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NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Our next meeting will be at **Panera Bread** on **Monday, November 4, starting at 6:30 pm**. Topics to discuss include: Youth Appreciation planning, Tree Lot planning for set up, unloading and work schedule, Steppin' Stone Christmas Event planning and Oratorical Contest planning.

YOUTH APPRECIATION NIGHT IS IN TWO WEEKS

Every November, we salute a group of students from Plant City High School that have gone above and beyond in their academics, athletics and community service. This year's **Youth Appreciation Banquet** is set for **Monday, November 18 at 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks admin conference room**. We will host the students and their families while enjoying a meal from Johnson's BBQ. Please give your RSVP head count to **Prez Mike W (mlwilliamson@outlook.com)** by Friday, November 15.

TREE LOT PREPARATION DATES ARE SET

Chairman Dave R has confirmed that our order is set and that we should expect some very heavy trees due to the rains that the tree farm has received. Get out your calendar and mark these dates down: **Saturday, November 23, 8:00 am - Tree Lot set-up. Sunday, November 24, time to be announced - tree delivery, unload and display trees. Monday, November 25, tree lot opens.** Again this year, **Shift Work Scheduler Jeff A (arnoldjef@gmail.com)** will need your help to fill up the calendar with your work times. **You should enter your name onto the work calendar at this link: <http://my.calendars.net/pcoptimist>.** This is our biggest fundraiser and it is very important to get the assistance of all our members. Please work your fair share of shifts (four weekend shifts and three weekday shifts) at the lot so that others do not have to do your work for you. When it is all over, the kids are the ones that benefit from our sales.

NFL PUNT, PASS & KICK WINNERS ADVANCE FROM TAMPA SECTIONAL

Four of our ten local **NFL PPK Competition** placed 1st at the Sectional Level in Tampa on October 20 and now advance to the Team Championship at Raymond James Stadium when the Buccaneers take on the Buffalo Bills on December 8. Three other locals placed 2nd. We will report their results when they are available.

STEPPIN' STONE FARM CHRISTMAS EVENT IS IN THE PLANNING STAGES

The date is set for our annual **Christmas Event at Steppin' Stone Farm**. We will head to the Farm on **Monday, December 16**, so clear your calendar for that night of fun with the ladies and staff. Santa's list of gifts with names and sizes will be announced by December 1. Finger food is needed! Watch for further details.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, November 4:** Regular meeting, 6:30 pm, Panera Bread.
- ✓ **Monday, November 18:** Youth Appreciation Banquet, 6:30 pm, Rec & Parks admin conference room.
- ✓ **Saturday, November 23:** Set up the Tree Lot, 8:00 am. Bring a ladder, gloves and loose muscles!
- ✓ **Sunday, November 24:** Unload trees and display the Tree Lot, 1:00 pm. Bring gloves!
- ✓ **Mon. Nov. 25 to Fri. Dec. 13:** Tree Lot is open for business 9am to 9pm daily (closed Thanksgiving Day).
- ✓ **Saturday, December 14:** Tentative date to break down Tree Lot, 8:00 am.
- ✓ **Monday, December 16:** Steppin' Stone Christmas Event, 6:30 pm at the Farm. Finger food needed...

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