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Early February 2017



NEXT MEETING - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Come join us at **ABC Pizza on Monday, February 6 at 6:30 pm** as we continue planning the activities that connect us to the youths of Plant City. Topics include a Gentlemen's Quest donation, Citizen of the Year, Oratorical Contest, College Scholarships, City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt, Respect for Law and more! Bring a new member candidate and break bread with your club members!



BASKETBALL TRI-STAR COMPETITION

Thanks to all that helped at the [44th Annual Optimist Basketball Tri-Star Competition](#) on January 21. We had a crowd of 50 youths participate and enjoy the afternoon of fun competition! Event photos are posted in an album on our Facebook page:

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON

The top secret **Citizen of the Year** selection will be announced at the **Wednesday, February 15** luncheon which starts promptly at 11:30 am at the Strawberry Festival Expo Hall, 2301 Oak Avenue. Prez Jack will be on the podium and we need 8 seat warmers to fill our table and enjoy the pre-paid luncheon. On the list so far: Dave K (?), Walt A, Jeff A, ??? We need you! If you can attend the luncheon, speak up at the January 16 meeting or send your RSVP to Prez Jack!

ORATORICAL CONTEST DATE IS SET!

We need your attendance at the **Oratorical Contest on Monday, February 20, 6:30 pm** in the Rec & Parks admin office conference room. No meal, just the "Doris Special Strawberry Shortcake"! The word is out to the schools, so watch for final details to follow in the next Oracle!

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS, CITY-WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT AND RESPECT FOR LAW ON THE HORIZON

The **College Scholarships** applications are in the schools for area high school seniors that have participated in an Optimist-sponsored program. Also on the February 6 agenda is the **City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt** event—we've received our request from the City to participate. The **Respect for Law** program is gearing up the May dinner with some youths and the Police Department. Come to the meeting and help plan!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, February 6:** Regular meeting, 6:30 pm, ABC Pizza.
- ✓ **Wednesday, February 15:** Citizen of the Year luncheon, 11:30 am, Festival Expo Hall
- ✓ **Monday, February 20:** Oratorical Contest, 6:30 pm, Rec & Parks admin office conference room.
- ✓ **Thursday March 2 to Sunday March 12:** Strawberry Festival
- ✓ **Monday, February 6:** Parade Day/Meeting Day... watch for an announcement if we are meeting or not.

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