



THE ORACLE

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NEXT MEETING THIS COMING MONDAY, APRIL 4

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 4 - 6:30 pm** at [First Choice BBQ](#), 712 S Collins St, followed by a visit to the Robertson home (see below). Come out, bring a friend and help coordinate our upcoming events: Easter Egg Hunt (April 23), Respect for Law (May 2) and Soccer Tri-Star (May 7).

CONDOLENCES TO THE ROBERTSON FAMILY

Jim Robertson, club member since 1997-1998, passed away late Tuesday afternoon after a battle with ALS. Surviving family include wife Mary and adult children Ashley and Shawn. Per Dede Hippler as of Thursday night, Jim did not want a funeral; he wanted to be cremated. Last word is the family is going to hold a reception with finger foods at their home on Monday evening from 5-8 pm. Jim's [obituary](#) should be in the paper Saturday or Sunday. We have a meeting at First Choice beginning at 6:30. As a club, we will wear our new shirts and go by the house after the meeting. An appropriate flower arrangement with living plants is planned to be left with the family. A donation to the ALS Foundation will be discussed at the Monday meeting.

ORATORICAL UPDATE

The **Zone Contest** is set for **6:00 pm on April 19** at the **Paradise Lakes Clubhouse**, [426 Apache Trail, Mulberry](#) (just off South Florida Ave/SR37 from Lakeland). **Oratorical Chairman Dave R** reports to the Oracle that our contestants are preparing and it is our Club will provide strawberry shortcake as well as awards. As a bonus for our Club, we will be judging the Poster Contest applicants from Lakeland and Winter Haven immediately following the Oratorical Contest. Final details in the next Oracle...

EASTER EGG HUNT SET FOR APRIL 23

Don't forget to mark your calendar! The [22nd Annual City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt](#) is set for **April 23 from 10:00 to 1:00**. Immediate Past Prez **Mike W** (michaellwilliamson@gmail.com or 813-299-6503) has volunteered to help coordinate the Club's assistance for the Plant City Recreation & Parks event. We will need the grill, cooks, assemblers, wrappers (as opposed to rappers), coolers to store the wrapped 'dogs, 'dog servers and drink servers. Quite a few workers are required on site, from grill lighting at 8:00 am, assembling/wrapping at 8:30 am and serving food/drinks from 10:15 am to 12:00 noon. Thanks for Jeff A, Walt A, Dave R, Dave K, Jeb H, Cal C, Alaina E, Stan H, Jack H, Melanie and Susan for volunteering so far. More are needed, so please get with Mike W and put your name on the list.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, April 4:** Meeting, 6:30 pm, First Choice BBQ, followed by a visit to the Robertson home (wear your new OC shirt). Topics: Scholarships review, Easter Egg Hunt (Apr 23), Respect for Law event (May 2), Soccer Tri-Star (May 7), Golf.
- ✓ **Monday, April 18:** NO MEETING due to Zone Oratorical the next night, Easter Egg Hunt on the 23rd and the Bernie/Commission meeting on the 25th.
- ✓ **Tuesday, April 19:** Zone Oratorical, 6:00 pm, Paradise Lakes Clubhouse, Mulberry
- ✓ **Saturday, April 23:** City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt—10:00 to 1:00. Need workers starting at 8:00 am through noon. See article above for details.
- ✓ **Monday, April 25:** Meeting at Bernie's (Plant City Health Center—Wilder Road) at 6:30, then City Commission meeting for check presentation at 7:30 pm. Wear your new OC shirt!

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