

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

Farmington/Farmington Hills Sunnyside Newsletter

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement; nothing can be done without hope. – Helen Keller"

This Wednesday's Meeting Features Diane Hague, AAUW

We will meet in-person at **the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington at 11 Mile & Farmington Roads**. (Enter on backside of building) Come meet and share a continental breakfast starting at 7:30 am. The meeting will begin with a social time. Our speaker is **Diane Hague** who will talk about AAUW. You have the option of joining by zoom at this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89926299765>

Check out the WOW Presentation from the Zone 12 Zoom

Lt. Governor Sean Mueller had a good speaker tell us about Welcome Optimist World. See attached notes.

Sad News: Our Past Member, Elsie McKeon Has Died

Elsie was over 90 years old when she died this past week. She would always be one of the first members to attend our meetings at Cowleys. We would buy our 50/50 tickets from her. She was very kind and will be missed.

Website: f2hoptimists.org

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

Calendar

Jan. 19 Club meeting with Diane Hague, AAUW as speaker

Jan. 26 Club meeting How to Use Learning Mgmt. System

Feb. 2 Board Meeting via zoom

Feb. 3 National Optimist Day

Feb. 9 Essay Winners at First Presbyterian Church + virtual

- Feb. 9 New Member Orientation at 7:00 pm by zoom
- Feb. 12 2nd Quarter District Conference Zoom
- Feb. 16 Club meeting, Susan Arlin, Exec Director of Chamber
- Feb. 23 Club meeting, Nicolas Kristock, Fleece & Thank You
- Feb. 27 JOI Team Building Event @ Costick Center

Birthdays

JANUARY

- 07 – Richard Burrous
- 16 – Laura Stewart
- 20 – Lisa Bracher
- 30 – Joanne Wiegand

FEBRUARY

- 09 – Diane Bauman

Nicole says we are "SUCCEEDING WITH OPTIMISM"

Attachments:

- Newsletter PDF
- Team Building 2022 Flyer PDF
- WOW Presentation PDF



Jr. Optimists Team Building
Sunday, February 27
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Costick Center, Farmington Hills
Pre-Registration required

Calling all Jr. Optimists club members

- **Elementary**
- **Middle**
- **High School**

**Leaders: Provided by Walled Lake
Outdoor Education Center**

Speaker: Mr. Peace on Leadership



Trends in Volunteering

1. Group Activities that allow them to interact with people they might not otherwise meet.
2. Professionals want to do something different from their work life.
3. People want flexibility to volunteer when and how they want.
4. Volunteers do not always want to make a long term commitment.
5. Volunteers have their own goals they want achieve.



Types of Volunteering

- Skills-based: share their time based on their skills and talents
- Employer-Supported: employers encourage or require their employees to volunteer
- Family: choose an organization their parents volunteer with or choose an organization to volunteer with their family.



W.O.W.

W.O.W. Events:

- * Recruiting new members
- * Revitalizing current club and members
- * Renew members who may have faded into background
- * Retain new and current members



W.O.W. SOCIAL events

1. Decide as a club when you want to hold a Social W.O.W. Event
2. Pick a specific day each month to create consistency for attendees
3. Assign a chairperson to the event
4. Utilize social media FB, Instagram, webpages, Twitter
5. Members invite friends/family to W.O.W. event
6. 5-10 min presentation re: your club at beginning of event
7. At end of event-applications to attendees
8. Follow up with those who took applications



W.O.W. Virtual EVENTS

- *Bingo, Trivia, Name that Tune, Scavenger hunt
- *Paint night, Baking/Cooking together or presentation
- *Interactive speakers: Internet Safety or a local group the club supports i.e.: Boy/Girl Scouts



W.O.W. IN PERSON EVENTS



- * Board game night, Scavenger hunts, Trivia, Laser Tag, bowling, Grab and Go at local restaurants
- *Community service: packing back packs, aluminum can drive, food drive
- *Optimist Programs: Tri Start Sports, Youth Appreciation, Oratorical
- *Leisure Activities: ice skating, car shows, suite rentals at baseball games, golf days



TURN EVERY EVENT INTO A **W.O.W.** EVENT



- Optimist club of Jackson Co. Car show



- Coronado optimist grab and dine



- Ancaster optimist Food drive



W.O.W.

Pictorial Display of Optimist club events

Show photos of club events, fundraising, meetings, parties, conventions, volunteering, award presentation and competitions.





Made presentation for Canada!

Q & A

Common Denomination: Community Service!

People love interaction

How to reconnect with fellow Optimists?

Optimists as a big family...

Create opportunities for social and fun

The smile in a child stays when they have fun... Project Fish

Use current logo and Creed

Welcome table at events/meetings

Invite outside people to all fun events

Optimist Train

If asked, go and serve in communities

Bring banners and help raise funds for event/group

Get a flag to fly at events

Optimist Hotline - Share with members

Optimist Day Feb. 3 – share on social media

Honor Club tracking form? Send Linda Brooks

Zone zoom on Feb. 3 at 7:00 pm > all members to join link from Sean Mueller

Sept 11 & 15 Marc Katz mentioned

“Who do you know” through social media or local places