



# THE ORACLE

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## ENJOY YOUR JULY 4TH HOLIDAY—NO MEETING THIS MONDAY

We will skip July's first Monday, July 4, due to the holiday. A special guest is lined up for our July 18 meeting... see below. This is a great meeting to bring a potential new member... or a long time missing current member! Don't forget your steak and one for your guest! Details below.

## LOTS OF FUN WAS HAD BY ALL AT THE STEPPIN' STONE FARM SUMMER VISIT

Thanks to all that attended the Steppin' Stone Farm visit last month. Coordinator **Walt A** and his cooking assistant **Terry H** did a great job with the food while games coordinator **Jeff A** and bingo leader **Paul W** kept the room hopping with activity! The only questionable action was **Terry H's** *Guesstures* turn describing a fire hydrant... Some photos are on page 2 of this Oracle (thanks, Jeff A for remembering the camera!).

## NEXT MEETING: COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AL HIGGINBOTHAM

We need a big turnout for Monday July 18—Steak Night—at the Rec & Parks admin patio. Grill time is 6:30. Following the meal, Hillsborough County Commission Chairman Al Higginbotham will speak to us.

Higginbotham is a native of Plant City. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Florida in political science before working for a United States congressman and a member of the Florida Cabinet.



Higginbotham moved into the private sector by starting a real estate brokerage firm, and served for three years as chairman of the Hillsborough County Republican Party. Higginbotham was elected to the County Commission in November 2006 to represent District 4, which encompasses eastern and southern Hillsborough County. He served as the County Commission's Chaplain for two years, and was appointed the Chair in 2010. He also is serving on the following Boards and Councils: Agency on Bay Management, Council of Governments, Department of Defense-MacDill Air Force Base Support Committee, Florida Aquarium Board of Directors, Emergency Policy Group, Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board, Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful, Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, Tampa Bay Economic Development Corporation, Election Canvassing Board, and Tourist Development Council. Higginbotham remains today a staunch advocate for persons with disabilities, agricultural issues and faith-based causes. Higginbotham and his wife, Devon, have been married since 1979 and have two children.

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Let's have a big crowd and bring that prospective new member with you! We will ask for an RSVP next week so we have enough potatoes and salad on hand. Check your calendar and respond when asked!

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, July 4:** No meeting due to the holiday... stay safe and enjoy the day!
- ✓ **Monday, July 18:** Steak Night meeting, 6:30 grill time at the Rec & Parks admin patio. Special guest speaker: Hillsborough County Commission Chairman Al Higginbotham. Need a good turnout! After Al's talk, we need to discuss the upcoming Golf Tournament (Oct 22), Board of Directors selections for 2011-2013, Christmas Tree Lot and more!

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**2011 STEPPIN' STONE FARM SUMMER VISIT**

