



# THE ORACLE

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## NEXT MEETING IS RESPECT FOR LAW ON MONDAY MAY 6

Instead of our normal 1st Monday meeting, we will gather for the Respect for Law Dinner as described below. We need good attendance, so be there to support our award recipients and our student guests!



## MARLEY MUELLER SNAGS A \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP AT THE NORTH FLORIDA DISTRICT FINALS!

Marley Mueller made us proud at the North Florida District Oratorical Finals on Saturday April 27. Although some in the audience felt she was in the top two, Marley placed third and secured a \$1,000 college scholarship! The winner at the SW Florida Region Competition we hosted, Olivia Bond of St Pete, placed first and will represent the N FL District at the National/World Competition in July in St Louis. Marley did extremely well and we are very pleased with her presentation and how she represented our club and Plant City. You can follow her progress on our website's [Oratorical Contest](#) page.

## LOTS OF FUN WAS HAD AT SOCCER TRI-STAR!

Thanks to **Paul, Deryl, Stan, Jack, Pat, and Jeff** for working [Soccer Tri-Star](#) on April 27! We had a steady stream of participants with around 100 youths showing off their soccer dribble, pass, and shoot skills. Special thanks to **Omar Castro Rosales** and **Pico Espinal** for coming out and helping! We hope to have you involved with our future activities! Some photos from Soccer Tri-Star are on page 2 of this Oracle and on the Parks & Rec Facebook page at [this link](#).

## RESPECT FOR LAW DINNER IS ON MAY 6

Chairman **Paul Woods** has been working diligently on the [Respect for Law Dinner](#) scheduled for **Monday, May 6 at 6:30 pm at the Sadye Gibbs Martin Community Center**. Our Officer of the Year and Telecommunicator of the Year have been selected and we are ready to honor them with a Johnson's BBQ dinner with the Gentleman's Quest group from Marshall Middle School in attendance. We need a good crowd, so please plan to attend and help honor these two representatives of the Plant City Police Department.



## SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BEING PRESENTED

We are in the process of awarding eight (8) \$1,000 [High School Graduate Scholarships](#) to area students! At press time, Plant City (4) and Strawberry Crest (2) have received their awards, with Durant (2) receiving theirs on May 6. There will be a full report on these scholarships in the next Oracle.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Monday, May 6:** Respect for Law dinner, 6:30 pm, Sadye Gibbs Martin CC.
- ✓ **Monday, May 20:** Steak Night meeting, 6:15 pm grill time, 6:30 pm meeting, Parks & Rec admin patio.

### 2023-2024 OFFICERS

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### 2023-2025 BOARD MEMBERS

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**SOCCER TRI-STAR—SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2024**

