

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

# Sunnyside Newsletter Oct. 1, 2023

## Farmington/Farmington Hills 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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### **Have Courage, Be Kind and Stay Optimistic!**

#### **Board Meeting on Zoom This Wednesday at 7:15am**

This will be the first meeting of the new Board! The agenda and zoom instructions will be emailed to them. If you have any thoughts email Alvin Lynn ([lynnalvin256@gmail.com](mailto:lynnalvin256@gmail.com)).

#### **Installation Dinner Scheduled for Weds. Oct. 4**

Hello Fellow Optimist - Our annual Farmington/ Farmington Hills **Optimist Installation Dinner** is next Wednesday, Oct 4th at the Longacre House. Spouses, friends and family are welcome and encouraged to join us. Please rsvp for them as well. Olive Thyme catering will be providing a phenomenal dinner for \$30.00 per person (full details on shared RSVP /signup genius link) we will enjoy fellowship and complete the installation of our Optimist officers. 12 signed up so far. Hurry and please sign up now! CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR OPTIMIST INSTALLATION DINNER: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA4AD29A4F9C07-44629399-ffh>

#### **Member Interest Finder**

We haven't heard from most of you. What is your interest within all that our club does or could do? Please fill out attached form and get to Tom Neal. Thanks.

#### **MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest – Optimists Oct. 7 & 8**

MSU is holding a Pumpkinfest for young kids and their families at the Tollgate facility (12 Mile and Meadowbrook). Optimists and Junior Optimists (***This is a NFHS Jr. Optimist***

## Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club

**project that needs our support. Pauline Kim is our Parent Leader for the JOC.)** are assigned to directing traffic in the parking lot. Each shift has 4 students and 2 adults. The adult volunteers also chaperone the student volunteers. If you can help with this, sign up below. **(Still need 3 Sunday slots filled!)**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CAA628A20-msutollgate2#/>

### **Boo Bash at Heritage Park, October 29**

Volunteers needed 11-3 to hand out candy to trick or treaters at Heritage Park. Costumes strongly suggested. This is a good opportunity for members who can't make the 7:30 am meetings to participate in a project to help kids in our community. We need your help!

Let Alvin Lynn (alvin.lynn256@gmail.com) know if you can help.

### **Checkout the pictures attached from the JOI Conference**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. District Optimist Conference – Nov. 10th-11th**

It will be held in Bay City, MI at the Double Tree Riverfront Hotel. Rooms are \$119 per night (Call 989-891-6000 to make reservation by Oct. 20th. Code: Michigan District Optimist)

### **Choose Optimism Podcasts**

Here is the link to a number of podcasts:

RSS Feed <https://feeds.captivate.fm/chooseoptimism/>

- How conduct a world class Oratorical Contest
- Optimism Brings Out the Sunny Side in Life
- The JOI of Optimism

**Website:** [f2hoptimists.org](http://f2hoptimists.org) [new members can join on front page of website.]

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

### **Calendar**

Oct 4 Board Meeting via Zoom @ 7:15am  
Oct. 4 Installation Banquet, Longacre House, 6:30pm  
Oct 7,8 MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest

**Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club**

- Oct 11\* Club Business meeting
- Oct 18\* Club Meeting – speaker, FH Chief John Unruh
- Oct 25\* Principal’s Breakfast
- Oct 29 Boo Bash @ Heritage Park, 11:00am

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



**Birthdays**

**October**

- 9 – Bill Dwyer
- 14 – Nicole Blackmon Hunt
- 21 – Susan Walker
- 25 – Cathy Neal
- 26 - Tom Neal
- 27 – Marguerite Smith
- 29 – Jeff Claterbaugh

**Attachments:**

- Newsletter PDF
- Member Interest Finder PDF

**Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club**

JOI Convention Highlights PDF



**"Find the good. It's all around you. Find it, showcase it and you'll start believing it."**

Jesse Owens

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# Optimist INTERNATIONAL

## MEMBER INTEREST FINDER

*Greater Satisfaction and benefit come from participation in club activities through committee membership. Assignments will be based upon your interest and committee openings.*

Indicate your degree of interest: **H** = high    **M** = moderate    **L** = low    **O** = none

- Community Service:** Determines, plans and supervises community serving projects. A special committee conducts each project.
  - Fellowship:** Stimulates attendance, greets members and guests, arranges for meeting facilities and menus, plans social functions. Promotes fellowship beyond club and community.
  - Finance:** Plans and supervises the budget. Researches and recommends fund raising projects.
  - Membership:** Plans and executes a year-round program for acquiring new members. Maintains a strong program of education and involvement for new members.
  - New Club Building:** Conducts all activities involved in sponsoring a new Optimist club.
  - Program:** Develops and executes plans to provide interesting programs for club meetings.
  - Publicity:** Creates a news program that will build favorable community response. Edits and publishes club bulletins. Compiles club scrapbook.
  - Youth Activities:** Determines, plans and supervises youth serving projects. A special committee conducts each project.
- Conventions**     **Social functions**     **Club bulletin**     **Fundraising**     **Scrapbook**

## A B O U T   Y O U

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

What is your experience in community betterment, church work, sports and youth serving activities that could help our club?

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What projects or programs would you like the club to consider?

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# JOI! MICHIGAN SHOOTING STARS



**DISTRICT CONVENTION**  
*September 23, 2023 • 1:00 – 4:30 PM*

*CARES of Farmington*  
*27835 Shiawassee St.*  
*Farmington Hills, MI 48336*

*“Kids Helping Kids!”*





Having fun learning to Zumba



Fashion Show - turning newspapers into wearable attire



## Keynote speaker 17 year old Vendant Gupta

Vendant began his journey by first speaking in fourth grade. He entered in several Oratorical contests and at one time was one of the three runners up to be an International Oratorical Contest winner. One of his most pivotal experiences he explained was learning and practicing the joy of compassion for other travelers through life - particularly those who are experiencing physical and or mental adversities.

Vedant ended his address by encouraging participants to remember that "YOU ARE A SPECIAL PERSON", "Young people have power in their voices". And, when interviewing and speaking with people the conversations are much more relevant and enjoyable if we seek to understand and convey the heart of the person being interviewed and not just report on answers to their questions. [Globalkidmedia.com](http://Globalkidmedia.com)

## Meet our 2023-2024 Optimist JOI Club District Officers.



Co-JOI Governors: Hamdaan Fysudeen, Sri Balaji, Past JOI Gov. Carolyn Phillips, Sec./Treas Skye Schlueter, Lt. Govs. Vaibhav Dhiman, Holly McCracken, Jaden Vinales



## MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Energy and lots of it!
- Enthusiasm
- Creativity
- The desire to make a difference in your community and the world

## NOT REQUIRED

- Good academic standing
- Any previous experience volunteering
- References or letters of recommendation

