



THE ORACLE

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Early March, 2020



NEXT MEETING - MONDAY, MARCH 2

Our next meeting is on **Monday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks & Rec admin conference room.** Main subject is our potential help with high school graduates heading to tech school instead of college. Other topics such as Easter Egg Hunt (April 11), Soccer Tri-Star (April/May) and Respect for Law (early May) will be discussed. The vo-tech scholarships discussion is an important one with a full overview being given by a guest speaker. We need a full house for this one! Be there!

SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS VO-TECH SCHOLARSHIPS

Although we do not normally meet on the Strawberry Festival Parade Day holiday, we will meet on **Monday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parks & Recreation admin conference room** to hear a special presentation from **Yvonne Fry** concerning [Plant City Career Academy](#). We are considering a way to adapt our scholarship program to also assist some of the majority of our local high school graduates that do not end up going to college but take the trade school route. This presentation will give us the facts about our local student graduate pool, what they do after graduation, and how we can help some of them become established in a non-college related field, such as plumbing, carpentry, HVAC, auto mechanics, and more. **PIZZA AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED!** Don't miss this special meeting as we will make decisions regarding our scholarship program for this year!



2020 ORATORICAL SUBJECT: FOUR GREAT PRESENTATIONS ON

"Just iMagine a World without Boundaries"

Our local **Oratorical Contest** was held February 17. Our top two participants, 1st Place **Taryn Storter** (PCHS) and 2nd Place **Shad Stevens** (Strawberry Crest), advance to the **Zone 6 Contest on Monday, March 30 at 6:30 pm at Paradise Lakes Clubhouse, 426 Apache Trail, Mulberry** against Lakeland's and Winter Haven's top orators. Mark your calendar to come out and support these area youths!



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, March 2:** Regular Meeting, 6:30, Parks & Rec office for Vo-Tech Scholarship Presentation
- ✓ **Monday, March 16:** Steak Night meeting, 6:15 p.m. grill time, Parks & Rec admin patio
- ✓ **Monday, April 6:** Regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., ABC Pizza

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