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*Celebrating 40 Years - May, 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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### **Our Next Meeting this Wednesday, September 28, 7:30 am**

We meet at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington to visit socially first and then hear from our speaker. Today's speaker is Jamar Bray who is speaking in place of Tiffani Moncrief. He will speak on the same topic. **Business Forward** is a program that was created by Oakland County to help small businesses to develop a pathway for resources to help their business recover and excel. **Business Forward** has a multitude of resource partners that could help businesses in many different departments. Each of their resource partners are free or little cost to the business owner while also offering free training seminars as well.

A brief summary about Jamar Bray: He is a Business Forward Consultant who works for Oakland County where he has been a part of this program since January. He owns a non-profit named Jamar's Jammies where he gives back pajamas to underprivileged youth during the holiday season. He has a strong background in small businesses and nonprofits.

**Online hybrid zoom link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88266050171>

### **Pumpkinfest at Tollgate MSU**

The Pumpkinfest has a variety activity for families including: Wagon rides to the pumpkin patch, Farm animals, Music concerts,

Harvest story times with local librarians and children's authors, Fishing, Inflatable archery, Target practice booth, Pumpkin painting, Pumpkin bowling, Pumpkinfest trebuchet, Children's Strawland, Children's straw maze, Horse demos, Nature activities, Fun farm field games, Wacky Water Critters Pond-dipping (Saturday), Tollgate Farm 4-H Club, and much more! This is a fund-raising event for Jr. Optimists. We are helping park cars for this 2-day event, **October 8 & 9**. We have had help from the National Honor Society students at North Farmington High School to cover the **10:30 am to 5:30 pm** time slots. Our Optimist members have signed up to be with the students to help with parking. If you want to help, please contact Tom Neal. We are receiving \$300 for providing this service.

### **Boo Bash at Heritage Park, Sunday, October 23**

This event is sponsored by FH Special Services. They have asked us to provide volunteers for the event that runs from 11:00am to 3pm. They need help with the Trick or Treat Trail, Hayrides and making of smores. Sign up at SignUpGenius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAA829A46-boobash>

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

This 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. We will have the Farmington High School Chorus give us a short concert. Admission is to bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to CARES. We will have pizza and beverages. Use SignUpGenius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAA829A46-nowsocial>

### **Essay Contest Topic This Year**

The annual OI Essay contest topic this year is ***"Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings Out the Optimism in You?"*** Students who win in our local contest receive awards as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$150, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50. Winners at the District level each receives scholarships of 1<sup>st</sup> \$2,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1,500, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$1,000!

World winners receive scholarships: 1st - \$15,000, 2nd - \$10,000, 3rd - \$5,000. This brings out the best **writing** skills.

### **Oratorical Contest Topic This Year**

The annual OI Oratorical contest topic this year is "**Discovering the Optimism within Me**". Students who win in our local contest receive awards as follows: 1st \$250, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$50. We run a separate contest for Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers. Winners at the District level each receives scholarships of 1st \$2,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1,500, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$1,000! World winners receive: 1st - \$15,000, 2nd - \$10,000, 3rd - \$5,000. This brings out the best **speaking** skills.

### **ICYMI [In Case You Missed It]**

**SOAR** (Society of Active Retirees) Fall Semester starts October. Some interesting courses are being offered at The Hawk: 'China's Ties with the Gulf Nations: A New Superpower in a Crowded Neighborhood'; 'Additional Support for Michigan Children – The MI Kids Now Initiative'; 'Seven Secrets of the Happiest People in the World'; 'Love as a Force for Social Justice'. Courses are \$20 each or \$100 for all. Go to [soarexpire.com](http://soarexpire.com) to register.

**Website:** [f2hoptimists.org](http://f2hoptimists.org)

**Facebook:** Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

### **Calendar**

	<b>Meetings: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 7:30am</b>
Sep 28	Meeting at FPCF – Jamar Bray, Oakland County
Oct 5	Board meeting by zoom, 7:15am
Oct 12	Meeting at FPCF – Millage restoration
Oct 19	Meeting at FPCF – Respect of Law
Oct 23	Boo Bash at Heritage Park
Oct 26	Meeting at FPCF – Principals Breakfast
Nov 2	Board meeting by zoom, 7:15am
Nov 9	Meeting at FPCF – Veterans with Retired General Doug Slocum as speaker
Nov 16	NOW Mtg at Costick Center w/FHS singers
Nov 30	Meeting at FPCF

Dec 7 Board meeting by zoom, 7:15am  
Dec 14 Final meeting of year

**Birthdays:**

Sep 27 – Marguerite Smith  
Oct 9 – Bill Dwyer  
Oct 10 – Andy Radze  
Oct 25 – Cathy Neal  
Oct 26 – Tom Neal  
Oct 29 – Jeff Clatterbaugh  
Nov 5 – Dave Clappison  
Nov 14 – Nicole Blackmon  
Nov 21 – Susan Walker  
Dec 11 – Joyce Hagen  
Dec 12 – Sara Bowman  
Dec 18 – Triman Jagdev  
Dec 19 – James Etzen  
Dec 22 – Roxanne Fitzpatrick  
Dec 25 – Richard Lerner  
Dec 30 – TR Carr

**Attachments:**

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