

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

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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!***

#### **Board of Officers Zoom Meeting Wednesday 7:15am**

Your Board of Officers will meet this Wednesday to discuss the club's programs and where we need help in accomplishing all the many projects and activities we do.

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

Last week we hosted all the Principals and staff for breakfast. We served Panera sandwiches, pastries and fruit for breakfast. Superintendent Chris Delgato shared positives about the school District and then asked Principals and staff to introduce themselves and share one great moment they have had in their careers.

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## **Beechview JOC Holds Pumpkin Carving Day**

This is an annual project they do every October. Here are some of the pictures below.

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### **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.

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

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### **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)

### **Tom and Cathy Neal Honored at FPS Sr. Adult Forum**

This past Thursday morning, Tom and Cathy received the Senior Extraordinaire Award from the school District for their efforts working as volunteers through the Jr. Optimist program in the various schools.

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

- ❖ Jim Walker had major surgery this past week. We hope and pray for a speedy recovery so he can join us for some of our some of our November meetings.
- ❖ Andrea Fields has started a new business venture marketing laundry sheets. We hope she and her customers benefit from this new venture.
- ❖ Diane Ecklove had major surgery this past week. We hope and pray for a speedy recovery so she can spread her positivity with Jr. Optimists.
- ❖ Phyllis Pheeny and husband Walt have returned from a grand trip to the Mediterranean with friends safely.
- ❖ If you have joys or concerns to share with the club, please let Editor Tom know.

### 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

|         |                                                 |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 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  | <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>                      |
| Nov 29* | Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, Jeff Ely        |

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

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### **Birthdays**

#### **October**

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

#### **November**

05 – Dave Clappison  
14 – Nicole Hunt  
21 – Susan Walker

#### **Attachments:**

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





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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

