



# THE ORACLE

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Early February, 2018



## NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Next meeting is a regular meeting on **Monday, February 5, 6:30 pm at ABC Pizza**. Lot's going on with Citizen of the Year (Feb 14), Oratorical (Feb 19), Easter Egg Hunt (Mar 31), Scholarships and Respect for Law! Come out and be a part of the planning! Bring a new member candidate and get involved!

## BASKETBALL TRI-STAR A BIG HIT

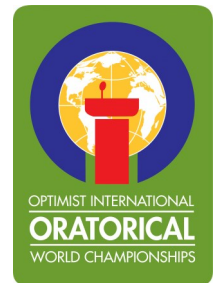
We had 68 youths take part in the **45th Annual Basketball Tri-Star Competition** at Tomlin Middle School on January 20. Best turnout in several years! Great turnout by members to help run the show!

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON REPRESENTATION

The annual **Citizen of the Year Luncheon** is **Wednesday, February 14 at 11:30 am at the Expo Hall on the Festival Grounds**. Representing the club are **Mark A, Walt A, Jeff A, Mike W, Paul W, Jack H, Jeff O, Zack H** and ???. We will confirm and finalize the list at the February 5 meeting.

## LOCAL ORATORICAL IS COMING UP SOON

The local **Oratorical Contest** is **Monday, February 19 at 6:30 pm at the Rec & Parks admin office**. No meal, just Doris' famous strawberry shortcake. The Oracle has heard through the grapevine that we will have several new participants this year! Come out and support these youths... it's not easy for teenagers (or adults!) to get up in front of a group and speak! The 2018 subject is **"Where Are My Roots of Optimism?"**



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR! EASTER EGG HUNT MARCH 31

Plans are under way for the **30th Annual City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt** on **Saturday, March 31 at the Otis M. Andrews Sports Complex**. The event will be mostly the same as recent years, with our grilling masters cooking up over 1,000 hotdogs while the assembly line puts them together for serving. Mark your calendar and plan to bring a storage cooler for the assembled 'dogs! More details in the next Oracle.

## MORE ON THE HORIZON...

Add to the list of upcoming activities: Scholarships, Respect for Law... the list continues. Get involved!

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, February 5:** Regular meeting, 6:30 pm, ABC Pizza. Be there!
- ✓ **Wednesday February 14:** Citizen of the Year Luncheon, 11:30 am, Expo Hall.
- ✓ **Monday, February 19:** Club level Oratorical Contest, 6:30 pm, Rec & Parks admin office.
- ✓ **Monday, March 5:** Strawberry Festival Grand Parade day... meeting??? Watch for the update!

### 2017-2018 OFFICERS

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### 2017-2018 BOARD MEMBERS

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