



THE ORACLE

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NEXT MEETING SET FOR JANUARY 16

It's Steak Night time! Next meeting is Monday January 16, 6:30 grill time at the Rec & Parks admin office. We have work to discuss: post-mortem on the Tree Lot, upcoming Basketball Tri-Star Competition (Jan 28), Oratorical Contest (Feb 13) and Citizen of the Year (Feb 22). Got any new member candidates? Bring a steak for you and your guest!

BASKETBALL SEASON IS UNDERWAY

Games for the 43rd year of [PCRPD/Optimist Youth Basketball](#) are underway for 38 teams and nearly 400 players. Normal schedule of games: Tomlin (Tue, Thur 6:30, 7:45), Marshall (Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 6:30, 7:45) and the YMCA (Mon, Tue, Thur 6:30, 7:45 and Sat 8:30, 9:45, 11:00). Stop by and check out the games!

BASKETBALL TRI-STAR IS COMING UP

The [Optimist Tri-Star Dribble-Pass-Shoot Competition](#) is scheduled for Saturday January 28 at 1:00 pm at Tomlin Middle School. We need 10 members on site to assist with set-up at 12:30 pm and orientation prior to the event. We should finish by 2:30 pm after the awards presentation and clean-up. Volunteers so far: **Jeff A, Stan H, Dave K, Jeff O, Dave R, Pat S, Mike W and Paul W**. A few more volunteers are needed — contact **Tri-Star Chairman Jeff O** at jogden01@tampabay.rr.com or **813-299-6498**. If you don't volunteer, you may be drafted to serve. Step up!

GET READY FOR THE SPEECHES!

The **Oratorical Contest** is scheduled for Monday, February 13 at 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks admin conference room, 1904 South Park Road. Traditionally, strawberry shortcake is served after the presentations. The topic for 2012 is **"How My Optimism Helps Me Overcome Obstacles"**. The orators, who were under 18 as of 12/31/2011, have between 4 and 5 minutes to present their speech. **Chairman Dave R** reports we already have some competitors registered to participate. Full details on the event will be in the next Oracle, but mark your calendar now to attend and support these youths in their efforts.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

By now, the presidents of the local service clubs have met to discuss and ultimately select the 2012 Citizen of the Year recipient. **Prez Pat S** will lead our club's delegation at the ceremony, scheduled for Wednesday, February 22 at 11:30 am at the Red Rose Inn & Suites Conference Center. Eight members will join Prez Pat at the event. Be prepared to provide your availability at the January 16 meeting.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, January 16:** Steak Night meeting, grill time 6:30 pm, Rec & Parks admin patio. Topics: wrap up Tree Lot post-mortem, finish Tri-Star coordination (Jan 28), continue work on Oratorical Contest (Feb 13) and Citizen of the Year banquet attendees (Feb 22).
- ✓ **Saturday, January 28:** Basketball Tri-Star Competition, Tomlin Gym. Set-up and orientation at 12:30, competition at 1:00, awards and clean-up over by 2:30.
- ✓ **Monday, February 6:** Regular meeting, 6:30 pm, site to be announced.
- ✓ **Monday, February 13:** Oratorical Contest, 6:30 pm, Rec & Parks admin conference room.

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