

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

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Celebrating 40 Years - Thursday, May 11, 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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No Morning Club Meeting this Week ... See NOW notice

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 number of all who come so we have enough food. Use SignUpGenius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAA829A46-nowsocial>

Veterans Recognition Breakfast Recap

We had 51 people attend of which 27 were club members. The speaker was Brigadier General Doug (Odie) Slocum, retired. He spoke of *Violent Positivity* as a leadership style. See attached info and group picture.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing December 10th

We are encouraging Jr. Optimists and family members to sign up for 30-minute slots. Attached is flyer. Here is link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAA829A46-salvation1>

MI District 1st Quarter Conference News

- Past Governor Dan Mills reported the results of the last District Optimist year: Our District built 40 new clubs, had 2 Distinguished Lt. Governors, 10 Honor Clubs (**We were one of the 10, congratulations!**) and 4 Distinguished Clubs.
- JOI Governor Carolyn Phillips reported they completed a book drive for foster children and created a link on Discord for Uganda clubs. The next project will be a toy drive for local Ronald McDonald Houses.
- The Michigan District launched the M.I. Understanding program for clubs to implement. M.I. Understanding is looking to change the way we think about mental health in kids. 70% of childhood mental health can be treated if caught early and yet most families are embarrassed or unaware their child needs help. Please email Governor Pamela Batcho (pmbatch@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Consider Donating to Dime-A-Day for OI Foundation

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, Childhood Health and Wellness, Junior Optimist and other programs that only get their funding from the foundation. Go to this link:

<https://www.oifoundation.org/us-canada-donate.html>

Santa and Mrs. Claus

Picture attached is of our Treasurer, Richard Burrous and his wife as Santa and Mrs. Claus. You can catch Santa at English Gardens on Sundays.

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. Meet in parking lot of Sidecar Slider Bar at 5:15pm

Website: f2hoptimists.org

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

Calendar *Meetings: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington (FPCF)*

Nov 16 * NOW Mtg at Costick Center w/FHS singers,
6:00pm

Nov 23 No Club meeting

Nov 30 Club Meeting at FPCF, 7:30am

Dec 3 Light Up the Grand Parade, 5:15pm

Dec 7 Board meeting by zoom, 7:15am

Dec 14 Final meeting of year, 7:30am

**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:

Nov 14 – Nicole Blackmon

Nov 21 – Susan Walker

Dec 11 – Joyce Hagen

Dec 12 – Sara Bowman

Dec 18 – Triman Jagdev

Dec 19 – James Etzin

Dec 22 – Roxanne Fitzpatrick

Dec 25 – Richard Lerner

Dec 30 – TR Carr

Attachments:

Newsletter PDF

Violent Positivity by Brigadier General Slocum PDF

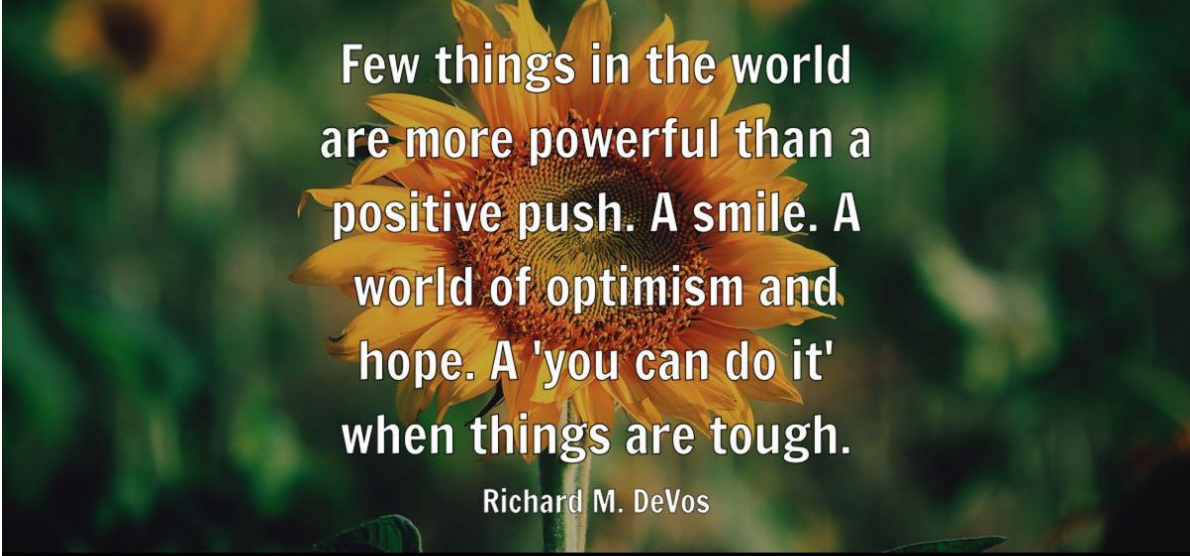
Now Flyer PDF

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Flyer

Essay Contest 2022-2023 PDF

22-23 Essay Application PDF

Picture of Santa & Mrs. Claus



Few things in the world
are more powerful than a
positive push. A smile. A
world of optimism and
hope. A 'you can do it'
when things are tough.

Richard M. DeVos

BrainyQuote®

VIOLENT POSITIVITY by Brigadier General Doug (Odie) Slocum, retired

Speech at FFH Optimist Veteran Recognition Breakfast, Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Key to connecting with people

- Why- a way for leaders to connect with people
- Ask – where do you want to be in 10 years
- Particularly with family

Odie's Tenants

1. Use people's first names
2. Learn how to deal with failure (Normal part of success)
3. Use encouragement effect (Words have an amazing power of lifting up people if used to highlight positives.)



ARE YOU AN OPTIMISTIC PERSON?

New Optimists Welcome!

Come learn about the Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club, enjoy pizza and refreshments, meet local members for networking, fellowship and information.

You are invited

Wednesday, November 16

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Costick Center

28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48336

The event will feature the Farmington High Choir for entertainment.

Pizza and cold drinks will be served.

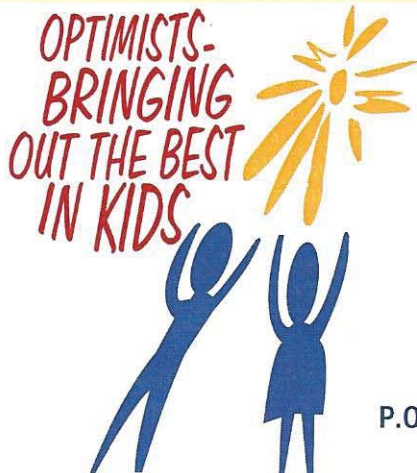
Admission is a non-perishable food item to be donated to CARES.

Please register by 9/9. SignUpGenius link:

[NOW Social @ Costick Center Nov. 16](#)

BRING A FRIEND!

OUR MISSION: Our organization conducts positive service projects in our communities aimed at providing a helping hand to youth. Our members support programs by “bringing out the best in kids”.



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Everyone invited to ring the bell and sing a few songs for:

Who? The Salvation Army

When? Saturday, December 10th, 2022

Where? Kroger's - 11 Mile & Middlebelt

What time? 10:30am- 1:30pm (Please sign up on sign up genius)

Sign up for slot?

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAA829A46-salvation1>

Who can come? Optimists, Junior optimists and their families and friends.

What to wear? A Santa hat, lighted necklace etc. and be prepared to sing

Any questions call: Roxanne Fitzpatrick **248-470-3584** rfitz@kw.com



