



THE ORACLE

Optimist Club of Plant City
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Early January, 2024



BEST WISHES FOR A FUN, SAFE, AND HEALTHY 2024!

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY JANUARY 15!

With the first Monday being the New Year's Day holiday, our next meeting will be on **Monday, January 15 at 6:30 pm for Walt's "Not-So-Christmas Extravaganza" in Mason Hall at GracePoint Church, 1107 Charlie Griffin Road.** We are happy to delay this post-Tree Lot event to allow its namesake the opportunity to attend. See page 2 of this Oracle for further details on the Yankee Swap Gift Exchange and covered dish opportunities for the event! Former, current, and future members, as well as tree lot staff and everyone's families, are invited! Please RSVP as noted on page 2 for room set-up and food/drink prep.

THE NEW YEAR MEANS IT'S TIME FOR OUR FIRST YOUTH EVENT OF 2024

[Basketball Dribble-Pass-Shoot](#) is coming up on **Saturday, January 20, 8:30 am, at the Sadye Gibbs Martin Community Center.** We need at least 10-12 volunteers to assist with the skills grading. This is a fun event and we need your help! We will collect names at the January 15 meeting. Also on the horizon is the Citizen of the Year luncheon on Wednesday, February 14, followed by our [Oratorical Contest](#) on Monday, February 19 when our students will speak on the topic: **How to Change the World with Optimism!** We have lots of work to do, so come out and help with the planning and execution of our programs!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, January 1:** Holiday - no meeting.
- ✓ **Monday, January 15:** Walt's "Not-So-Christmas" Extravaganza, 6:30 pm, Mason Hall at Gracepoint Church.
- ✓ **Saturday, January 20:** Basketball Dribble-Pass-Shoot, 8:30 am, Sadye Gibbs Martin Community Center.
- ✓ **Saturday, February 5:** Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm, location to be announced.

2023-2024 OFFICERS

Robert Olszewski, President
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Deryl Zimmerer, 1st VP | Paul Woods, 2nd VP
Jeff Arnold, 3rd VP | Jack Holland, 4th VP
Jack Holland, Secretary/Treasurer
Walt Arnold, Sergeant at Arms



2023-2025 BOARD MEMBERS

Pat Stottlemeyer, Immediate Past President
2023-2024:
Jeff Arnold - Jeb Hicks - Dave Robbins
2023-2025:
Walt Arnold - Jeb Hicks - Julie Garretson

Walt's "Not-So-Christmas" Extravaganza

Monday, January 15, 2024

6:30 pm in Mason Hall at

GracePoint Church

1107 Charlie Griffin Rd, Plant City, FL 33566

Open to all Friends of the Club

(past members, current members, future members,
friends, tree lot staff, and everyone's families)

Special guest attendees:

Don & Cindy Churchill

Don & Joanne Mason

***Each family - please bring a large
plate of savory finger food - 10-12 pieces
(desserts are being assigned)***

Each person should bring a \$15 max-price gift,
wrapped with no name, to be used for
the Yankee Swap Gift Exchange

***Please RSVP no later than
10:00 am on Saturday, January 13 to
info@plantcityoptimistclub.org
or text 813-763-4238
so proper plans can be made!***