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NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 20

It has been a long time coming... it's time for a **Steak Night meeting on Monday January 20, grill time 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks admin patio**. Discussions include: Tri-Star Basketball Competition (Jan 25) planning, Citizen of the Year (Feb 12) follow-up, Oratorical Contest (Feb 17) planning and more. For real this time, buy an extra steak and bring a friend! Due to the holiday... no youth basketball games this night!

CONDOLENCES TO THE PAUL WOODS' FAMILY

Paul's father, Paul F. Woods, passed away on January 10, 2014 at the age of 95. Our sympathies and prayers go out to the Woods' family during this time of sorrow.

BASKETBALL TRI-STAR SKILLS COMPETITION SET FOR JANUARY 25

The 41st edition of the **Optimist Basketball Tri-Star Skills Competition** is set for **Saturday, January 25 at 1:00 pm at Tomin Middle School**. We will need around 10 volunteers to arrive at 12:30 pm for set-up and orientation and then assist with administering the three components of the competition—dribbling, passing and shooting. We should be finished by 2:30 pm. If you are available to assist, please let **Jack H** know at jackholland@att.net or **813-659-4250**. For more info: <http://www.plantcitygov.com/index.aspx?NID=638> Currently on the list to volunteer: **Walt A, Stan H, Dave K, Jeff O, Dave R, Pat S, Mike W, Paul W, Deryl Z**. The more hands we have on site, the easier it is for everyone! Mark your calendar and volunteer!

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR SELECTION HAS BEEN MADE...

...but it is the best kept secret in Plant City! The Nominating Committee (the area civic club presidents) met January 7 in seclusion, debated the candidates that were suggested and a vote was taken. Now, we wait for the **Award Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, February 12 at 12:00 noon at the Strawberry Festival Grounds**. **Prez Mike W** will be on the podium and we have a table of eight purchased to represent our Club. The Oracle staff will report on the event in the early March edition.

ORATORICAL CONTEST IS COMING UP SOON

The date is set: Monday, February 17, 6:30 pm, Plant City Rec & Parks Administration Conference Room. Our orators will speak on the subject: **"How My Passions Impact The World"**. We will host the local competition with the contestants, their families and our members, all enjoying Parkesdale strawberries and short-cake after the presentations. Final plans will be discussed at the January 20 meeting and RSVPs will be needed for a head count for room set-up and dessert. More in the next Oracle!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, January 20:** Steak Night meeting, grill time 6:30 pm, Rec & Parks admin patio.
- ✓ **Saturday, January 25:** Basketball Tri-Star Competition, 12:30 arrival, Tomlin Middle School.
- ✓ **Monday, February 3:** Regular meeting, 6:30 pm, site to be announced.
- ✓ **Wednesday, February 12:** Citizen of the Year Luncheon, 12:00 noon, Strawberry Festival Grounds.
- ✓ **Monday, February 17:** Oratorical Contest, 6:30 pm, Rec & Parks admin conference room.

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, 2nd Vice President
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