date for the **Steppin' Stone Farm Summer Family Outing**. More later on this fun night with the young ladies and staff at the Farm from our Steppin' Stone Event Chairman **Walt Arnold** (walt34@gmail.com or 813-752-1602). Plan now to attend with your family for a night of fun!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Saturday, May 2:** Soccer Tri-Star Competition, Otis M. Andrews Sports Complex west fields, 8:30am set up, 9:00-11:00 competition, 11:30 awards. Need 6-8 members to keep score.
- ✓ **Monday, May 4:** Respect For Law Dinner, Rec & Parks admin office conference room, details above.
- ✓ **Monday, May 18:** Steak Night meeting, 6:30 grill time, Rec & Parks admin patio. Agenda: Steppin' Stone Summer Outing, Golf Tournament planning, Tree Lot order discussion, officer/board elections planning

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