



THE ORACLE

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NEXT MEETING MONDAY JANUARY 21

We had a good turnout and a great meal at the last meeting, held at First Choice BBQ. This time, Steak Night is approaching... Next meeting is Monday January 21. Grill time 6:30pm—bring your own steak and plate... and one for your new member guest! We have several things to discuss, including final plans for Tri-Star Basketball and updates on Oratorical Contest, Citizen of the Year, Scholarships, Easter Egg Hunt and Respect For Law. Our club is only as strong as the membership! Each of you should attend - we need your help! Bring that new member candidate with you!

BASKETBALL TRI-STAR COMPETITION JANUARY 26

Final plans for the Basketball Tri-Star Skills Competition are coming together. We could use some more help in the Tomlin Middle School gym on Saturday January 26 for set-up 1:30-2:00, the event itself 2:00-3:00 and break-down 3:00-3:30. So far, Event Chairman Mike Palestrini has received confirmed help from Jeff A, Walt A, Jeb H, Jack H, Stan H, Jeff O, Dave R, Mike W and Paul W. We could use a couple more helpers, so if you are not listed, please contact Mike P at mepal68@aol.com or 813-754-7986. Danny Smith at the Rec & Parks Department will have all supplies on site. Give up a couple hours on January 26 to help!

ORATORICAL CONTEST FEBRUARY 18—NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

Plans are under way for the Oratorical Contest to be held on Monday, February 18 at 6:30pm. Due to a scheduling conflict at the Recreation & Parks administration conference room, the event will be held at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Recreation Center, 1601 E Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. Chairman Dave Robbins (drobbins11@tampabay.rr.com or 813-754-2257), along with his able-bodied assistant Doris, are working on the details and we will announce final plans in the next Oracle. We need a good turnout!

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 20

The secret votes of the 10 service club presidents have been tallied and are sealed in a mason jar in the Sunshine State Federal Saving & Loan Association vault. We are again involved with the Citizen of the Year luncheon along with the other service clubs in the City. The luncheon is set for Wednesday, February 20, 11:30am at the Red Rose Ballroom. Members that have committed to attend are: Jeff A, Walt A, Jeb H, Jack H, Jeff O, Dave R, Jim R, Mike W and Paul W. If you are on the list and can not attend, please contact Prez Jack at 813-763-4238 so a replacement can be found. We'll report on the event in the early March Oracle.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, January 21** at Rec & Parks patio, 6:30pm, Steak Night meeting. Agenda: Tri-Star Basketball, Oratorical Contest, Citizen of the Year, Scholarships, Easter Egg Hunt, Respect For Law.
- ✓ **Saturday, January 26** at Tomlin Middle School, 1:30p set-up, 2:00p event, Basketball Tri-Star Competition.
- ✓ **Monday, February 4** at First Choice BBQ (712 S Collins St), 6:30p, regular meeting. Agenda: Oratorical Contest, Citizen of the Year, Scholarships, Easter Egg Hunt, Respect For Law.
- ✓ **Monday, February 18** at (new location) Dr. MLK Rec Center, Oratorical Contest, 6:30p, dessert provided.
- ✓ **Wednesday, February 20** at Red Rose Ballroom, Citizen of the Year Luncheon, 11:30a.

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