

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

# Sunnyside Newsletter Oct. 22, 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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### ***Making a Difference, Today!***

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### **Meet the Farmington Public Schools Principals Wednesday**

This is our special breakfast where we honor all the Principals for our school district. We start social time at 7:30am. See you at First Presbyterian Church.

### **Read New Member Linda Hufford Profile**

Thank you for your warm Optimist Club welcome.

Farmington Hills became my home in the fall of 2019 after a move from our longtime home in Riga, Michigan, where we raised our daughter and son, now adults living in Warren and Lansing.

Lasting just shy of four decades, my professional career began after earning my undergraduate degree in education at Bowling Green State University. I returned to teach in Sylvania, Ohio, my childhood home, later earning a master's degree at the University of Toledo. In addition to teaching English to eighth graders, I co-coached the Power of the Pen team, an interscholastic creative writing program for middle schools, where our teams won two State of Ohio championships. Additionally, my students competed in the Toledo Bar Association Law Day competition during my tenure. Learning that the Optimist Club offers essay and oratorical competitions, I hope to be of assistance. Beyond teaching duties, I served as the president of the Blissfield Band Boosters, organizer of Blissfield teacher appreciation luncheons, and millage supporter while our kids attended Blissfield Schools.

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

After our retirement in 2010, my husband and I became snowbirds and rehabilitated two houses on the gulf coast of Florida. We enjoyed DIY projects, boating on the intracoastal and hosting family and friends from the frozen north. Despite my proximity to Twelve Oaks Mall, my favorite shopping venues continue to be Menards, Home Depot, and Lowe's, in that order. With former colleagues, I am a member of the Sylvania Chapter #2 of Dining for Women, now Together Women Rise, a service organization dedicated to reaching global gender equality.

I was fortunate to meet Jill O'Hara, who suggested I might like the Optimist Club, when I began volunteering with the English as a Second Language program at the library this year.

Currently my favorite activities include hosting family dinners, walking, gardening, and serving on the welcome committee for my neighborhood, Chestnut Ridge.

### **Last Wednesday's Meeting**

Last week we had Farmington Hills Fire Chief John Unruh as our main speaker. He gave a detailed report of the 3 divisions and the good news of a new Emergency Center being planned for the main headquarters. Fire Marshall Jason Baloga gave us a good presentation on safety tips for the home. He also answered questions like how they put out an electric car fire. The club members were attentive and asked many questions. They were presented with a Optimist Insulated Travel Bottle as a token of our appreciation for his presentation.

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### **PGI (Personal Growth & Involvement) Program**

Why was PGI developed as an OI Program?

1. To define the standard of a good Optimist Member.
2. To offer every Member an opportunity to receive personal benefits when joining an Optimist Club.
3. To make sure every Optimist Club offers every Member the challenge they need to become a better leader.

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

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

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)

**Registration Link:** <https://michiganoptimists.org/events/2023-24-1st-quarter-conference/>

### Schedule of Events

#### **8:30 – 11:35am Morning Session**

- Let's Get Connected
- Getting Down to Business
- Activate Optimism
- Honoring Veterans

**Lunch Buffet**, Drinks and Snacks (included with registration)

#### **12:30 – 2:30pm Afternoon Session**

- Sleep in Heavenly Peace Service Project
- Recognition and Appreciation
- Sharing Activated Optimism
- Have Passport Will Travel
- Until We Meet Again

#### **3:00 – 3:45pm After Conference Connections**

- Check Out the Michigan Optimist Leadership Academy
- Exchange Ideas with OIF Club and CHW Grant Recipients
- Tips and Tricks for Coordinating Essay and Oratorical Contests
- See What's New on Optimist Leaders (laptop suggested)
- Help Desk for Optimist Institute Officer Training (laptop suggested)

#### **District Scholarship and Program Chairs 2023/2024**

- *Essay contest*; Sherry Regiani
  - Topic: "Optimism: How it Connects Us"
- *Oratorical contest*; Trinilda Johnson
  - Topic: "How to Change the World with Optimism"
- *Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing* (CCDHH): Nancy Gallihugh
  - Topic: "How to Change the World with Optimism"

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### Optimist International Foundation

What better way to help our students experience progress and to prosper through programs provided by our area Optimist Clubs! The Foundation is an excellent way to help get the action going, providing 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!

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

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

### Calendar

Oct 25\* Principals' Breakfast  
Oct 29 Boo Bash @ Heritage Park, 10:30am  
Nov 1 Board Meeting on Zoom  
Nov 8\* Veterans Breakfast w/State Dir. of Amer. Legion  
Nov 15\* Speaker: Gerrard Allen, new CEO of Chamber  
Nov 23 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**  
Nov 29\* Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, Jeff Ely

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

### Birthdays

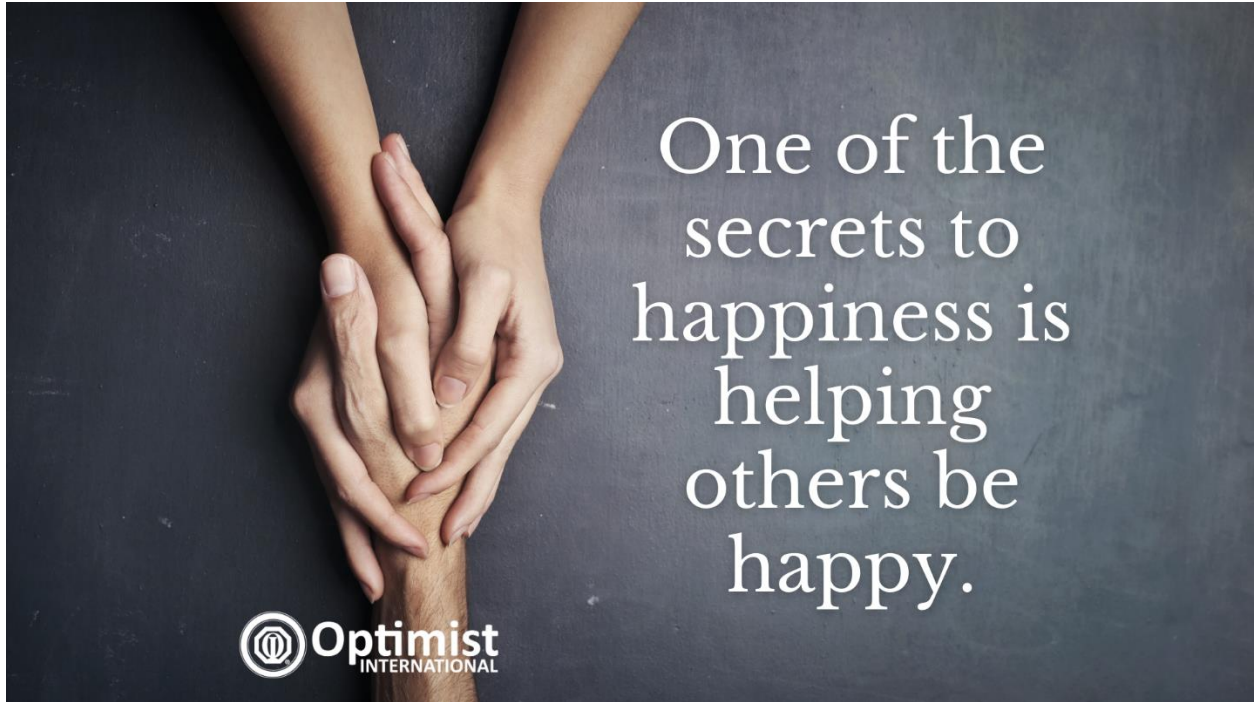
#### October

25 – Cathy Neal  
25 – Randy Patterson  
26 – Tom Neal  
29 – Jeff Clatterbaugh

### Attachments:

Newsletter PDF  
Respect for Veterans Breakfast Flier PDF  
Dime-A-Day Application

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One of the  
secrets to  
happiness is  
helping  
others be  
happy.







The **Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club** is honored to host our **Annual Veterans Breakfast** as our way to Honor and Remember those who have Served.

**Wednesday October 8th, 2023**

at

**First Presbyterian Church of Farmington**

26165 Farmington Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

**Doors open at 7:15am ★ Breakfast will be served at 7:30 am – 8:30am**

Our Keynote Address will be given by Gary Easterling who is the Director of the American Legion Department of Michigan. He will speak to us about the compensation Veterans may be eligible for in light of the new RACT Act.



We will also honor Lee Newby Jr, who is one of the first African American inductees into the U.S. Marine corps – “a soldier who helped to break the race barrier.”



**To register to attend this event go to :**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAA829A46-45232154-ffhoptimists>**

**You can also text or call 313.428.1706 and leave your name and phone number when prompted.**





# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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