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Early February, 2024

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY FEBRUARY 5!

Come join us for our next meeting on **Monday February 5 at 6:30 pm.** **CHANGE OF VENUE: Parks & Rec admin patio (ABC Pizza room is unavailable).** We will bring in some pizza and drinks. On the planning block is the Citizen of the Year event (Feb 14), our local [Oratorical Contest](#) (Feb 19), Scholarships form distribution (Mar 1) and the Easter Egg Hunt (Mar 30). Come out and join us at the Parks & Rec admin office for some pizza and planning!

DRIBBLE-PASS-SHOOT CONTEST PHOTOS

As promised, pages 2 and 3 have some photos from the [Basketball Dribble-Pass-Shoot](#) contest held January 20. Thanks to Parks & Rec for the program assistance and the photos! All 62 photos are at: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.884567880335736&type=3>



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON

While we do not have a preferred candidate, we are still part of the 2024 Citizen of the Year program and the awards luncheon is **Wednesday, February 14, 11:30 am at the Festival Grounds TECO Hall.** Our task at the event is to recognize the past recipients that are in attendance and also help celebrate the 2024 awardee. If you are interested in representing the Club at the event, please mention it at the February 5 meeting or reply to the email that brought you this Oracle no later than February 5.



COME OUT FOR OUR LOCAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

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!** We will also host the Zone 6 Competition at the Sadye Gibbs Martin Community Center on Monday March 25 and we will host the SW Regional on Saturday April 13. The North Florida District finals are set for Saturday April 27 in Bushnell.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **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
- ✓ **Monday March 4:** Strawberry Festival Parade Day - meeting or not? To be announced, stay tuned.....

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