



# PLANT CITY CHAMPIONS FOR YOUTH

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# CHAMPIONS CHATTER

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Early January, 2026

## NEXT MEETING IS SET FOR JANUARY 5

We hope you have recovered safely from your holiday celebrations! It is a new year and that means we have a lot to talk about at the next 1<sup>st</sup> Monday meeting on **Monday January 5, 6:30 pm, at Chili's Grill**. We will wrap up both the **Golf Classic** and the **Tree Lot**, then plan for these future events: **Citizen of the Year luncheon** (Jan 14), **Future Career Academy** Business Tour luncheon at PC Stadium (Jan 16), **Scholarships** (open online app submittals Jan 15), **Basketball Skills Challenge** (Jan 24), possibly a new Fire Rescue event in February, and the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** (April 4). Forward this newsletter to a new member candidate - membership form included (hint, hint ☺)!

## TREE LOT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Even though our total number of trees sold was down almost 16% from last year (787 vs 935), we also had less expenses due to less trees purchased and no rebranding banners. We also had some wind damage on December 8 but at no cost for repairs. Overall, when all the numbers are in, we will net a little bit more revenue than last year. This is no easy task for our club, but many of you stepped up and made it go smoothly. Kudos to Prez Jeff for herding the cats onto the work schedule, coordinating the tree deliveries, and overall managing a very successful season to support our programs throughout 2026.



## GRINCH IN DISGUISE ATTENDS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

We had a great turn out for the Christmas Social on December 15. It was a treat to have some youngsters attend but unfortunately someone started to play the Grinch during the gift swap and almost upset one of our youngest attendees. Sanity prevailed and all ended up well. Lots of good food, fun, and fellowship! Check out some photos on pages 3 and 4.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**FRIDAY JANUARY 16**

**FUTURE CAREER**

**ACADEMY EVENT**

**11:15 am to 1:30 pm**

**PC Stadium**

See page 2 for details!

## LOOKING AHEAD... MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ✓ **Monday, January 5:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday meeting, 6:30 pm, [Chili's Grill](#), 3001 James L Redman Parkway.
- ✓ **Wednesday, January 14:** [Citizen of the Year Luncheon](#), 11:30 am, [TECO Expo](#), Strawberry Festival grounds.
- ✓ **Friday, January 16:** [Future Career Academy](#) Business Tour luncheon, 11:15 am-1:30 pm, PC Stadium.
- ✓ **Monday, January 19:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday meeting Grill Meeting, 6:30 pm, [Gracepoint Church](#).

## 2025-2026 OFFICERS

Jeff Arnold, President  
Jeb Hicks, Vice President  
Jack Holland, Secretary/Treasurer  
Walt Arnold, Sergeant at Arms



## 2025-2026 BOARD MEMBERS

Pat Stottlemeyer  
Robert Olszewski  
David Kinghorn  
Jeb Hicks

# Future Career Academy Business Tour Luncheon

Friday, January 16  
Plant City Stadium

Volunteers are needed to assist with greeting around 400 high school seniors as they arrive and handing them a box lunch and drink.

The City of Plant City will then show them job opportunities available to students after graduation!

Arrive by 11:15 am, leave at 1:30 pm.  
A short but rewarding effort!  
Contact Jack – 813-752-2057 to help!



# **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL – DECEMBER 15, 2025**



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# BASKETBALL SKILLS Challenge

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>**



**Boys (8-13) Girls (8-13)**



**9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.  
(AWARDS AT 11:00 A.M.)**



**SADYE GIBBS MARTIN COMMUNITY CENTER  
(302 SOUTH MARYLAND AVENUE)**



**MUST WEAR CLOSED TOE SHOES TO COMPETE**



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**Help up continue the legacy and present the  
53<sup>rd</sup> Skills Challenge to our area youths!  
Arrive at 8:30 am to help set up and receive  
the rules and your assignments.  
We wrap up at 11:00 am with the awards!**



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST NAME\*: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING CITY AND STATE\*: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
BIRTH MONTH\*: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
MOBILE\*: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ HOME\*: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
SPOUSE / SIGNIFICANT OTHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
SPOUSE / SIGNIFICANT OTHER TELEPHONE - MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SPOUSE / SIGNIFICANT OTHER EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CURRENT / FORMER OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLANT CITY CHAMPIONS' MEMBER SPONSOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT PC CHAMPIONS: \_\_\_\_\_  
WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES: \_\_\_\_\_  
AREAS OF INTEREST (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)\*:

<input type="checkbox"/>	YOUTH PROGRAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS	LOGO POLO SHIRT SIZE: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	MEMBERSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/>	FUNDRAISING	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MARKETING	<input type="checkbox"/>	WEB SITE / SOCIAL MEDIA	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CLUB LEADERSHIP (PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY/TREASURER)			

**\* = REQUIRED**  
**PLEASE SAVE TO YOUR COMPUTER**  
**AND EMAIL TO US AT:**  
**[PCCHAMPIONSFORYOUTH@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:PCCHAMPIONSFORYOUTH@OUTLOOK.COM)**

### MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- ⇒ APPROVAL OF APPLICATION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- ⇒ \$100 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE (JULY 1 TO JUNE 30)
- ⇒ VOTING RIGHTS AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN GOOD STANDING
- ⇒ MEETING ATTENDANCE IS PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED
- ⇒ FOCUS IS ON ASSISTANCE AT ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS