



# **THE ORACLE**

**Optimist Club of Plant City**  
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**Late January, 2010**



## **NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, JANUARY 18**

Our next meeting is **Monday, January 18 - 6:30 pm grill time at the Rec & Parks admin patio**. Lots to cover: Playground Contribution, Little League Sponsorship, Basketball Tri-Star (January 30), the Oratorical Contest (February 15), Citizen of the Year selection (February 24), Easter Egg Hunt (April 3), Respect for Law (May) and Scholarships (May). Bring your new member candidate and a steak for both of you!

## **FINALIZING PLANS FOR PLAYGROUND DONATION**

Final plans are being made for the club to make it's contribution toward the playground cost at Ellis-Methvin Park. This is a substantial effort by our club and it will make a significant impact for the community. Please help us coordinate the final steps in making the contribution and signage possible.

## **YOUTH BASKETBALL TRI-STAR SKILLS COMPETITION JANUARY 30**

The basketballs are bouncing in area gyms as the PCRPD/Optimist Youth Basketball Program is well underway. The Tri-Star Skills competition will be held Saturday, January 30 at the Plant City Family YMCA. Set-up is 1:30, competition starts at 2:00 and awards should be handed out at 3:15-3:30. **1st VP Jeff O (jogden01@tampabay.rr.com or 813-651-3787)** is coordinating and has some volunteers secured. We will need 8-10 members to assist with the program. Throw your hat into the ring at the meeting January 18 and we'll see you at the YMCA on January 30!

## **ORATORICAL COMPETITION FEBRUARY 15**

The topic this year is "**Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem?**". The night for our orators to shine is February 15 at the Rec & Parks admin office conference room. **Chairman Dave R (drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-2257)** will have more details to announce in the next Oracle. Save the date now and plan to attend with your family.

## **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 24**

**Prez Mike W** attended the super secret meeting of clubs and helped select the next Citizen of the Year. He will represent our Club on the dais at the luncheon February 24 at the Red Rose Ballroom. The person selected is a hush-hush secret so be sure to watch for the follow-up details after the luncheon. Ask Mike what the secret handshake was...

## **LOTS OF PROGRAMS TO DO, LOTS OF PROGRAM CHAIRMEN NEEDED**

After a busy January/February, we move right into spring with the City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt (April 3), Respect for Law Program (May) and High School Graduate Scholarships (May). The Easter Egg Hunt and Respect for Law events are looking for volunteer chairmen to assist with coordination of these events. Please contact **Prez Mike W (michaellwilliamson@gmail.com or 813-757-6570)** and volunteer to help out!

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ✓ **Monday, January 18:** Steak Night meeting, grill time 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks Department admin patio. Bring a new member candidate and help plan Basketball Tri-Star, Oratorical Contest and Citizen of the Year.
- ✓ **Saturday, January 30:** Basketball Tri-Star Competition, 1:30 set up, 2:00 event at PC Family YMCA.
- ✓ **Monday, February 1:** Regular meeting, 6:30 pm, location to be announced.
- ✓ **Monday, February 15:** Oratorical Contest, Rec & Parks admin conference room, time to be announced.

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### **2009-2010 OFFICERS**

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### **2009-2010 BOARD MEMBERS**

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