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## **Farmington/Farmington Hills Sunnyside Newsletter**

### **Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club**

*"We provide hope and a positive vision, as we bring out the best in our youth, our communities, and ourselves."*

### **Club Meeting Wednesday, March 24, 7:30 am**

Here is the link: <https://zoom.us/j/95373051252>

We are excited to have Joni Hubred, Founder and Editor of the Farmington Voice digital news, as our featured speaker. The News does a first-class job of providing daily news from the heart of our communities.

**"Why I'm Optimistic about F2H"** Joni Hubred started her career in journalism when industry experts were talking about how Portable Document Format (PDF) files would transform the industry. She has covered the Farmington area since 2000 with the Farmington Observer, Farmington Patch, and now her own local news website, Farmington Voice. "The Voice" has experienced record growth over the past year while publishing nearly 600 posts about how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected our community. Joni is a 20-year Farmington resident. She has two children, three grandchildren, and four grand dogs.

### **Welcome New Member Gary Mekjian**

At the New Member Orientation, we got to meet Gary and learn about his active family, sailing interests and job responsibilities which include managing the opening of The Hawk. While he is busy, his interest is supporting our Leadership Award program. Welcome Gary, glad you are an Optimist!

### **Virtual Bingo Night April 22 @ 7:00 PM**

Join us for the first annual virtual Optimist Club BINGO Social! CASH \$\$ Prizes. Entry fee is \$10.00 for three games. **REGISTER TODAY** by sending your \$10.00 entry fee to

Randy Bruce at 28730 Lake Park Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00pm. Bingo cards will be sent out ahead of time. You can choose to print them out or play on line. We will gather via ZOOM. Hope you can all join this fun event.

### **Club Oratorical Winners**

This year's competition had 8 entries. The first-place winner was Mahika Srivata, Gallimore Elementary School in Canton MI. second-place winner was Jayna Shah who attends STEAM Academy.

### **New Officer and Directors Election April**

Our club elections will be held April 14. We will be electing a President, President-Elect, Vice President and 3 Directors. If you are interested in running, contact President Terry Tipton. The Nominating Committee may be calling you!

### **New Project Ideas?**

Do you have any new ideas or ideas how we can do better with existing projects? How about starting a book club or running a Youth Safety program like Bike Safety? Let the Board of Directors know if you have a special interest.

### **Jr. Optimist Update**

Currently we have 66 JOIs in 4 clubs. Beechview Elementary, Gill Elementary, Warner/East Middle, Farmington High. FHS JOC is working on a month-long March Reading Month project where they are creating reading videos and Principal Tom Shelton is sending them out to the elementary schools! New videos are added every week.

### **Calendar (All club meetings 7:30 am to 8:30 am by Zoom)**

March 24	Joni Huber, Farmington Voice
March 31	Edee Franklin, Sanctum House
April 7	Board of Directors meeting
April 14	Club Business meeting

April 21 Leadership Awards Ceremony  
April 22 Virtual Bingo  
April 28 Career Tech Education, FPS

## **CHOOSE OPTIMISM**

Website: [f2hoptimists.org](http://f2hoptimists.org)  
Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

### **Attachments:**

Virtual Bingo Night flyer  
List of Board of Directors  
OptimistMusicalHappiness2021 (This was an international competition that was done this year for the first time.)