Club members, Jr. Optimist leaders and District Officers are bcc'd this note.

Editor: Tom Neal

Celebrating 40 Years - Thursday, May 11, 2023

Farmington/Farmington Hills Sunnyside Newsletter

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club #17150

Our Mission: By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in **youth**, our **communities**, and our **selves**.

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Club Meeting this Week at The Pines, FH Golf Course

We are fortunate to have a military man as our featured speaker for our *Veterans Recognition* breakfast, **Nov. 9**th **at 7:30 am**. We moved to The Pines Restaurant at the Farmington Hills Golf Course to have a beautiful view and breakfast. It is *very important* to know who will attend so we have enough breakfast food. Bring a veteran friend! Here is a SignUpGenius link for all to use:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAAA829A46-ffhoptimists

More about **Doug "Odie" Slocum** - Retiring as a Brigadier General in 2019, Doug "Odie" Slocum has 35 years' experience with the Air Force and the Air National Guard. His last assignment was as the Commanding General of the 127th Wing and Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Under his leadership, the men and women of the base earned numerous accolades including awards for being the top Air National Guard Wing in the country, the top fighter aircraft organization, the most efficient aerial tanker Wing in the Air Force, and only the third Air National Guard Wing in history to receive the Meritorious Unit Award for "outstanding devotion and exceptional performance." He is well known for his leadership style which has been branded as "violent positivity". Prior to coming to Michigan in 2014, he was the Air National

Guard Inspector General in Washington DC. See his attached resume.

Board Meeting Highlights

- 40th Anniversary Committee is working on securing a venue for the celebration next May 11, 2023. They are also trying to track down past members including past presidents.
- The Cookie Dough Fundraiser made \$400. Way to go Roxanne!!
- Our NOW social is scheduled for Nov. 16. We encourage all members to bring a friend or spouse to the event.
- Our next new member orientation will be by zoom on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm.
- District Conference, Nov. 11-12 in Grand Rapids. So far, Tom and Cathy have registered to attend.
- Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army lead by Roxanne will be on Dec. 10 from 10:30am to 1:30pm. It is mainly for Jr.
 Optimists to have time to do community service.
- Essay Contest- submission date 1/13/2023: Awards Breakfast 02/08/2023: Chair Anna Durham has distributed flyer. More info. Is available on our website f2hoptimists.org.

Junior Optimists Leader Training Video

Here is the link to the 15-minute video Diane and Tom created for training the parent/teacher leaders and Optimist Advisors: https://youtu.be/l8ISyMt9P 4

MI District News

- ➢ Good news! Optimist Institute is now a FREE benefit for all Optimist members. To register you need our club number: 17150 and your member #. See attached member list of your #. Also attached are instructions how to register online.
- ▶ 1st Quarter District Conference will be November 11 & 12. Friday night's meeting is by zoom. Saturday morning Tom Neal will drive over to conference. Anyone can join him on the trip over early that morning. Sign up with below QR Code.

New Optimist Year Means Dime-A-Day Needed

As we start a new Optimist year, it means there is a need to support the O.I. Foundation by giving a \$36.50 donation to support the National program for Oratorical, Essay, Childhood Health and Wellness, Junior Optimist and other programs that only get their funding from the foundation. Go to this link: https://www.oifoundation.org/us-canada-donate.html

New Optimists Welcome (NOW) Nov. 16, 6:30 pm

This is an opportunity to invite a friend to our social at the Costick Center on **Wednesday evening**, November 16. It starts at 6:30pm and goes to 8:30pm. The **Farmington High School Chorus** is going to perform for at least 30 -45 minutes. We will have pizza and beverages. Admission: *bring a non-perishable food item* that will be donated to CARES. We need to know all who come so we have enough food. Use SignUpGenius link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAAA829A46-nowsocial

Light Up the Grand Parade, Saturday, Dec. 3rd

It's the most WONDERFUL EVENT of Holly Days! The lighted parade is back and in full force. Light up the Grand with our community. All floats, vehicles, people and pets are full of lights and costumes. Our Jr. Optimists are encouraged to attend. Meet in parking lot of Sidecar Slider Bar at 5:15pm

Website: f2hoptimists.org

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

Calendar
 Nov 9
 Meetings: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 7:30am
 * Meeting at The Pines, FHGC – Veterans with Retired General Doug Slocum as speaker
 Nov 16
 * NOW Mtg at Costick Center w/FHS singers, 6:00pm
 Nov 23
 No Club meeting

Nov	30	Club	Meeting	at FPCF	, 7:30am
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Dec 3 Light Up the Grand Parade, 5:15pm
Dec 7 Board meeting by zoom, 7:15am
Dec 14 Final meeting of year, 7:30am

Birthdays:

Nov 14 - Nicole Blackmon

Nov 21 - Susan Walker

Dec 11 - Joyce Hagen

Dec 12 - Sara Bowman

Dec 18 – Triman Jagdev

Dec 19 - James Etzin

Dec 22 - Roxanne Fitzpatrick

Dec 25 - Richard Lerner

Dec 30 - TR Carr

Michiganoptimists.org/events/2022-23-1st-quarter-conference Friday, November 11 & Saturday, November 12



Attachments:

Newsletter PDF BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN D. SLOCUM's Resume PDF Now Flyer PDF Essay Contest 2022-2023 PDF 22-23 Essay Application PDF Member List PDF

^{*}Sign up for these few meetings, through sign up genius links listed above, is required by Monday before in order to ensure there will be enough food for everyone who plans to attend. Thank you.

22-23 New Institute Registration Benefit PDF 22-23 Renew Institute Subscription Benefit PDF

"To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile."



BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN D. SLOCUM

Brig. Gen. John D. Slocum was the Commander, 127th Wing, Selfridge ANGB, Michigan. The Wing is home to 1,700 Airmen operating both the A-10 and KC-135 aircraft and hosts 44 tenant organizations and nearly 4,500 personnel from all branches of the military and numerous Department of Homeland Security organizations.

General Slocum received his Air Force commission through East Carolina University's Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1984. During his eight years of active duty, he served as an F-4E pilot at Moody AFB, Georgia. In 1992, General Slocum joined the Arizona Air National Guard and served in a variety



of Operations Group and headquarters-staff positions. In 2003, he led the Operations Group F-16E/F Block 60 F-16 conversion, airworthiness certification and academic development for the 162nd Fighter Wing. He was in the initial pilot cadre for standing up F-16E/F Block 60 pilot training for the United Arab Emirates and wrote more than 150 flight training and safety academic lessons and textbooks. As the Chief of Safety, he authored the Air National Guard's indigenous human factors for maintenance training curriculum (Maintenance Resource Management), and presented the curriculum to more than 40,000 Airmen.

General Slocum served as program manager for the "Wingman Project" suicide prevention and resiliency initiative leveraging internet, social media and app technology to champion caring for people outreach, training and marketing. He conceived and launched the "Ready 54" resiliency campaign and the "Wingman Day" resource for the Air National Guard. He also initiated the DoD-wide mid-air collision avoidance program, "SeeandAvoid.org" now hosted by the Federal Aviation Administration. In 2013, General Slocum was inducted into the U.S. Air Force Safety Hall of Fame.

EDUCATION

- 1984 Baccalaureate Degree in Political Science, East Carolina University, N.C.
- 1985 Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
- 1986 F-4 Basic Training, Homestead AFB, Fla.
- 1986 Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1988 F-16 Basic Training, Luke AFB, Ariz.
- 1989 F-16 Instructor Pilot Upgrade Course, Luke AFB, Ariz.
- 1994 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 1996 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- 2015 Senior Leader Orientation Course (SLOC), Joint Base Andrews, Md.
- 2018 Regional Seminar Eurozone Mid East Asia, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 National Security Studies Management Course (NSSMC), Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. May 1984 May 1985, student, undergraduate pilot training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
- 2. May 1986 March 1987, F-4E aircraft commander, 68th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
- 3. March 1987 August 1987, F-4E aircraft commander, 69th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
- 4. May 1988 June 1989, F-16A aircraft commander, 69th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga.
- 5. September 1989 December 1991, F-16CG instructor pilot, platform instructor, electronics warfare officer, weapons and tactics officer, and flight scheduler, 310th Fighter Training Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.
- 6. April 1992 February 1995, Operations Standardization and Evaluation Officer, 195th Fighter Squadron, 162nd Fighter Wing, Tucson, Ariz.
- 7. February 1995 October 1995, Operations Officer, 152nd Fighter Squadron, Tucson, Ariz.
- 8. November 1995 September 1999, Chief of Flight Scheduling, 162nd Fighter Wing, Tucson, Ariz.
- 9. September 1999 January 2003, Chief of F-16 Training Operations, 162nd Fighter Wing, Tucson, Ariz.
- 10. January 2003 January 2005, F-16E/F Block 60 Conversion Manager, 162nd Fighter Wing, Tucson, Ariz.
- 11. January 2005 February 2009, Chief of Safety, 162nd Fighter Wing, Tucson, Ariz.
- 12. February 2009 August 2009, Headquarters Squadron Commander,

162nd Fighter Wing, Tucson, Ariz.

- 13. August 2009 September 2013, Director of Safety, ANG Readiness Center, Andrews AFB, Md.
- 14. September 2013 October 2014, Inspector General, ANG Readiness Center, Andrews AFB, Md.
- 15. September 2014 May 2019, Commander, 127th Wing, Selfridge ANG Base, MI

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,100 hours

Aircraft flown: F-4D/E, F-16A/C/CG/CJ/E, A-10

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster

Combat Readiness Medal

Air Force Recognition Ribbon

National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Southwest Asia Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with six oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one "M" device and three oak leaf clusters

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFLIATIONS

National Guard Association of Michigan National Guard Association of the United States Air Force Hall of Fame

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 30, 1984 First Lieutenant May 30, 1986 Captain May 5, 1988 Major June 30, 1993 Lieutenant Colonel Sept. 26, 1997 Colonel Feb. 2, 2010 Brigadier General Oct. 21, 2014

(Current as of May 2019)

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Back

ARE YOU AN OPTIMISTIC PERSON?

New Optimists Welcome!

Come learn about the Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club, enjoy pizza and refreshments, meet local members for networking, fellowship and information.

You are invited

Wednesday, November 16 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Costick Center

28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48336

The event will feature the Farmington High Choir for entertainment.

Pizza and cold drinks will be served.

Admission is a non-perishable food item to be donated to CARES.

Please register by 0.0. Signification libbs.

Please register by 9/9. SignUpGenius link:

NOW Social @ Costick Center Nov. 16

BRING A FRIEND!

OUR MISSION: Our organization conducts positive service projects in our communities aimed at providing a helping hand to youth. Our members support programs by "bringing out the best in kids".





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The Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

LESLIE REBTOY OPTIMIST ESSAY CONTEST

Optimist Essay Contest for 2022 - 2023

Use your writing skills to express your views to the world around you and for a chance to win a college scholarship.

WHO CAN ENTER? Students in 6, 7 & 8th grades and 9 - 12th grades. (2 contests)
All students who enter must either go to school in or live within the Farmington/Farmington Hills boundaries.

TOPIC: "Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings out the Optimism in You?

PRIZES: First place - \$250, 2nd place - \$200, 3rd place - \$150. All contestants at each level must show proof of age either with a copy of a birth certificate or passport.

The high school winner's essay will advance to the state-wide District level in the Spring, where the overall winner receives a \$2,500 scholarship.

ESSAY REQUIREMENT: 700-800 Words

WHEN: Submission Date - Friday January 13, 2023

AWARD BREAKFAST CEREMONY: Winning students and their families are invited to a breakfast on **February 8, 2023** at 7:30 am to be given their awards at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO INCLUDE:

- Completed application
- Proof of age (copy of birth certificate, passport, or drivers license)
- Essay

Mail/Email Completed application, proof of age and essay to:

Costick Center, City of Farmington Hills, 28600 Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 Attn: Anna Durham OR Email above to Adurham@fhgov.com

TO GET AN APPLICATION AND MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE RULES GO TO:

Optimist Club website at: https://www.f2hoptimists.org and search under Optimists - Events/Programs.

Or

Call Anna Durham at 248-892-2919 or email: adurham@fhgov.com

Optimist Club #17150

Application for 2022-2023 Optimist International Essay Scholarship Competition

PRINT Name	Gender	Parent or Guardian Permission:			
Address			I,, grant the Optimist Club/International my permission to use a picture or video of my son/daughter, for their public relations purposes. Optimist Club/International may use the photo or video in any		
City					
State/Province Zip/Postal Code		publication they see fit.			
Telephone		I give my permission for my child/v -	I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in this scholarship contest.		
E-mail		Signature	Date//		
Date of Birth / / Age on Oct 1, 20	22	Relationship	Relationship Sponsoring Optimist Club Name		
Did you enter any other Optimist Club's Essay Contest this school	ol year? □ Yes □ No				
Contestant Agreement:		Sponsoring Optimist Club Name			
I have studied the rules of the contest, and I will be bound by all t	he requirements.	Sponsoring Optimist Club Number	Sponsoring Optimist Club Number		
Contestant's Signature	Date//	Language: 🗌 English, or if District la	Language: \square English, or if District language is different: \square French or \square Spanish		

Official Topic: Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings Out the Optimism in You?

Each contestant must be given this copy of the rules and complete the entry form, above.

Section I - General Rules

- The Optimist International Essay Contest is divided into two levels of competition: Club (preliminary contest) and District (scholarship competition). The winner of a local club contest advances to the District Scholarship Competition.
- 2. Contestants must enter through a local Optimist Club.
- Contestants must compose an original essay with limited guidance from others. Webster's Dictionary defines an essay as an analytic or interpretive literary composition. Works of fiction or poetry will not be accepted.
- 4. All District-level contests must have a minimum of three(3) contestants participating.
- Optimist International will have the right to edit, publish or otherwise duplicate any essay entered into the contest without payment to the author.

Section II - Qualifications for Contestants

- The contest is open to contestants under the age of 19 as
 of October 1st of the current Optimist International
 contest year (October 1 September 30) and who have
 not yet completed secondary school or its equivalent,
 including CEGEP students in Québec, Canada. There is no
 minimum age. Contestants must enter in the District in
 which they reside. United States contestants attending
 school on a military installation outside the U.S. are
 eligible to enter in their last home of record. Contestants
 residing in non-Districted areas where there are no
 Optimist Clubs are not eligible for competition.
- Contestants are eligible for only one Club's essay contest during any given year. (October 1st - September 30th)
- No individual having previously won a District Essay scholarship will be eligible to compete at any level of the competition again.
- 4. All contestants at each level of the contest must provide proof of age and identification in the form of a copy of either their birth certificate or passport before participating. A copy of the Club winner's document will be submitted to the District contest.

Section III - Contest Rules

- 1. Participants must write on the official contest topic for the current year.
- Each entry must begin with a title page containing topic, number of words, writer's name, address, phone number, name of school and date of birth.
- 3. The official topic should be at the top of title page and at the top of page 1 (penalty of 3 points)
- Essays must be typed, double-spaced and singlesided. (Deduction of 5 points for each infraction)
- 5. Essays must contain at least 700 words but no more than 800 words. Every word of the essay is counted. This does not include the title, bibliography, or footnotes. Hyphenated words count as 1 word. (Deduction of 5 points for each 25 words over/under limit – French Essays will allow 50 words over/under for the deduction). Words are to be counted manually.
- 6. Each page of the essay must be numbered starting with page 1, not the title page. The numbers must be centered at the bottom of each page.

- Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the essay must be identified properly, using a recognized citation format. For example, use of a specific writer's format (such as MLA, APA, Chicago style). Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.
- No reference can be made in the essay that identifies the contestant, parents, school, community, sponsoring Optimist Club or District. (Deduction of 5 points or fraction based on degree of identification)
- An essay should be written in English, or it may be written in either French or Spanish if the language used is accepted by the District of entry.
- 10. The entry must be stapled together in the upper lefthand corner. Covers of any type are not accepted.

Section IV - Judging

- Judging will be completed by a panel of three qualified judges who are not acquainted with the contestants.
 At the Club level, judges may be Optimist Members.
 At the District level, judges must be non-Optimists.
 (Friends of Optimists are excluded and can be used as judges).
- 2. In an effort to conceal the identity of each contestant, each entry will be anonymized and assigned a number by the Essay Contest Chair. The assigned number will be placed on the title page and page 1 of the essay. The title page will then be detached and retained by the Essay Contest Chair. The judges will be given the essays bearing only the assigned numbers.
- 3. Judges will not discuss or compare the essays being judged.
- 4. Only judges can assign a penalty or award points.

Section V – Scoring of Contest

- Scoring procedures at all levels of the contest will be identical.
- 2. Material Organization (Logical interpretation of the subject, adherence to topic): 30 points
- 3. Creativity: 15 points
- Vocabulary and Style (Phrasing and continuity):
 30 points

- 5. Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling: 20 points
- 6. Adherence to contest rules (prepared in a proper format): 5 points

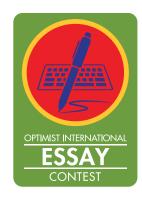
Section VI – Penalties

- 1. Failure to list official topic on the title page and at the top of page 1 of the essay: 3 points
- 2. Failure to identify total number of words: 5 points
- 3. Failure to type essay, doubled-spaced and single- sided: 5 pts. per infraction (15 pt. max)
- 4. Failure to stay within the 700-800 words: 5 points for each 25 words over/under limit. French Essays will allow 50 words over/under for the deduction. Words are to be counted manually.
- 5. Self-identification: 5 points or fraction based on degree.

Section VII - Awards

- 1. Club level official medallion and/or certificate
- 2. Clubs are allowed to give monetary awards of up to \$500 per winner for the Essay contest in addition to the official medallions. The Club level awards may be given in the form of a scholarship, savings bond or cash prize but are completely discretionary.
- 3. District level plaque and a \$2,500 college scholarship for the first-place winner.
 - A. Scholarships are paid through the Optimist International Foundations in the United States and Caribbean and the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation in Canada.
 - B. Scholarships awarded are for use only at a college, university, or trade school.
 - C. All scholarships will be payable only to the educational institution of the recipient's choice, subject to the approval of Optimist International.
 - All scholarships will be administered by Optimist International.
 - E. Winners of an Optimist International scholarship must claim their scholarship by the age of 25.

The contest chairperson will decide all protests in accordance with the official rules. The District Chair is the final authority, and no appeals will be recognized.



HOW TO ENTER:

Students are to enter through a local Optimist Club in their area. Most local clubs run their Essay contest from October to the end of January. Judging at the local level is completed in February. Late entries are not accepted.

Once submitted, essays may not be returned. Standings are not reported to applicants. The sponsoring club will contact the winners.

Name of local Club:
Chairperson:
How to contact:
Phone:
Email:
In-person to:

Special Instructions, if any:

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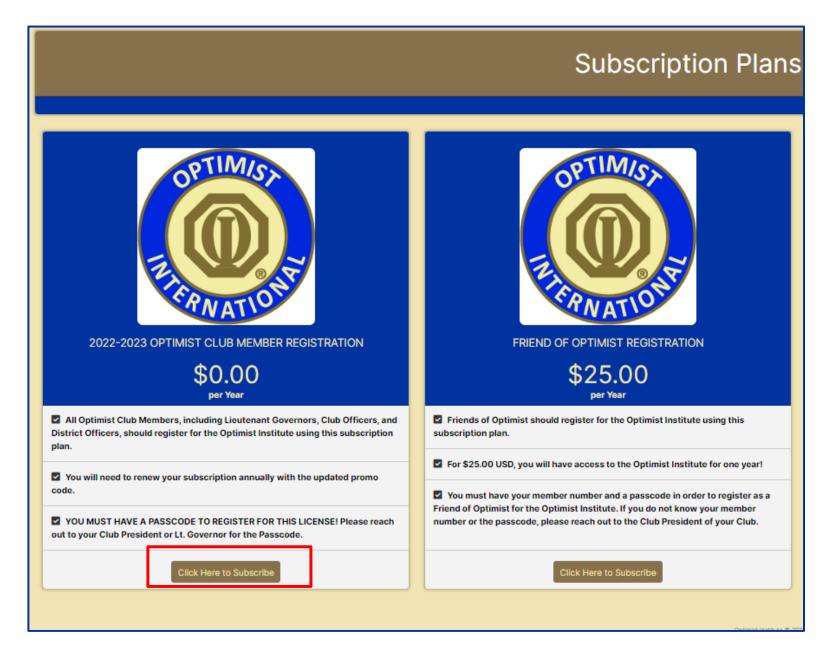
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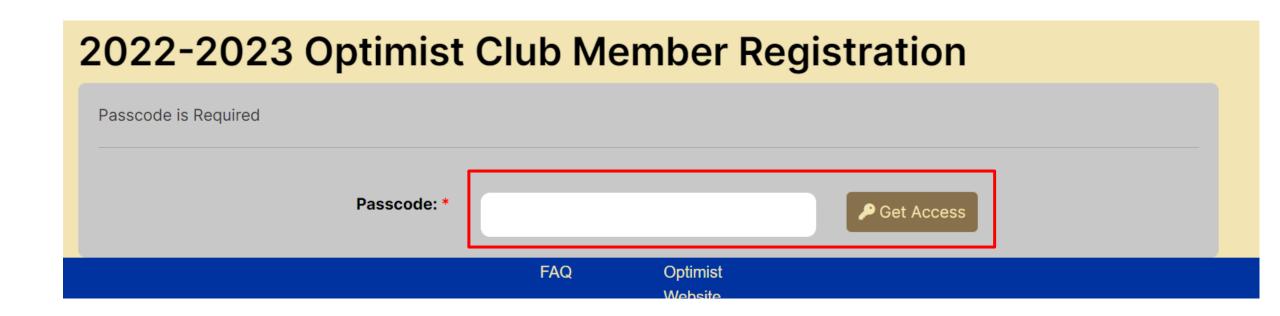
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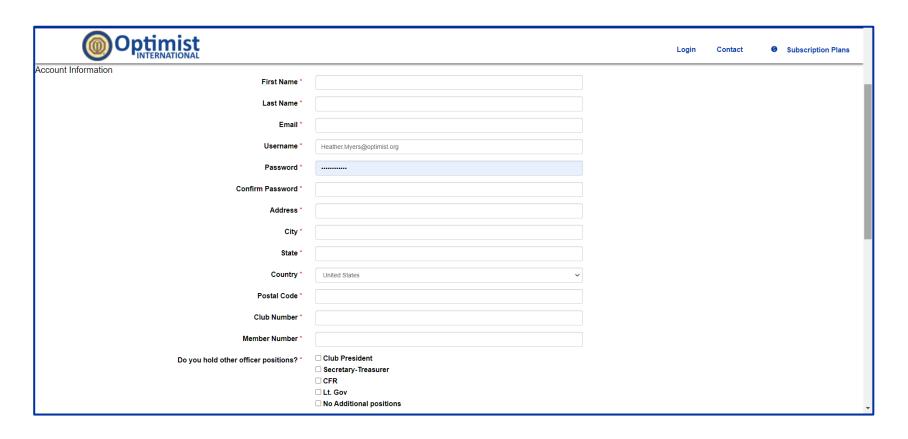
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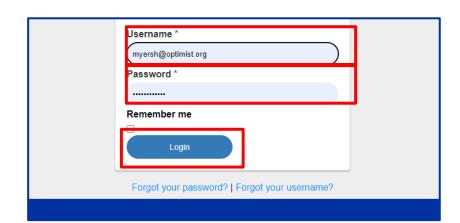
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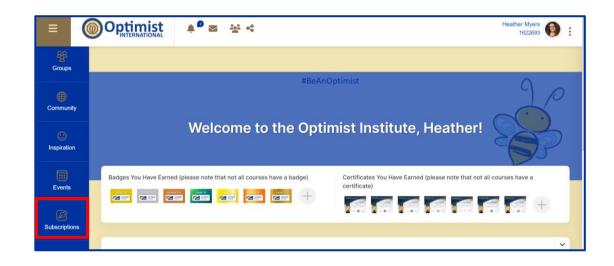
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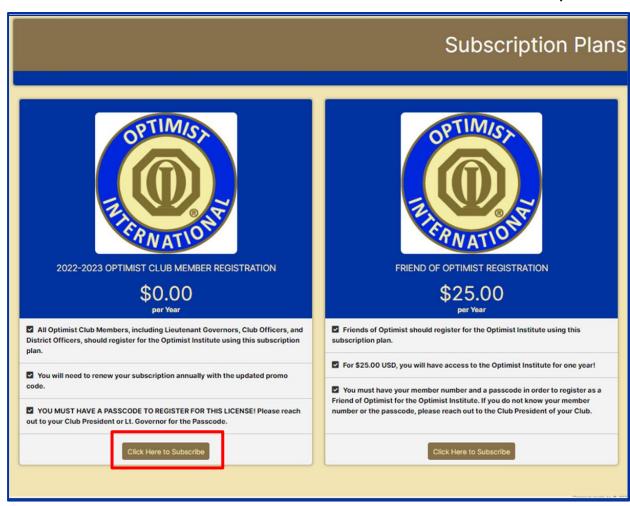


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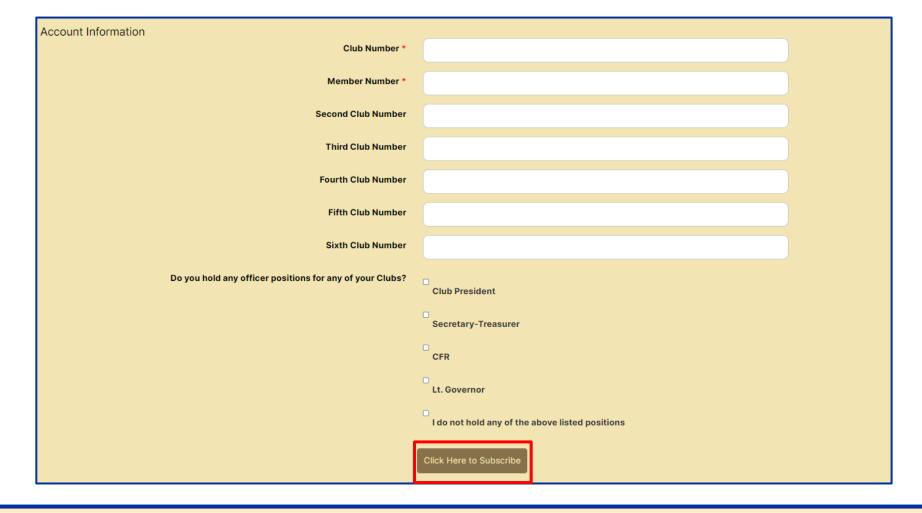


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