



THE ORACLE

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NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Our next meeting is **Monday, November 16 - Steak Night - 6:30 pm grill time at the Rec & Parks admin patio.** We have a lot to discuss concerning the tree lot! Bring a guest and a steak for them - new member apps are available!

GOOD CROWD FOR YOUTH APPRECIATION

Thanks to everyone that attended the **Youth Appreciation event on Monday, November 2 at the Recreation & Parks administration office conference room.** You received an e-mail with the press release last week giving the bios of the eight students that were honored. Special thanks to **Sherry Mueller** from PCHS for her help in selecting and presenting the students. A great big thank you to Melanie and the rest of the Williamson family for helping out with the decorations! Some photo from the event are on page 2 of this Oracle.

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. Then, on **Sunday November 22, trees are scheduled to arrive** so many hands are needed! **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.

CHRISTMAS PARADE IS COMING UP

Once the tree lot opens, we know that the annual Christmas Parade is not far behind. **Parade Chair Alaina E (aedgemon@gmail.com or 813-956-3453)** needs your help in float assembly at the tree lot on **Parade Day, Friday December 4**, starting at 1:00 pm. Once we get the float assembled, we will have pizza and drinks for the parade walkers/riders at 4:00 pm. Members, be sure to wear your Optimist Club polo shirt and everyone else wear an Optimist sport tee shirt. We'll leave the lot at 5:00 pm to join the parade line-up. Come out and be a part of this fun family event which helps us promote our Club and what we do!

STEPPIN' STONE EVENT IS ON THE HORIZON

Be sure to mark your calendar for the **Steppin' Stone Christmas Party!** We plan to head to the country on **Monday evening, December 14** with arrival time set at 6:30 pm. A convoy will leave the tree lot at 6:00 pm. **Coordinator Walt A (walt34@gmail.com or 813-752-1602)** will soon provide a list of the resident girls and staff for gift purchasing. Remember, it's also a covered dish affair and we need each member to bring a large batch of their favorite finger foods or dessert for the crowd. This is a great family event and we need to have a good turnout of members and their families!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **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!
- ✓ **Friday, December 4:** Parade Night—float set-up at 1:00 at the Tree Lot, pizza & drinks at 4:00, line-up at 5:00.
- ✓ **Monday, December 14:** Steppin' Stone Farm Christmas Party, 6:30 pm arrival, bring gift and lots of finger food.

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