



# THE ORACLE

Optimist Club of Plant City  
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## NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Our next meeting is **Monday, February 1, 6:30 pm** at **First Choice BBQ, 712 S Collins Street**. Be there to help your club made decisions on the following topics: Playground Contribution/Sign, Basketball Tri-Star (January 30), the Oratorical Contest (February 15), Citizen of the Year attendance (February 24), Easter Egg Hunt (April 3), Respect for Law (May) and Scholarships (May). Bring your new member candidate!

## YOUTH BASKETBALL TRI-STAR SKILLS COMPETITION THIS SAT., JAN. 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 **this 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: **Jeff A, Walt A, Cal C, Alaina E, Jack H, Stan H, David K, Jeff O, Dave R, Mike W, Paul W**. We can use more help if you can be there... plan to attend!

## FINALIZING PLAYGROUND CONTRIBUTION AND SIGN

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.

## 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)** announces we have at least 5 speakers already signed up! **NOTE TIME CHANGE FROM LAST MEETING:** Members and their families should arrive at 6:00 pm to greet the participants and their families. The doors lock at 6:30 pm for the competition to begin, so please be there on time! Strawberry shortcake and all the trimmings will be served.

## 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. Attending: **Jeff A, Walt A, Alaina E, Jack H, David K, Jeff O, Dave R, Mike W and Paul W**.

## THANKS FOR VOLUNTEER CHAIRMEN WHO STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE TO HELP!

**Alaina E (aedgemon@gmail.com or 813-956-3453)** and **Jeff A (arnoldjef@gmail.com or 813-707-8373)** have volunteered to chair the Easter Egg Hunt (April 3) and Respect for Law (May) events respectively. If you would like to help them out, please contact them for more details.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **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, First Choice BBQ, 712 S Collins St.
- ✓ **Monday, February 15:** Oratorical Contest, Rec & Parks admin conference room, arrive 6:00 pm, starts 6:30 pm.
- ✓ **Monday, February 22:** **Possible** presentation to the City Commission for the playground donation, 7:30 pm.
- ✓ **Monday, February 24:** Regular meeting, 6:30 pm, First Choice BBQ, 712 S Collins St.
- ✓ **Monday, March 1:** Regular meeting, 6:30 pm, site to be announced.

### 2009-2010 OFFICERS

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