



THE ORACLE

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NEXT MEETING JANUARY 21

Nest up on the Optimist calendar is a **Steak Night meeting on Monday, January 21 at the Rec & Parks admin office patio, grill time 6:30 pm.** We have a lot to discuss, including Basketball Tri-Star (Jan 26), Oratorical Contest (Feb 4), New Member Recruiting and more. Please bring a steak and an extra one for the guest you are bringing...

YOUTH BASKETBALL SEASON UNDERWAY

The games have begun! The **44th season of the PCRPD/Optimist Youth Basketball program** is well under way with 360 youths on 37 teams ages 8-16. Games are select weeknights and weekends at Marshall Middle School, Tomlin Middle School and the Plant City Family YMCA. For info on the program and to access the schedules, please go to the league's web page: <http://www.plantcitygov.com/index.aspx?nid=566>

BASKETBALL TRI-STAR COMPETITION COMING UP JANUARY 26

Along with the basketball league comes the **40th annual Basketball Tri-Star competition**, this year set for **Saturday, January 26, 1:00 pm at Tomlin Middle School.** We need at least 8 (hopefully 10) volunteers to assist with the grading of the event. Volunteers need to be on site by 12:30 to assist with set-up and go through the quick orientation to receive assignments. Volunteers help with the scoring during the competition as well as the awards ceremony after the scores are tallied. This is a chance for our members to get involved at a direct one-on-one level like the coaches do regularly with the teams each week. Competition information is available at the event web page: <http://www.plantcitygov.com/index.aspx?NID=638>



ORATORICAL SET FOR FEBRUARY 4

Early February brings us the **Oratorical Contest, scheduled for Monday, February 4, 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks administration conference room.** The topic for our young orators this year: **"Why My Voice Is Important"**. Traditionally, this has been a "Strawberry Shortcake" meeting, so plan to eat prior to your arrival... but leave room for dessert! **Please RSVP back to Oratorical Contest Chairman Dave R (his lovely assistant Doris will be glad to take your call at 813-754-2257).** Let's have a great turnout to support these youths in their quest for the ultimate prize: a \$2,500 college scholarship from the North Florida District! We've had others win the District in the past and we plan to do it again this year!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, January 21:** Steak Night Meeting, 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks admin office patio.
- ✓ **Saturday, January 26:** Basketball Tri-Star Competition, 1:00 pm (arrive at 12:30), Tomlin Middle School.
- ✓ **Monday, February 4:** Oratorical Contest, 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks admin conference room.

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