



THE ORACLE

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Early May, 2012

NEXT MEETING SET FOR MAY 7

Our next meeting will be at **ABC Pizza on Monday May 7 at 6:30 pm.** On the agenda: Oratorical N FL District Competition report, Soccer Tri-Star wrap-up, final planning for our Respect for Law program (May 21), Scholarships report and discussion about the Summer Outing at Steppin' Stone Farm. Special guest Plant City Family YMCA Executive Director Eric Poe will give us an update on what's going on at the YMCA and he will also accept our annual contribution check. Plan to join us and bring a new member candidate!

PLANT CITY PLACES WELL AT THE SW REGION ORATORICAL CONTEST

Our top two finishers in the local Oratorical Contest, **Gabby Johnson** and **Jesse Bingham**, advanced from the Zone Competition to the Southwest Region Competition in St Petersburg on April 28. They competed against some great students from St Pete, Raymond James St. Pete, St. Pete Breakfast, St. Pete Sunday Brunch, Tampa Northwest, Tampa Town & Country, Winter Haven and, of course, Plant City. Gabby gave a great speech but ran up against two extremely qualified orators and did not advance. Jesse topped the boys competition and advanced to the North Florida District Finals at the North Florida District Quarterly meeting in Orlando on May 5 at 10:00 at the Sheraton Downtown. Several PCOC members are attending to support Jesse. Thanks **Chair Dave R** for shepherding them through. We'll have a report at the May 7 meeting.

SOCCER TRI-STAR COMING UP MAY 5

Every year, we host the [Soccer Tri-Star Competition](#) at the Otis M. Andrews Sports Complex. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, May 5. Set-up and orientation is at 8:30 am, the competition is from 9:00 to 11:00 am with clean-up and awards at 11:30 am. Each of you received an e-mail soliciting your help and containing the volunteer orientation, event rules and registration form/score sheet, all for review prior to the event. Please plan to come out and assist! **Soccer Tri-Star Coordinator Jeff A** will be recruiting volunteers, so beat him to the punch and contact him at arnoldjef@gmail.com or 813-842-8829 and offer your help!

RESPECT FOR LAW EVENT - RE-TOOLED AND READY TO APPRECIATE!

Plan to attend the **Respect for Law / Law Appreciation (ROW/LA)** event on **Monday, May 21 at 6:30 pm at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Recreation Center**, 1601 E Dr MLK Blvd (south of Marshall Middle School). The event has been re-tooled to involve a youth club from Marshall Middle School and a new mentoring program at the rec center. We will serve hamburgers and hotdogs for the 40+ kids expected to attend in addition to some of their parents and our club members and families. Police Chief Bill McDaniel will speak to the group and introduce the Plant City Officer of the Year. We will need a head count of all attendees no later than Monday May 14 in order to have enough food to cook and enough seating set up. *This is a good opportunity to bring a guest!* Please reply to either **ROW/LA Chairman Dave K** (csmdahk@verizon.net or 813-277-4744) or **Jack H** (jackholland@att.net or 813-763-4238) today and get your count of attendees in!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Saturday, May 5:** Soccer Tri-Star Competition, 8:30 set-up/orientation, 9:00-11:00 competition, 11:30 clean-up and awards, Otis M. Andrews Sports Complex. See article above.
- ✓ **Saturday, May 5:** North Florida District Oratorical Finals, Sheraton Downtown, Orlando, 10:00 am.
- ✓ **Monday, May 7:** Meeting at ABC Pizza, 6:30 pm. See agenda topics above.
- ✓ **Monday, May 21:** Respect For Law program, 6:30 pm, Dr. MLK Rec Center. See article above.

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