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Farmington/Farmington Hills Sunnyside Newsletter

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

Mission: *By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves.*

Wednesday's Meeting Features Founder of Fleece and Thank You. Come hear his story of success.

We will meet in-person at **the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington at 11 Mile & Farmington Roads**. (Enter on backside of building) Come meet and share bagels and coffee starting at 7:30 am. The meeting will begin with a social time. We will have a **special guest, Nicholas Kristock**. You have the option of joining by zoom at this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89926299765>

Next NOW Orientation March 9, 7:00 pm

What friends might you have who would be interested in learning about optimism. Spouses are welcome, too. Here is your chance to invite them to join this gathering. It will be via zoom from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Ask someone NOW with attached invite.

NEW MEMBER PROFILE – ANIL KUMAR

I work for The Salvation Army Farmington Hills for the past 3 years located in the best city of Michigan, Farmington Hills. My Wife Lieutenant Karen Kumar and I are the Regional Directors serving the Southwest Oakland Country covering Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Novi, Wixom, South Lyon, and Lathrup Village. We do ton of programming and social services at our location and never a dull moment which we love it. We have 2 kids, Raj Andy Kumar (will be 3 this June and a perfectionist)

and Ruth Ann Kumar (a little over 1 and extremely Bossy). Both love their day care in Farmington Hills. I am originally from Chennai, India moved to USA in 2014. Met my wife in 2015 and got married in 2017. I am looking forward to continue serving our wonderful community through this wonderful club.

NEW MEMBER PROFILE - T.R. CARR

My wife and I moved to Farmington Hills in 2017 from the St. Louis area after we retired to be near our son, his wife and our 3 grandchildren. We live in Independence Commons and I am President of the Home Owners Association. Our son is a faculty member at Oakland University. We grew up in St. Louis and have lived in North Dakota (USAF), Oklahoma (for grad school), Texas Tech Univ in Lubbock (faculty member for me, Lucy earned her doctorate as a School Psychologist, and the birth of our son), Fayetteville Arkansas (Faculty at the Univ of Arkansas) and then back to St. Louis until I retired from Southern Ill Univ after 20 years as department chairman. Lucy also retired from her position as a school psychologist. During my career I gave lectures at St. Petersburg State University (Russia), University of Latvia, 2 universities in Finland, and Lincoln University in New Zealand. We were also able to bring teams of 6 to 8 Russian physicians to St. Louis under the Open World Program to visit hospitals and then were able to make several trips to Samara (RU) to visit their hospitals. In 2019 I was part of a team teaching a course on Entrepreneurship at the Shanghai University of Engineering Science. I also was privileged to travel to Guinea, West Africa for two weeks providing management assistance to the 40 bed Compassion Evangelical Hospital in Mamu. We still support that hospital.

I have a strong interest in community development and health care having served as the Mayor of Hazelwood, MO, appointed by the Governor of MO to the Ferguson Commission, Chairman of the Community Advisory Board of SSM DePaul Hospital, and currently serving as Chairman of the Economic Development

Board for Farmington Hills. Lucy is on the Board of a pregnancy resource center where she works to help women develop parenting and career skills. We love Michigan. We spent a summer at the U of Mich. while I was in grad school (Go Blue ?? or Sparty ??).

Oratorical Information from Our Webmaster

The 2022 Oratorical Contest's information, on-line application, and rules have been added to the Optimists Website. A "Calling All Students" item has been added to the Home Page with a link to the 2022 Oratorical Contest information.

Website: **f2hoptimists.org**

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club
(Andrea Fields has done an excellent job of posting positive notes to our Facebook page daily.)

Calendar

Feb. 16 Club Business meeting
Feb. 23 Club meeting, Nicholas Kristock, Founder of Fleece & Thank You
Feb. 27 JOI Team Building Event @ Costick Center

Attachments:

Newsletter PDF
New Member Orientation Invite 3-9-22 PDF
2022 Club Oratorical Contest Flyer PDF

New Optimist Welcome Orientation Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

*Welcome to bringing out the best in our youth,
our communities and ourselves.*



You are invited to our orientation...

When: **Wednesday Evening** 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, March 9, 2022

How: **Zoom call** hosted by Tom and Cathy Neal
Send email to Tom to register: ttneal@sbcglobal.net
Here is link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85251647625>

Who: New members and potential new members plus spouses are invited to join the zoom session.

Purpose: To socialize and learn about optimism and our club's activities here in the cities. How can you help make this a better world?

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Did you know that people who are optimistic live a longer and healthier life?

[Our website: f2hoptimists.org](http://f2hoptimists.org)

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club *Presents*

The 2022 Club Oratorical Scholarship Contest



“Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times”



This is an amazing opportunity for students ages 19 and under to demonstrate their public speaking skills, participate in a healthy competition and win a First, Second or Third place winner cash prize of **\$250, \$200** or **\$150**.

1st and 2nd place winners will compete in the Michigan District Oratorical contest and compete for cash prizes of **\$2500, \$1500** or **\$1000** for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place.

The World Oratorical Championship will be held in July for a chance to win a scholarship award of **\$22,500**.

Local Club Contest

Saturday March 12, 2021, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm via Zoom

Students interested in participating in this great opportunity, please visit our website <https://www.f2hoptimists.org> for further information and to apply. You may also email our Oratorical Contest Chair, Nicole Blackmon, at nicole@strategicimageconsultant.com