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NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Our next meeting is the **Youth Appreciation Banquet** on **Monday, November 18, starting at 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks admin conference room**. There will be a quick meeting after the event to discuss final preparations for Tree Lot set-up and tree arrival.

YOUTH APPRECIATION NIGHT IS MONDAY NOVEMBER 18

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. We currently anticipate at least 50 attendees, including 25 from our membership and their guests. All attending members should bring \$8 per person or \$15 for two people to cover the cost of food for them and their guests. **Prez Mike W, David K, Jeff A, Jeff O and Paul W** have committed to bring desserts. Let's have a great turnout to support these high school students and their achievements!

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.

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 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 break down of Tree Lot, 8:00 am. Let's work hard to sell out by then!
- ✓ **Monday, December 16:** Steppin' Stone Christmas Event, 6:30 pm at the Farm. Finger food needed...

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