

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

# Sunnyside Newsletter Nov. 6, 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!***

#### **Bring a Veteran to Wednesday's Breakfast Meeting**

This is an opportunity to honor veteran friends in our community. Have them join us for a hot breakfast at 7:30am this Wednesday at the First Presbyterian church at 11 Mile & Farmington Roads. At the breakfast we will honor **William Newby Jr.**, the first African American in the U. S. Marine Corps from Michigan. There will also be a Veterans resource table with information from the VA.

Our guest speaker is **Gary Easterling**, 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. See you there!

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

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

#### **Board of Officers Meeting Highlights**

- There is an open position for Director. The Board will appoint a Nomination committee to find one.
- National Optimist Day is the first Thursday in February. The Board is looking for someone to plan recognition and celebration which could include a Press release.
- Assistance is needed to help Anna Durham run the Essay Contest. Contact Anna at [amdurham@fhgov.com](mailto:amdurham@fhgov.com). (She would like to have this be her last year as chairperson.)

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

- Our participation as volunteers at Boo Bash in Heritage Park was successful with 6 volunteers.
- At Principals breakfast we had 16 guests and 19 Optimists.
- Andrea Fields and Susan Walker have completed arrangements for the Veterans Breakfast.
- Alvin and Agatha Lynn, Tom and Cathy Neal and Don Munter are planning to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. District Conference in Bay City.
- Roxanne announced we will have a float in the Holidays parade on Dec. 2. Also, we will be bell ringing for the Salvation Army on Dec. 9 from 10:30am to 1:30pm.

### **Six Traits Shared by the Rock Stars of Aging**

1. They Adapt and Accommodate
2. They Have a Powerful Sense of Purpose
3. They Live in the Enjoyment of the Present
4. They're Socially Active
5. They're Physically Active
6. They're Mentally Active

*(From **Growing Bolder** magazine of National Senior Games Association)*

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

The focus is on sharing and training for the newly elected officers and directors. Attend and learn! 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)

## Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club

### **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"

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

- ❖ *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!

## Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club

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

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

### Calendar

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  
Dec 2 Holiday Parade in Downtown Farmington  
Dec 6 Board Meeting via Zoom  
Dec 9 Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Kroger on 11 Mile  
Dec 13 Holiday Breakfast Meeting (TBA)

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

### Birthdays

#### November

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

### Attachments:

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

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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.”



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**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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