

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

# Sunnyside Newsletter Jan. 22, 2024

## Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club

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

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# Learn About Farmington Hills

### **Our Next Week Meeting Features FH Asst. City Manager**

Karen Mondora, our new Assistant City Manager, will update us on what's happening in Farmington Hills. Hopefully the weather will be better so we can enjoy each other's company in person at the church. See you at 7:30am at First Pres.

### **Last Week's Meeting with Ann-Marie Morris, DTE**

We learned a number of things. First, there is a DTE app you can use to check on outages. Also, you can call 800-477-4747 to find out about the status of your power. Secondly, we learned about the electric rates and when to minimize usage to save money. Peak rate is 16.75¢ per kilowatt hour **between 3pm and 7pm**. (20.98¢ per kilowatt hour June – Sept.) Off peak is 15.45¢ per KW. Wash clothes in the morning.

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### Zoom Club Meeting with Ann-Marie Morris from DTE

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Ann-Marie

Wednesday, January 13, 2024

### Like or Comment on FFH Optimist Facebook Page

Alvin requests we invite our readers/members to like, comment, and share our Facebook page. This is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/FarmingtonFarmingtonHillsOptimistClub/> which is direct to our page. **Like, Comment, and Share** with your friends. If you haven't visited our website lately, give it a look and let editor know what you think.

Check out the **Central Macomb Optimist Club Michigan USA** Facebook page to see another way to host a club Facebook page.

### February 1<sup>st</sup> Post on Our FB Page Why You Are Optimistic!

### MJOI Leadership Zoom this past Saturday

The zoom got off to a slow start with some confusion with the zoom link. After a slow start we ended up with over 14 participants from Michigan and Ohio. The JOI members shared icebreaker ideas and projects. We discussed a region wide-project to create a fundraiser to purchase an ambulance for the Uganda Optimist program. We also recommended JOIs consider

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attending the JOI Summit in St. Louis in July. There was enthusiasm to do another joint zoom later this year.

### **JOI Team Building Event this past Sunday**

This event was held at the Costick Gym on 11 Mile Rd. 18 students came out of the 28 that were signed up. Thanks to the Optimists who helped out: Bruce Fowler, Anne Sebesta, Sue Walker, Diane Eklov, Tom & Cathy Neal.



### **Michigan District 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Conference > Engage Optimism**

Here is your chance to attend a District meeting without travel or hotel costs! Enjoy and be engaged!

- Zoom 8:30am – 12:30pm on Feb. 3
- Registration \$10 until Jan. 28, then \$15
- Register at [michiganoptimists.org](http://michiganoptimists.org)
- Featuring O.I. President Tracy Huxley
- One of the breakout sessions will be led by Tom and Diane titled "Why and How to Engage with Junior Optimists".

### **Club Member and Friends Joys and Concerns**

- ❖ *Prayers for Dave Clappison as his hip heals from surgery.*
- ❖ *Prayers for Ken Wasmer's sister, Karen, who is acute care.*

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- ❖ *Prayers are working for Jim Walker as he heals from his surgery and cancer treatments.*
- ❖ *Member Doug Edwards was engaged last month, congratulations Doug!*
- ❖ *If you have joys or concerns to share with the club, please let Editor Tom know.*

### FPS Jr. Optimists

Registration through 12/28/23: Total **212**

Farmington HS	30	North Farmington HS	21
Power MS	10	Beechview	47
STEAM Academy	11	Hillside	8
Gill ES	27	Forest	5
Warner	2	Longacre	26
Lanigan	21	East	4

### Optimist International Foundation

The Foundation is an excellent way to help provide support for scholarships programs and activities for youth. A great first step for each and every Optimist club member is to commit to the Dime-A-Day program – a simple **\$36.50 a year donation** to the Foundation provides great support in many ways. Surely you can afford a Dime A Day for the kids! See attached application.

**Website:** [f2hoptimists.org](https://f2hoptimists.org) [new members can join on front page of website.] Contact Club President, Alvin Lynn: [lynnalvin256@gmail.com](mailto:lynnalvin256@gmail.com) with suggestions.

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

### Calendar

Jan 24*	Karen Mondora, FH new Asst. City Manager
Jan 31*	Rebecca Baizas, YMCA LiveStrong Program
Feb 1	National Optimist Day, Post online to celebrate!!
Feb 3	Michigan District Zoom 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference
Feb 7	Board Meeting via Zoom
Feb 14*	Essay Awards program

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

Feb 21\* Business Meeting  
Feb 28\* Dan Layman, Blood Cancer Foundation  
Mar 13 Oratorical Contest  
Mar 21 St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser @ Pines Restaurant

\* 7:30am-8:30am at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

**SNOW/INCLEMENT WEATHER MEETING POLICY:** Current Club policy is if the schools are closed, there is NO IN-PERSON MEETING: If schools are closed, Tom Neal will email members with link for zoom meeting that will replace the in-person meeting.

### **Birthdays**

#### **January**

29 – Betty Santo

30 – Joanne Wiegand

#### **Attachments:**

Newsletter PDF

Dime-A-Day Application

St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser





# Dime-A-Day

**O**ptimist International and Optimist International Foundation coexist as two separate organizations that support each other. Optimist International Foundation is the fundraising arm of Optimist International, and works to develop funds to support the endeavors of Optimist International and its mission.

When Members and Clubs make a contribution to support Optimist International Foundation, they are, with that gift, supporting Optimist International itself and themselves as a Club as well.

With just one dime a day, you can become part of the movement of "Helping Optimists Help Kids" and become part of a large group of Foundation supporters who realize what a difference they make every day in the lives of children.

Would you consider making a gift of just a dime a day to assist the charitable work of Optimist International?

The Dime-A-Day level is reached by a contribution of \$36.50 to the Foundation within one Optimist Year, and is recognized by the presentation of a pin.

Building a future where every kid counts  
Can you spare a **dime a day?**

Sign me up! Please accept my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation. *(Enclose check, payable to Optimist International Foundation, referencing "Dime-A-Day" in the memo section.)*

Sign me up! Please accept my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation. Charge my  MC  Visa  Discover  American Express

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Sign me up! Please deduct \$3.05 per month from my checking account.

Checking account number: \_\_\_\_\_ *(Please include a copy of a voided check)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club Number \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_







JOIN THE MICHIGAN OPTIMISTS  
FOR A FUN AND SPECTACULAR

*Saint Patrick's Day Fundraiser*

MARCH 21ST

7:00-9:30 PM

PINES RESTAURANT

AT THE FARMINGTON HILLS GOLF CLUB  
37777 11 MILE CT. FARMINGTON HILLS

Enjoy: Shepherd's Pie,  
Corned Beef & Cabbage, a  
Vegetarian Option, and more Plus  
Non-alcoholic beverages

Cash Bar, Raffles,  
& Live Music!

\$50 Per Person

Complete the attached registration form and email or  
mail it to: [roxfitzpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:roxfitzpatrick@gmail.com)

Roxanne Fitzpatrick 30255 Fiddlers Green

Farmington Hills , MI 48334

Mail check with application or

Venmo to @roxanne-fitzpatrick

Thank you for supporting the Michigan Optimist  
Childhood Health & Wellness grant program.