

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

Farmington/Farmington Hills Sunnyside Newsletter

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"We provide hope and a positive vision, as we bring out the best in our youth, our communities, and ourselves."

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### **"SUCCEEDING WITH HEART OF OPTIMISM"**

#### **Join Us for our Business Meeting this Week**

Come early to the meeting to socialize before we get started. This is our business meeting where you can learn about opportunities to bring out your optimism for **youth**, our **community** and **ourselves**. The Church will be open by 7:15am, breakfast items at 7:30am. We will have the floor curling set out for your testing.

#### **Save Date for District 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Conference on Zoom**

Save the date of **Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** for the virtual gathering of Optimists for all over our great state. You can start at 8:30am with a coffee & chat time to meet other Optimists. There will be 3 breakout sessions to discuss ways we can learn and do things for our community and our selves. Consider joining fellow Optimists for a viewing party! You can sign up at: <https://michiganoptimists.org/events/2022-23-2nd-quarter-conference/>

#### **Optimist International Webinar:**

The topic of this training is **"Keep Them Coming Back!"** All members are welcome to attend Monday, Feb. 13 at 8:00 PM - 9:15 PM. Here is the link: <https://optimist-org.zoom.us/j/83042997705?tk=eUK8ENAI0ZCOGG-nWIVPSewfC8iKIR61pCjFuj40yl0.DQMAAAATVb-VyRZl9NaVlaSVQ1MndHb19WaUlsMIBBAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA&pwd=NmhCUmlk eitDSnhOQU9tWEpqRDA0UT09>

#### **40th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE:**

Event scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023 at The Pines Restaurant at Farmington Hills Golf Club, 6:30-9:00P. Committee is working on final details of dinner and will be presenting budget at next Board meeting.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

Members: Nicole Blackmon, Lisa Bracher, Marcia Rodeheffer, Laura Stewart, Terry Tipton: Committee to meet 02/13/2023. Agenda to be sent out by Nicole.

### **PUBLICITY AND MARKETING:**

Nicole: Need to increase Club's publicity and marketing efforts: need Committee: Dawn Klein offered free flyer printing from Toshiba; potential target venues: Farmers' Market – Roxanne will follow-up: Civic Theatre; social media. Our Facebook page needs to include Club activities including Club meetings.

### **How Many Listen to the Morning Sousa Alarm?**

Every Monday thru Friday morning on WRCJ (90.9FM) the Dave Wagner show plays a Sousa march at 7:15am. It is enough to get your body moving to meet the new day! Reply if you listen to it so we can join the FFH Optimist Sousa Alarm club.

### **Consider Optimist Foundation: Make Dime-A-Day Donation**

We need to continue to support the O.I. Foundation by giving a \$36.50 donation to support the National program for Oratorical, Essay and other programs that only get their funding from the foundation. Go to **optimist.org: select Foundations: select Optimist International Foundation (Not Canadian): Scroll down and click on red rectangle saying "Make a Difference, Donate now": select US and then proceed with payment information.** Thanks for your participation in this program.

**Website:** [f2hoptimists.org](http://f2hoptimists.org)

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

**Calendar** *Meetings at Farmington Presbyterian Church, unless otherwise noted.*

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|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Feb. 13 | Nominating Committee Meeting                                |
| Feb. 13 | O.I. Webinar 8:00pm (see story above)                       |
| Feb. 15 | Club Business Meeting                                       |
| Feb. 18 | Virtual District Meeting via Zoom                           |
| Feb. 22 | Marsha Koet, FH Commission on Aging                         |
| Mar. 1  | Board of Directors Meeting by Zoom                          |
| Mar. 8  | Club Business Meeting (Chair Yoga 1 <sup>st</sup> 15 mins.) |
| Mar. 15 | <i>Tentative:</i> Respect for Law                           |
| Mar. 18 | Oratorical Contest at CARES, 10:00am                        |
| Mar. 21 | National Rosie the Riveter Day                              |
| Mar. 22 | Vickie Sullen-Winn, FH Director of Communications           |
| Mar. 26 | Miss Farmington Chili Cookoff, Cowleys 1-4pm                |
| Mar. 29 | TBD                                                         |
| May 11  | 40 <sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary Celebration at The Pines  |

## **Birthdays**

**February** (*We need to recruit more members with Feb. birthdays!*)

08 – Alvin Lynn

09 – Diane Bauman

### **March**

05 – Diane Eklov

11 – Anna Durham

19 – Gary Mekjian

21 – Jim Walker

23 – Steve Vercellino

29 – Doug Edwards

## **Attachments:**

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## Great Meeting with Essay Winners



### Middle School Winners

3<sup>rd</sup> place Chloe Chung

2<sup>nd</sup> place Richa Chava

1<sup>st</sup> place Riya Chava

Power Middle School

Farmington Steam Academy

Farmington Steam Academy

### High School Winners

3<sup>rd</sup> place tie

Chase Tonnies

Elizabeth Sterling

2<sup>nd</sup> place Amanda Millar

1<sup>st</sup> place Nina Kobayashi

Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory

North Farmington High School

Farmington High School


Farmington High School

### Essay Chairperson

Anna Durham

### Meeting attendance

44 (25 Optimists & 19 guests)



Be a yardstick of  
quality. Some people  
aren't used to an  
environment where  
excellence is expected.

Steve Jobs

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