

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

Farmington/Farmington Hills Sunnyside Newsletter

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

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### **"SUCCEEDING WITH HEART OF OPTIMISM"**



### **Our January 25 Meeting Was Held While Snow Falling**

We were pleased to have State Trooper Mark Pheeny as our guest speaker. He shared why he became a trooper at age 42. He had many questions which indicated his presentation was well received. 22 attended (18 members plus 4 guests including our speaker) Thanks to Randy Bruce, we have the Farmington Hills City Council Proclamation of National Optimist Day for February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **New Member Orientation Weds. Evening, Feb. 1, 6:30pm**

This is a great time to have a friend or acquaintance attend to learn about our club activities and mission. After the end of the orientation, they can join club right away on our website. Send Editor name and email of your prospective member.

### **Childhood Health and Wellness Fundraiser Feb. 8**

This dinner is at The Pines Restaurant in the Farmington Hills Golf Course. It is a wine pairing with each dinner course. There will be special non-alcoholic punch, too. The purpose is to raise funds for the District Health & Wellness fund which provides scholarships to kids.

### **Save Date for District 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference on Zoom**

Save the date of **Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** for the virtual gathering of Optimists for all over our great state. You can start at 8:30am with a coffee & chat time to meet other optimists. There will be 3 breakout sessions to discuss ways we can learn and do things for our community and our selves. Consider joining fellow Optimists for a viewing party! You can sign up at: <https://michiganoptimists.org/events/2022-23-2nd-quarter-conference/>

**Website:** **f2hoptimists.org**

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

### **Calendar**

*Meetings at Farmington Presbyterian Church, unless otherwise noted*

|         |                                                             |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Feb. 1  | Board of Directors Meeting by Zoom                          |
| Feb. 1  | New Member Orientation via Zoom 6:30pm                      |
| Feb. 2  | National Optimist Day                                       |
| Feb. 8  | Essay Winners                                               |
| Feb. 8  | Childhood H & W Fundraiser at The Pines                     |
| Feb. 15 | Club Business Meeting                                       |
| Feb. 18 | Virtual District Meeting via Zoom                           |
| Feb. 22 | Marsha Koet, FH Commission on Aging                         |
| Mar. 1  | Board of Directors Meeting by Zoom                          |
| Mar. 8  | Club Business Meeting (Chair Yoga 1 <sup>st</sup> 15 mins.) |
| Mar. 15 | Police Officer of the Year                                  |
| Mar. 18 | Oratorical Contest at CARES, 10:00am                        |
| Mar. 21 | National Rosie the Riveter Day                              |
| Mar. 22 | Vickie Sullen-Winn, FH Director of Communications           |
| Mar. 26 | Miss Farmington Chili Cookoff, Cowleys 1-4pm                |
| Mar. 29 | TBD                                                         |
| May 11  | 40 <sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary Celebration at The Pines  |

### **Birthdays**

#### **January**

30 – Joanne Wiegand

**February** (*We need to recruit more members with Feb. birthdays!*)

08 – Alvin Lynn

09 – Diane Bauman

#### **March**

- 05 – Diane Eklov
- 11 – Anna Durham
- 19 – Gary Mekjian
- 21 – Jim Walker
- 23 – Steve Vercellino
- 29 – Doug Edwards

**Attachments:**

Newsletter PDF

Orientation Invite PDF

CWH Wine and Dine flyer

**2021-2022  
Presidential  
Awards**

**Honor Clubs 2021-2022**

**MICHIGAN**

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| 17005 Southfield-Lathrup Village, MI | 17494 Detroit-Loving Community, MI     |
| 17030 Bay City Noon, MI              | 17504 Central Macomb, MI               |
| 17056 Brighton, MI                   | 17569 Mecosta County Optimist Club, MI |
| 17150 Farmington Hills-BFT, MI       |                                        |
| 17234 Grosse Pointe-Lakeshore, MI    |                                        |
| 17325 Plymouth-Canton, MI            |                                        |





**PROCLAMATION  
National Optimist Day  
February 2, 2023**

- WHEREAS,** the City honors and recognizes the Optimist Club of Farmington & Farmington Hills on National Optimist Day, celebrated this year on February 2 and annually on the first Thursday of every February; and
- WHEREAS,** in May 2023, our local breakfast chapter of Optimist International will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and
- WHEREAS,** this voluntary organization of civic-minded men and women is dedicated to community service, making a difference in the lives of others, and working with young people to help them reach their potential and make their dreams come true; and
- WHEREAS,** the membership of the Optimist Club of Farmington & Farmington Hills is composed of citizens drawn from business, industry, government, and other professions using their talent, skills, and hard work to contribute to the community in which they and their families draw daily benefits; and
- WHEREAS,** there are 2,400 Optimist Clubs in Optimist International, with more than 70,000 members worldwide who are contributing to their communities and encouraging a greater exchange of ideas between young people and adults.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Vicki Barnett, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim February 2, 2023 as **Optimist Day** and call upon our citizens, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recognize our local Optimist Club and honor this vital organization committed to the improvement of youth and community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicki Barnett".

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Vicki Barnett, Mayor

## **New Members Welcome!**

Please join us for our New Member Orientation Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30pm via zoom. Here are the details:

**When:** Wednesday Evening 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**How:** Zoom call hosted are Tom and Cathy Neal  
Here is the link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84354827016>

**Who:** New members and potential new members plus spouses are invited to join the zoom session.

**Purpose:** To socialize and learn about optimism and our club's activities here in the cities. How can you help make this a better world?

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

***Did you know that people who are optimistic live a longer and healthier life?***





**VALENTINES DAY FUNDRAISER FOR**  
**OPTIMIST CHILDHOOD HEALTH &**  
**WELLNESS!**

**Join us at The Pines Restaurant**

**37777 11 Mile Ct., Farmington Hills (At the Farmington Hills golf course)**  
**Wednesday, Feb 8, 2023, | 7:00-9:30 p.m.**

**Serving a 4-course spectacular dinner paired with wines from Vintner's Winery- located in Canton.**

**Cost is: \$100 per person**

**Proceeds going to fund grants for local Optimist clubs under CHW.**

**Secure your table by Feb 2, 2023**

**Please include form with your check payable to: Michigan District Optimist**

**Mail to: Roxanne Fitzpatrick**

**30255 Fiddlers Green, FH. Mi 48334**

**Questions: 248-470-3584**

**Or send form to [rfitz@kw.com](mailto:rfitz@kw.com) and Venmo money to @Roxanne-Fitzpatrick**



**Asking all clubs to put together a raffle basket- to be raffled off that night!**  
**Entertainment, good food and wine, 50/50 raffle and sharing time with friends!!**

VALENTINES DAY WINE & DINE DINNER

**February 8, 2023** | The Pines Restaurant - 37777 11 Mile Ct.,  
Farmington Hills | **\$100 per person**

| Name(s) | Email | Dietary Restrictions | Non-Alcoholic Drinks |
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# of people together: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:**

Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Venmo: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for reserving tables: February 2, 2023**