



THE ORACLE

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NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY FEBRUARY 5!

Our 2024 year of service is under way! Come join us for our next meeting on Monday February 5, 6:30 pm, at ABC Pizza. On the planning block is the Citizen of the Year event (Feb 14), our local [Oratorical Contest](#) (Feb 19), Scholarships form distribution (late February) and the Easter Egg Hunt (Mar 30). Come out and join us at ABC to help with the planning of these key activities for our group!



LOTS OF FOOD AND FUN AT WALT'S NOT-SO-CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Everyone had a great time eating and visiting with our families and our guests (Ron & Cindy Churchill and Don & Joanne Mason) on January 15. The White Elephant gift exchange was a hoot! Somehow, someone obtained an actual archive photo of Walt in his youth and had it made onto an apron! It was a great way to not only celebrate the end of the Christmas tree season but also to enjoy some fun, food, and fellowship with our group! More photos are on page 2 of this Oracle.

DRIBBLE-PASS-SHOOT CONTEST DREW A CROWD

[Basketball Dribble-Pass-Shoot](#) was held on Saturday, January 20 at the Sadye Gibbs Martin Community Center. Twenty four trophies were handed out to the top three in each age group (boys 8-9, 10-12, 13-15 and girls 8-9, 10-12, 13-15). Thanks to all of you that came out and worked the event. Photos from the Parks & Rec Department will come out next week and will be put in the next Oracle. Great job Parks & Rec!



COME OUT FOR OUR LOCAL ORATORICAL CONTEST FEBRUARY 19

Our local [Oratorical Contest](#) is set for Monday, February 19 at 6:30 pm at the Parks & Recreation Administration Office conference room, 1904 South Park Road. We already have students registered to give their 4-5 minute orations on the topic: **How to Change the World with Optimism!** Final plans will be in the next Oracle, but save the February 19 date on your calendar. We will also host the Zone 6 Competition at SGMCC on March 25 and we will host the SW Regional on a Saturday in April. Stay tuned....

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, February 5:** Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm, ABC Pizza
- ✓ **Wednesday, February 14:** Citizen of the Year luncheon, 11:30 am, Festival Grounds TECO Hall
- ✓ **Monday February 19:** Oratorical Contest & Meeting, 6:30 pm, Parks & Rec admin conference room

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WALT'S NOT-SO-CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

January 15, 2024

