



# **THE ORACLE**

**Optimist Club of Plant City**  
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**Early April, 2010**

## **NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, APRIL 12**

Our next meeting is a two-parter. First, we will meet at **6:30 pm at First Choice BBQ**, 712 S Collins St, for a bite to eat. Then, we will go to the City Commission meeting starting **promptly at 7:30 pm at City Hall**, 302 W Reynolds Street. At dinner, we will discuss Respect for Law, Soccer Tri-Star and High School Graduate Scholarships. Even if you cannot make the dinner portion, we want all members to be at the City Commission meeting with your Optimist shirt on!

## **CONDOLENCES TO THE JOHNSON FAMILY**

As announced previously, Charter Member Elton Johnson passed away March 31. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time of sorrow.

## **IT'S TIME TO DONATE SOME MONEY!**

We are on the City Commission agenda for **Monday, April 12 at 7:30 pm sharp**. Prez Mike will present our first installment of our \$40,000 contribution to the City for Elis-Methvin Park. We need all members present in your Optimist shirt! City Hall is at 302 W Reynolds St, but the parking lot is on the opposite (north) side of the building. The meeting room is on the first floor. Let's have a great showing for this very important presentation!

## **CITY-WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT WAS A BLAST!**

Thanks to everyone who helped **Event Chairperson Alaina E** to cook, wrap and serve 1,200 hotdogs and probably as many drinks to the participants at the 21st Annual City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt! We will post photos in the next Oracle!

## **SOCCER TRI-STAR SKILLS COMPETITION WORKERS NEEDED**

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, May 1** for the annual Soccer Tri-Star Skills Competition at the Otis M. Andrews Sports Complex. Set-up and orientation is 8:30 am, the event is 9:00 to 11:00 am and the awards will be handed out after equipment breakdown at 11:30 am. Around six (6) workers are needed to grade the dribbling, passing and shooting drills. Watch for more details in the next Oracle.

## **ORATORICAL COMPETITORS GET READY FOR ZONE CONTEST**

Our Oratorical Contest winners, Haley Ours and James Orso are now preparing their speeches for the **Zone Competition to be held in Mulberry on Monday May 3**. From there, winners move on to the region competition on Saturday May 8, followed by the State Finals on Saturday May 15 in Jacksonville. Both will give their orations to the Toastmasters Club and to us prior to the May 3 Zone competition.

## **RESPECT FOR LAW - DATE CHANGE**

**Event Chairman Jeff A (arnoldjef@gmail.com or 813-707-8373)** announced that due to the date set for the Zone Oratorical in Mulberry, we have to move our Respect for Law event to another night. Mark your calendars for the new date of **Monday, May 17, 6:30 pm at the Recreation & Parks administrative office conference room**. More details will be announced in upcoming Oracles, so watch for them!

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ✓ **Monday, April 12:** Meet 6:30 pm at First Choice, then 7:30 pm City Hall Commission meeting.
- ✓ **Monday, April 19:** Steak Night meeting, 6:30 pm grill time, Rec & Parks admin patio.
- ✓ **Saturday, May 1:** Soccer Tri-Star Comp., OMA Sports Complex, 8:30 set-up, 9:00-11:00 comp., 11:30 awards.
- ✓ **Monday, May 3:** Zone Oratorical, 6:30 pm, Paradise Lakes, Mulberry.
- ✓ **Monday, May 17:** Respect for Law event, 6:30 pm, Rec & Parks admin conference room.

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