



# THE ORACLE

Optimist Club of Plant City  
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## NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Our next meeting is **Monday, November 2 - Youth Appreciation Night - 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks admin office conference room.** Please see article below and send in your RSVP as requested no later than Saturday, October 31. Focus Magazine is coming out to do a feature article, and we know it is a busy time for everyone, but we need your support! Help lighten the club's work load and bring a guest—new member apps are available!

## CHARTER MEMBER BERNIE REYNOLDS CELEBRATES 95TH BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to **Bernie Reynolds** as he recently celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Bernie is a charter member of the club since it started in 1963 and was its first president. On his birthday, Monday October 26, several club members and their families celebrated with Bernie at the Health Center of Plant City. **Dave R** noted that the club "has come a long way since 1963" and "after selling over 35,000 Christmas trees and serving around 100,000 youths through sports, academics and community programs over the 46 years of the club's existence, it has been great to have Bernie involved since day one". As a Board Member for 2009-2011, we expect Bernie to be involved for many more years! Photo on page 2.

## NEXT UP... YOUTH APPRECIATION

Optimism never slows down... It's time for our annual Youth Appreciation event. **Prez Mike** has agreed again to organize and has set the **Youth Appreciation event for Monday, November 2 at 6:30 pm at the Recreation & Parks administration office conference room.** This is always a great event to spotlight what's right with our area youth and we want a big turnout! **Sherry Mueller** from PCHS will be our speaker and she will introduce eight outstanding students who are being recognized for their efforts in and out of the school setting. Bring the family out to enjoy Grandpa Johnsons BBQ for only \$5 a head. **Please RSVP to Prez Mike (michaellwilliamson@gmail.com or 813-757-6570) no later than Saturday** so that we have an accurate head count for the food and set up. **We also need dessert volunteers,** so let **Prez Mike** know when you RSVP! The media will be present, so let's have a great turnout!

## TREE LOT TIME!

Get those gloves and ladders out! **The tree lot will be erected on Saturday, November 21 at 8:00 am...** and this is a **rain or shine event!** The lot is located again at Plant City High School, corner of West Alexander Street and Maki Road. Following that, on **Sunday November 22, trees are scheduled to arrive!** **Tree Lot Chairman Dave R** (drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-2257) needs all hands on deck for both days, so clear your calendars now! Also, get on line and go to the Tree Lot Calendar, located at <http://my.calendars.net/pcoptimist> and start signing up for work time. Any questions on the calendar, contact **Prez Mike** (michaellwilliamson@gmail.com or 813-757-6570) or **1st VP Jeff O** (jogden01@tampabay.rr.com or 813-651-3787) for help. Remember, this is our largest fundraiser and we need all members to work several shifts to cover the lot.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- √ **Monday, November 2:** Youth Appreciation event, 6:30 pm, Rec & Parks admin conference room. More info later.
- √ **Monday, November 16:** Steak Night meeting, grill time 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks admin patio.  
Agenda: Tree Lot, Tree Lot, Tree Lot, and Tree Lot, with a little Steppin' Stone Christmas Party mixed in
- √ **Saturday, November 21:** Tree Lot set up, 8:00 am.
- √ **Sunday, November 22:** Trees arrive, time to be announced.
- √ **Monday November 23 through mid-December:** Tree Lot sales under way—get on the schedule!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BERNIE!

