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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 Meeting This Wednesday, October 12, 7:30 am

We meet at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington to visit socially first and then hear from our speaker. **Chris Delgado**, Superintendent of Farmington Public Schools, will talk about the importance of the *Restoration Millage* on the November ballot.

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

Board Meeting Highlights

- Cathy Neal announced she has accepted the District role of Lt. Governor for our Zone 12. Congratulations Cathy, we wish you the best!
- Pumpkinfest Oct 8 & 9 – need Board members to sign up ASAP using SignUpGenius link.
- Boo Bash Oct. 23 – Volunteers needed; Phyllis says we have 5 but need 8
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser will be run again this month. Roxanne will get out the details.
- NOW social will be at Costick Center. A flyer will be sent out with details.
- Next District Conference will be Nov. 12
- Dyslexia program will be setup for early next year at the library. Jill O'Hara is planning the details.

- Michael Bridges will look into getting the officers Optimist business cards
- Roxanne will have a decorated float for the Dec. 3 Light Up the Grand Parade. She is filling out the application.
- Roxanne will schedule Salvation Army bell ringing for the 2nd Saturday in December.
- Send Andrea Fields pictures and any comments for our FB page.
- Nathan Jamil Scholarship Fund: Rami Jamil will help promote this fundraising event. Get with Rami to work out details.

Farmington Community Library Would Like Your Help

Our member, Danette Duron-Duron, has asked if we all could fill out the community survey for the library so they can get our input on what the library does and plans to do. (She is on the FCL Board.) Here is the link to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FCLcommunity-survey>

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 10:30am to 3:30pm. 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 Optimist Year Means Dime-A-Day Needed

As we start a new Optimist year, it means there is a need to support the O.I. Foundation by giving a \$36.50 donation to support the National program for Oratorical, Essay and other programs that only get their funding from the foundation. Go to optimist.org: select Foundations: select Optimist International Foundation (Not Canadian): Scroll down and click on red rectangle saying "Make a Difference, Donate now": select US and then proceed with payment information.

Veterans Speaker: Retired Brigadier General Doug Slocum

We are fortunate to have a military man as our featured speaker on Wednesday morning, **Nov. 9th at 7:30 am**. It is very important to know who will attend so we have enough breakfast food. Bring a veteran friend! Here is a SignUpGenius link for all to use: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAA829A46-ffhoptimists>

More about **Doug "Odie" Slocum** - Retiring as a Brigadier General in 2019, Doug "Odie" Slocum has 35 years' experience with the Air Force and the Air National Guard. His last assignment was as the Commanding General of the 127th Wing and Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Under his leadership, the men and women of the base earned numerous accolades including awards for being the top Air National Guard Wing in the country, the top fighter aircraft organization, the most efficient aerial tanker Wing in the Air Force, and only the third Air National Guard Wing in history to receive the Meritorious Unit Award for "outstanding devotion and exceptional performance." He is well known for his leadership style which has been branded as "violent positivity". Prior to coming to Michigan in 2014, he was the Air National Guard Inspector General in Washington DC.

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

This is 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. The **Farmington High School Chorus** is going to perform for at least 30 -45 minutes. We will have pizza and beverages. Admission: *bring a non-perishable food item* that will be donated to CARES. We need to know all who come so we have enough food. Use SignUpGenius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAA829A46-nowsocial>

Light Up the Grand Parade, Saturday, Dec. 3rd

It's the most WONDERFUL EVENT of Holly Days! The lighted parade is back and in full force. Light up the Grand with our community. All floats, vehicles, people and pets are full of lights and costumes. Our Jr. Optimists are encouraged to attend.

Essay Contest Topic This School 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: 1st \$250, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$50. Winners at the District level each receives scholarships of 1st \$2,500, 2nd \$1,500, 3rd \$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 School 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, 2nd \$1,500, 3rd \$1,000! World winners receive: 1st - \$15,000, 2nd - \$10,000, 3rd - \$5,000. This brings out the best **speaking** skills.

Website: f2hoptimists.org

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

Calendar

	<i>Meetings: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 7:30am</i>
Oct 12	Meeting at FPCF – Millage restoration
Oct 19	Meeting at FPCF – Respect for 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 3	Light Up the Grand Parade, 5:30pm
Dec 7	Board meeting by zoom, 7:15am
Dec 14	Final meeting of year

***Sign up for these few meetings, through sign up genius links listed above, is required by Monday before in order to ensure there will be enough food for everyone who plans to attend. Thank you.**

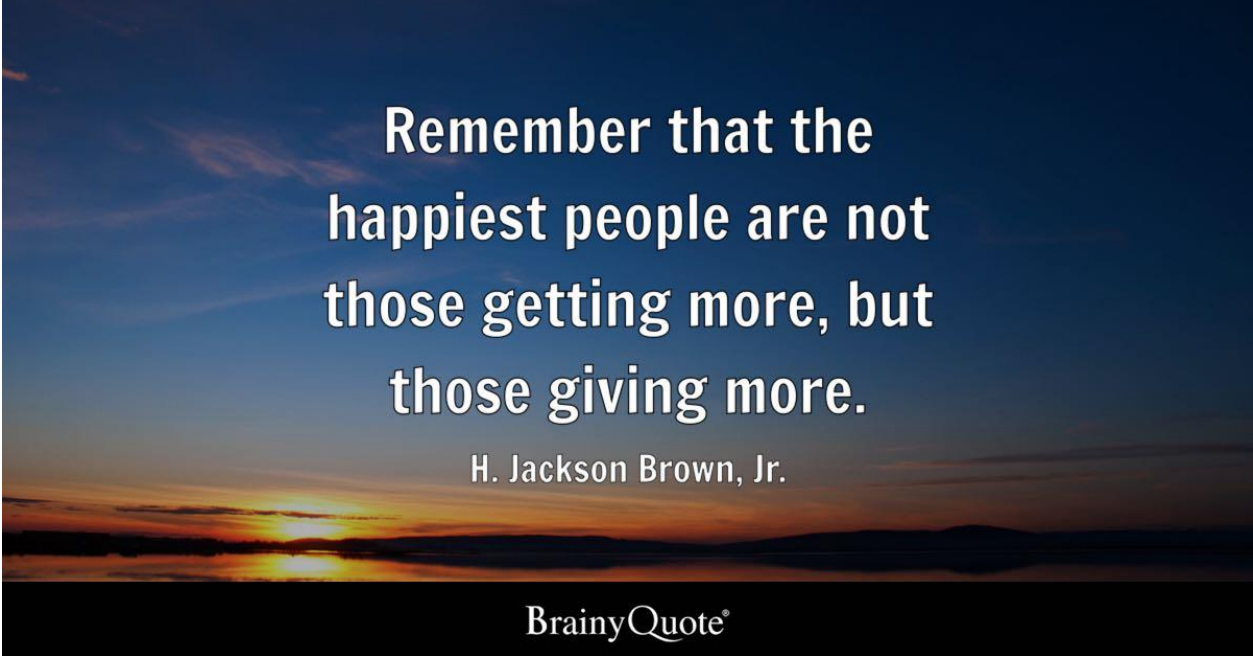
Birthdays:

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:

Newsletter PDF

"Talk health, happiness and prosperity to everyone you meet."



Remember that the
happiest people are not
those getting more, but
those giving more.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

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