



THE ORACLE

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Late December, 2012

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 17

We will have our traditional **Steppin' Stone Farm Christmas Event on Monday, December 17 at 6:30 pm sharp**. Be sure to buy your gift and bring enough food! Details below...

AND THEN THERE WERE NONE...

...Christmas trees, that is! Upon arrival at the lot this afternoon to break it down and pack it away, there were only eight trees left. By the time we left after packing the trailer, we were down to two! Special thanks to Tree Lot Chairman and weekday staffer Dave R, weekday staffers Walt A and Cal C and all of you that helped set up the lot, unload trees, sell trees and tear down the lot. Without your help, it cannot be done. Rumor has it the 2012 sales season was a \$\$ record breaker. We'll know more as the final bills and deposits are tallied.

STEPPIN' STONE CHRISTMAS EVENT PLANNED!

As we do each Christmas season, we are planning to visit the young ladies at **Steppin' Stone Farm on Monday night, December 17, starting promptly at 6:30 pm**. As usual, we will take a gift for each resident and staff member. The list was posted at the Tree Lot and is also attached to this Oracle as page 2. Remember to bring a large tray of finger foods and desserts for everyone to share. We usually have 80+ people there, so be sure to bring enough! Any leftovers are appreciated by the girls! **Steppin' Stone Event Chairman Walt A (walt34@gmail.com or 813-752-1602)** requests that **if you did not drop off your gift at the tree lot and if you have not confirmed to him you have your gift purchased, you need to call him ASAP**. If you wish to carpool from the Tree Lot, the caravan leaves promptly at 6:00 pm Monday night. Directions to Steppin' Stone Farm, 8421 Pritcher Road, Lithia: Take Redman Parkway/SR39 south, cross SR60, continue 3.5 miles to Keysville



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, December 19:** Steppin' Stone Christmas Event, 6:30 pm sharp at the Farm. See story above.
- ✓ **Tuesday, December 25:** Merry Christmas to all!
- ✓ **Tuesday, January 1:** Happy New Year!
- ✓ **Monday, January 7:** usual meeting night, 6:30 pm... location to be announced
- ✓ **Monday, January 21:** Steak Night Meeting, 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks admin office patio. We are looking to do something different for this Steak Night as we want to bring a batch of potential new members and give them an overview of just what we do. Please start discussing a night out with a potential new member and bring them to the Steak Night!
- ✓ **February 4:** The Oratorical Contest is rumored to be this meeting's activity. More later...

**CHRISTMAS PARTY
PLANT CITY OPTIMIST CLUB AT STEPPIN' STONE FARM**

WHEN: MONDAY Dec. 17, 2012 @ 6:30 (may car pool from tree lot @ 6:00 SHARP)
 WHERE: STEPPIN' STONE FARM
 WHO: OPTIMIST MEMBERS and FAMILY
 DRESS: CASUAL, except for Santa
 FOOD: BRING TWO (2) selections of finger food or ONE (1) large selection
 GIFTS: Up to \$25.00. Sweaters, sweatshirts, etc. Please print girl's name
 in LARGE LETTERS for Santa and put your name on the package.
 Put family gifts together in a separate bag.

GIFTS MUST BE TO WALT ARNOLD OR AT TREE LOT BY FRIDAY DEC. 14th

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>GIRLS:</u>	<u>SIZE:</u>
Jeff Arnold.....	Hana	Medium
Walt Arnold.....	Alex.....	Medium
Gene Bowman.....	Sam.....	Small
David Byers.....	Brianna.....	Medium
Cal Calhoun.....	Amber.....	Medium
Rob Dusse	Taylor A.	Small
Ben Knox.....	Kristle.....	Medium
Tim Shuff.....	London	Medium
Alaina Edgemon.....	Kristi.....	Medium
Terry Harnage.....	Rachel.....	Small
DougHippler	Hannah.....	Large
Jeb Hicks.....	Riley.....	Medium
Jack Holland.....	Victoria.....	Medium/Large
Billy Keel.....	Lauren Davis	Small
Steve Kennedy	Shelenna.....	Medium
Dave Kinghorn	Emma	Medium
Jeff Ogden.....	Taylor M.	Small
Mike Palestrini	Abby	Large
Dave Robbins.....	Katelyn	Small
Pat-Darcy Stottlemeyer	Abbie	Medium
Mike Williamson	Sadie	Medium
Paul Woods.....	Lauren S.....	Medium

Steppin' Stone Staff Ideas: Restaurant or Department Store \$25.00 gift certificates

Tony Azorin	Dave Coffee	Steve Harrington	Roger Mitchell
Jeff Batley	Dan Coton	Stan Hobby	

Guests and Family (Come and enjoy)

Daryl Zimmer	Gary Jordan	Bruce Berry
Sam Singletary	Jim Sun	