



THE ORACLE

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NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Our next meeting is for the **Oratorical Contest on Monday, February 15, 6:30 pm sharp at the Rec & Parks admin office conference room.** Club members should be there at 6:00 pm to meet and greet the participants and their families, details below. A short business meeting will be held at the end of the contest.

ORATORICAL COMPETITION SHAPING UP

The topic this year is "**Cyber Communication: Progress or Problem?**". The night for our orators to shine is this coming **Monday, February 15 at the Rec & Parks admin office conference room.** 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. Word from **Chairman Dave R (drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-2257)** is that we have a great bunch of competitors, so let's give them a full house and our undivided attention!

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.**

FINALIZING PLAYGROUND CONTRIBUTION AND SIGN

We have a conceptual drawing of the sign to memorialize our club contribution toward the cost of the playground at Ellis-Methvin Park. This is a substantial effort by our club and it will make a significant impact for the community. We need your input following the Oratorical Contest. Please help us coordinate the final steps in making the contribution and signage possible.

YOUTH BASKETBALL TRI-STAR SKILLS COMPETITION A HIT

What a turnout! **1st VP Jeff O (jogden01@tampabay.rr.com or 813-651-3787)** was the "member wrangler" for the contest held at the YMCA on January 30. We had a great turnout of members and, even better, a great turnout of participants with nearly 90 boys and girls on hand. Big thanks to those of you that helped out!

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START PLANNING FOR FUTUR EVENTS...

It is still early, but we do need to start thinking about the Easter Egg Hunt (April 3) and the Respect for Law program (May). **Alaina E (aedgemon@gmail.com or 813-956-3453)** is handling the Easter Egg Hunt staffing and **Jeff A (arnoldjef@gmail.com or 813-707-8373)** has volunteered to chair the Respect for Law events. If you would like to help them out, please contact them for more details.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, February 15:** Oratorical Contest, Rec & Parks admin conference room, arrive 6:00 pm, starts 6:30 pm.
- ✓ **Monday, March 1:** Regular meeting, 6:30 pm, site to be announced.
- ✓ **Monday, March 8:** *Possible* presentation to the City Commission for the playground donation, 7:30 pm.

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