

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

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"Succeeding with a Heart of Optimism"

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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Club Meeting this Wednesday, November 30th, 7:30am

We will meet in-person at **the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington at 11 Mile & Farmington Roads**. (Enter on backside of building) Come to socialize, share Thanksgiving stories and have a continental breakfast starting at 7:30 am. What was your favorite meal item or dessert? How was your family doing? Glad you can join us.

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>

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

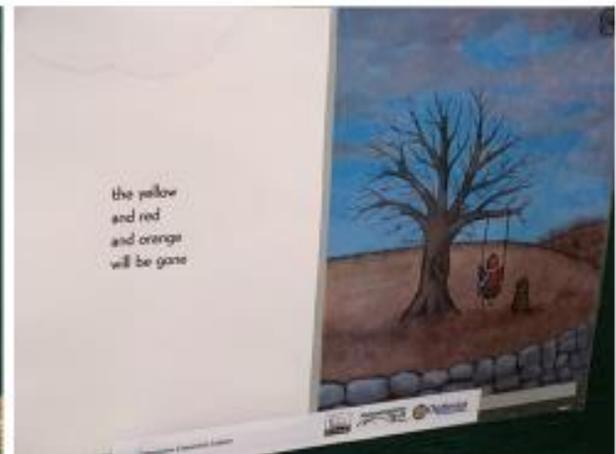
It's the most WONDERFUL EVENT of **Holly Days**! The lighted parade is back and in full force. Light up the Grand with our community. All floats, vehicles, people and pets are full of lights and costumes. Our Jr. Optimists are encouraged to attend. Meet in parking lot of Sidecar Slider Bar, 32720 Grand River Avenue at 5:15pm

Pictures of Storybook Trail at Heritage Park



If you go to Heritage Park, take a walk on the Storybook Trail. It helps bring out the best in our community and for young parents.

Our Optimist club helps sponsor this with the Public Library. (Notice O.I. logo)



Here is status of paid JOI members as of this week

Elementary Schools: Middle Schools:

Beechview 57 East 3

Forest 6 Power 3

Gill 43 Warner 1

Hillside 7 High Schools:

Lanigan 6 FHS 3

NFHS 7

Total: 136 We know more attend, encourage them to sign up. (Remember \$20 scholarship available if needed.) T-shirts will be dropped off at schools early this next week.

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.

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>

Website: [f2hoptimists.org](https://www.f2hoptimists.org)

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

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

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

Birthdays:

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
Light Up the Grand Flyer PDF
Salvation Army Bell Ringing Flyer
22-23 Essay Application PDF

Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce presents:

Holly Days
Downtown Farmington
Saturday, December 3rd
Holiday festivities all day!

10AM - 4PM

- Greens, Gifts & Giving Market
- Holiday Kids Train
- Toys for Tots Collection
- Hot Chocolate & Coffee Stations

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- Photos with Santa

11AM - 2PM

- Stories with Mrs. Claus & Crafts

5:30PM

- **Light Up the Grand Parade**
- **Tree Lighting** Immediately Following Parade

10AM - 12PM

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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



Application for 2022-2023 Optimist International Essay Scholarship Competition

PRINT Name _____ Gender _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age on Oct 1, 2022 _____

Did you enter any other Optimist Club's Essay Contest this school year? Yes No

Contestant Agreement:

I have studied the rules of the contest, and I will be bound by all the requirements.

Contestant's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent or Guardian Permission:

I, _____, grant the Optimist Club/International my permission to use a picture or video of my son/daughter, for their public relations purposes. Optimist Club/International may use the photo or video in any publication they see fit.

I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in this scholarship contest.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Relationship _____

Sponsoring Optimist Club Name _____

Sponsoring Optimist Club Number _____

Language: English, or if District language is different: French or Spanish

Official Topic: Who is an Everyday Hero that Brings Out the Optimism in You?

Each contestant must be given this copy of the rules and complete the entry form, above.

Section I - General Rules

1. The Optimist International Essay Contest is divided into two levels of competition: Club (preliminary contest) and District (scholarship competition). The winner of a local club contest advances to the District Scholarship Competition.
2. Contestants must enter through a local Optimist Club.
3. Contestants must compose an original essay with limited guidance from others. Webster's Dictionary defines an essay as an analytic or interpretive literary composition. Works of fiction or poetry will not be accepted.
4. All District-level contests must have a minimum of three (3) contestants participating.
5. Optimist International will have the right to edit, publish or otherwise duplicate any essay entered into the contest without payment to the author.

Section II - Qualifications for Contestants

1. The contest is open to contestants under the age of **19** as of October 1st of the current Optimist International contest year (October 1 – September 30) **and who have not yet completed secondary school or its equivalent, including CEGEP students in Québec, Canada.** There is no minimum age. Contestants must enter in the District in which they reside. United States contestants attending school on a military installation outside the U.S. are eligible to enter in their last home of record. Contestants residing in non-Districted areas where there are no Optimist Clubs are not eligible for competition.
2. Contestants are eligible for only one Club's essay contest during any given year. (October 1st - September 30th)
3. No individual having previously won a District Essay scholarship will be eligible to compete at any level of the competition again.
4. All contestants at each level of the contest must provide proof of age and identification in the form of a copy of either their birth certificate or passport before participating. A copy of the Club winner's document will be submitted to the District contest.

Section III - Contest Rules

1. Participants must write on the official contest topic for the current year.
2. Each entry must begin with a title page containing topic, number of words, writer's name, address, phone number, name of school and date of birth.
3. The official topic should be at the top of title page and at the top of page 1 (penalty of 3 points)
4. Essays must be typed, double-spaced and single-sided. (Deduction of 5 points for each infraction)
5. Essays must contain at least 700 words but no more than 800 words. Every word of the essay is counted. This does not include the title, bibliography, or footnotes. Hyphenated words count as 1 word. (Deduction of 5 points for each 25 words over/under limit – French Essays will allow 50 words over/under for the deduction). Words are to be counted manually.
6. Each page of the essay must be numbered starting with page 1, not the title page. The numbers must be centered at the bottom of each page.

7. Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the essay must be identified properly, using a recognized citation format. For example, use of a specific writer's format (such as MLA, APA, Chicago style). Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.
8. No reference can be made in the essay that identifies the contestant, parents, school, community, sponsoring Optimist Club or District. (Deduction of 5 points or fraction based on degree of identification)
9. An essay should be written in English, or it may be written in either French or Spanish if the language used is accepted by the District of entry.
10. The entry must be stapled together in the upper left-hand corner. Covers of any type are not accepted.

Section IV – Judging

1. Judging will be completed by a panel of three qualified judges who are not acquainted with the contestants. At the Club level, judges may be Optimist Members. At the District level, judges must be non-Optimists. (Friends of Optimists are excluded and can be used as judges).
2. In an effort to conceal the identity of each contestant, each entry will be anonymized and assigned a number by the Essay Contest Chair. The assigned number will be placed on the title page and page 1 of the essay. The title page will then be detached and retained by the Essay Contest Chair. The judges will be given the essays bearing only the assigned numbers.
3. Judges will not discuss or compare the essays being judged.
4. Only judges can assign a penalty or award points.

Section V – Scoring of Contest

1. Scoring procedures at all levels of the contest will be identical.
2. Material Organization (Logical interpretation of the subject, adherence to topic): 30 points
3. Creativity: 15 points
4. Vocabulary and Style (Phrasing and continuity): 30 points

5. Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling: 20 points
6. Adherence to contest rules (prepared in a proper format): 5 points

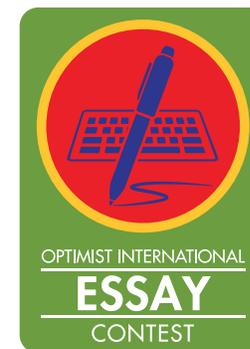
Section VI – Penalties

1. Failure to list official topic on the title page and at the top of page 1 of the essay: 3 points
2. Failure to identify total number of words: 5 points
3. Failure to type essay, doubled-spaced and single-sided: 5 pts. per infraction (15 pt. max)
4. Failure to stay within the 700-800 words: 5 points for each 25 words over/under limit. French Essays will allow 50 words over/under for the deduction. Words are to be counted manually.
5. Self-identification: 5 points or fraction based on degree.

Section VII - Awards

1. Club level – official medallion and/or certificate
2. Clubs are allowed to give monetary awards of up to \$500 per winner for the Essay contest in addition to the official medallions. The Club level awards may be given in the form of a scholarship, savings bond or cash prize but are completely discretionary.
3. District level - plaque and a \$2,500 college scholarship for the first-place winner.
 - A. Scholarships are paid through the Optimist International Foundations in the United States and Caribbean and the Canadian Children's Optimist Foundation in Canada.
 - B. Scholarships awarded are for use only at a college, university, or trade school.
 - C. All scholarships will be payable only to the educational institution of the recipient's choice, subject to the approval of Optimist International.
 - D. All scholarships will be administered by Optimist International.
 - E. Winners of an Optimist International scholarship must claim their scholarship by the age of 25.

The contest chairperson will decide all protests in accordance with the official rules. The District Chair is the final authority, and no appeals will be recognized.



HOW TO ENTER:

Students are to enter through a local Optimist Club in their area. Most local clubs run their Essay contest from October to the end of January. Judging at the local level is completed in February. Late entries are not accepted.

Once submitted, essays may not be returned. Standings are not reported to applicants. The sponsoring club will contact the winners.

Name of local Club:

Chairperson: _____

How to contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

In-person to:

Special Instructions, if any: