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NEXT MEETING - MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

It's time for Steak Night - next meeting is this **Monday, October 17, grill time 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks office patio**. We have a guest speaker planned - **Zach Hilferding, new Director of the Plant City Family YMCA!** Bring a steak for yourself and your guest/new member candidate. We will provide the baked potato, salad and drink. Somebody might even bring a dessert... you never know! Lots going on over the next few months for our club as we move toward Youth Appreciation and the Christmas tree season! Come out and be a part of the next meeting this **Monday, October 17, 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks office patio!**

YOUTH APPRECIATION BANQUET IN THREE WEEKS

Every fall, it's time for our **Youth Appreciation Banquet**. The 2016 edition is scheduled for **Monday, November 7 at 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks admin conference room**. Chairman **Mike W** is working hard to get everything in place for this event which recognizes a group of youths from Plant City High School that are outstanding not only for their grades but also for their community service and extracurricular activities outside the school setting. At the Monday 10/17 meeting, we will get a head count of attendees from our club, so be prepared to give **Mike W** a count next week. Cost to members is \$5 per person, quantity family discount is available. Menu consists of Johnson's BBQ and trimmings. Come out and celebrate the accomplishments of these area youths! RSVP to **Mike W** at mlwilliamson@outlook.com or **Prez Jack** at jackholland@att.net.

TREE LOT PLANNING TIME IS UPON US

As Thanksgiving approaches, we know it's **Tree Lot** time! Initial plans are already in place and final tuning of the effort will occur at the Monday 10/17 meeting. As it stands now, **set up will be on Saturday, 11/19 at 8:00 am. Bring your ladder and gloves**. Trees should arrive on Sunday 11/20, time to be announced. Lot will open on Monday 11/21. At the next couple meetings we will start putting together the work schedule, so start blocking some time on your personal calendars to come out and help! This is our most important activity of the year as it supports everything else we do!

YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL

With rainouts behind us now (fingers crossed), the 50th season of Optimist/Rec flag football is past it's halfway point. Around 200 youths ages 4-15 on 20 teams compete each Saturday morning into early November. We were blessed with a beautiful rainbow at the start of the 10/15 games. Thanks to those members that are involved with the program!



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, October 17:** Steak Night meeting, grill time 6:30 pm sharp, Rec & Parks admin patio.
- ✓ **Monday, November 7:** Youth Appreciation Banquet, 6:30 pm, PC Rec & Parks office conf. room.
- ✓ **Saturday, November 19:** Tree Lot set-up, 8:00 am, PC High School.
- ✓ **Sunday, November 20:** Tree Lot tree delivery, time to be announced.
- ✓ **Monday, November 21:** Tree Lot is open for business.

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