

- Optimist Institute was demonstrated and is a free part of your membership fee. Lots to learn in videos and courses about optimism and self-development.
- Jr. Optimist District Officers presented information on Time Management & Organization; Online Resources; Anxiety Management.
- 3rd Quarter District Meeting will be May 13 at Schoolcraft College.

New Member Orientation – Wednesday, March 1

We will have a zoom orientation for new members on Wednesday evening, March 1 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Here is the zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84354827016>. Let Tom Neal know if you have a potential member to invite to the orientation by giving him the name and email. You are welcome to join and share why you joined Optimists.

Dyslexia Program at the Farmington Hills Library sponsored by our Club.

March 09, 2023: "Dyslexia and Struggling Readers"; presenter is Kristin Dwyer: registration required. 6:30P. Here is a list of the books we bought for the Farmington Community Library with our Dyslexia funds (Thanks to Jill O'Hara):

- **Learn to Read for Kids with Dyslexia** by Hannah Braun
- **The Dyslexic Advantage** by Brock Eide
- **Teach Reading with Orton-Gillingham** by Heather Macleod-Vidal
- **Overcoming Dyslexia** by Sally Shaywitz
- **Dyslexia and Me** by Onyinye Udokporo

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. We have a number of past Presidents of our club planning to attend.

ST. PATRICKS DAY CHILDHOOD HEALTH AND WELLNESS FUNDRAISER

Join in the fun at the Pines Restaurant on **Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm!** The evening's traditional Irish cuisine highlights will be corned beef and cabbage and shepherd's pie. A specialty salad will be available for those who prefer a non-meat option. The evening will also include Irish entertainment and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$50, with proceeds going to fund grants for District Optimist Club CHW projects. Let Roxanne Fitzpatrick know if you are planning to attend and see the attached flyer for instructions on how to submit your RSVP and payment.

Lt. Gov. Cathy Neal and Tom attended meeting at West Bloomfield Optimist Club Tuesday at 7:30am

Gov. Pam Batcho presents Proclamation to President Brittany Trout, West Bloomfield Optimist Club for 50 yrs. of serving their community.



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 [new members can join on front page of website.]

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

Calendar

Meetings at Farmington Presbyterian Church, unless otherwise noted.

Mar. 1	Board of Directors Meeting by Zoom
Mar. 8	Club Business Meeting Cancelled
Mar. 8	State of the Cities Breakfast
Mar. 9	"Dyslexia and Struggling Readers" registration required.
Mar. 11	2 nd Quarter JOI Virtual Meeting
Mar. 15	Respect for Fire
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. 22	CHW St. Patrick's Day Dinner at The Pines
Mar. 29	Mary Gager Drew, OK2Say Director
Apr. 5	Board Meeting via zoom
Apr. 12	Chair Yoga + Business Meeting
Apr. 19	Amy Mullins, A Courageous Voice.org
Apr. 23	Miss Farmington Cities Scholarship Program Chili Cookoff, Cowleys 1-4pm
Apr. 26	Leadership Awards
May 11	40 th Club Anniversary Celebration at The Pines

Inclement Weather Policy: If schools closing, then no in-person meeting but will switch to a zoom link instead.

Birthdays

March

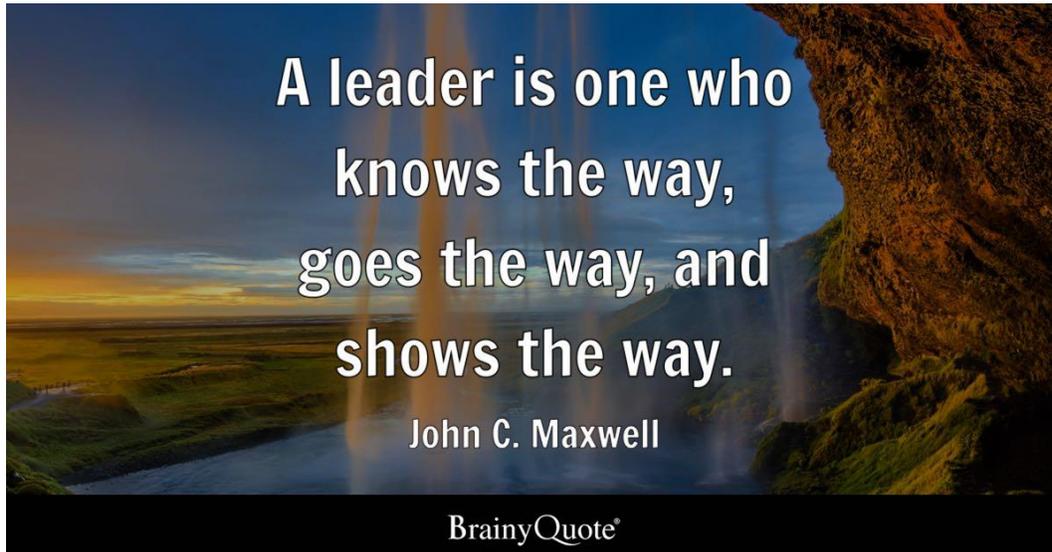
05 – Diane Eklov
11 – Anna Durham
19 – Gary Mekjian
21 – Jim Walker

23 – Steve Vercellino
29 – Doug Edwards

Attachments:

Newsletter PDF

CHW St Patrick's Day Dinner PDF





**ST PATRICKS DAY
CHILDHOOD HEALTH AND
WELLNESS FUNDRAISER**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023
7:00-9:30 PM**

**JOIN US AT THE PINES RESTAURANT
37777 11 MILE CRT., FARMINGTON HILLS (FH GOLF COURSE)**

**SERVING CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE, SHEPHERDS PIE
AND A SPECIALTY SALAD FOR OUR NON-MEAT EATERS,
DESSERT**

COFFEE, TEA OR SOFT DRINK INCLUDED. CASH BAR

**COST IS: \$50 PER PERSON
PROCEEDS GOING TO FUND GRANTS FOR THE OPTIMIST
CLUBS UNDER CHW.**

SECURE YOUR TABLE BY MARCH 15, 2023

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FORM WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

MICHIGAN DISTRICT OPTIMIST

MAIL TO: ROXANNE FITZPATRICK

30255 FIDDLERS GREEN, F.H., MI 40334

QUESTIONS CALL: 248-470-3584

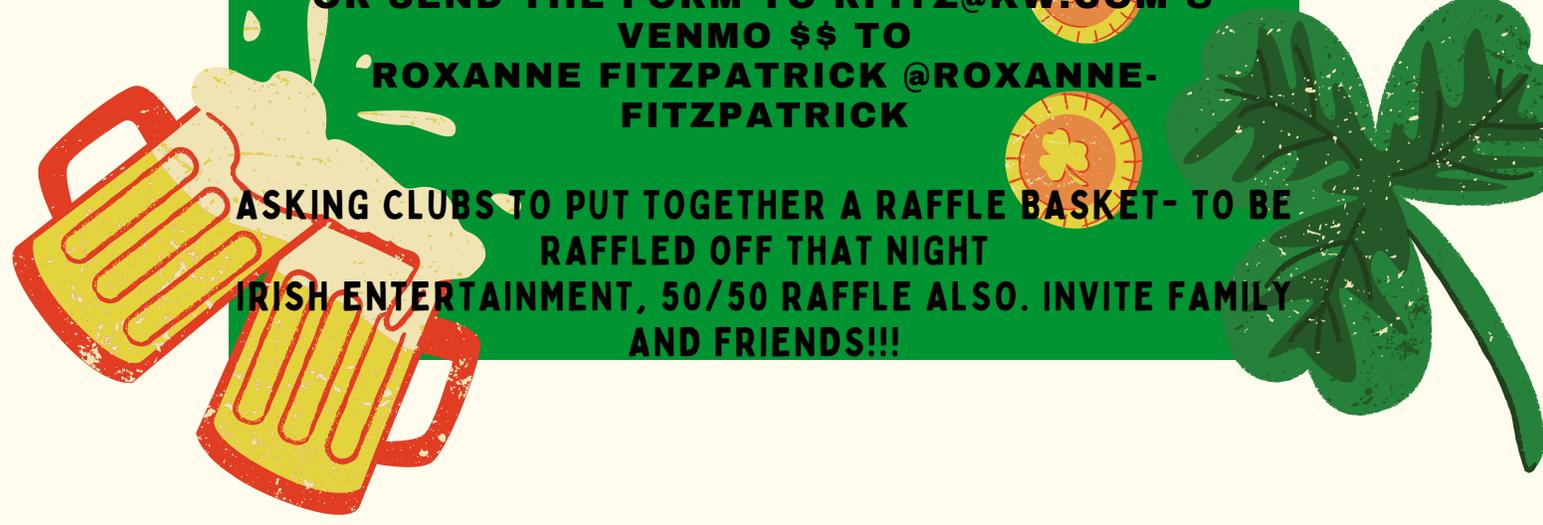
OR SEND THE FORM TO RFITZ@KW.COM &

VENMO \$\$ TO

**ROXANNE FITZPATRICK @ROXANNE-
FITZPATRICK**

**ASKING CLUBS TO PUT TOGETHER A RAFFLE BASKET- TO BE
RAFFLED OFF THAT NIGHT**

**IRISH ENTERTAINMENT, 50/50 RAFFLE ALSO. INVITE FAMILY
AND FRIENDS!!!**



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

**March 22, 2023 | The Pines Restaurant - 37777 11 Mile Ct.,
Farmington Hills | \$50 per person**

Name(s)	Email	Dietary Restrictions	Phone #

of people together: _____

Total Cost: \$ _____

Payment:

Check: _____

Venmo: _____

Deadline for reserving tables: March 15, 2023

Dear Music Educator

The Berry/Kauffold Scholarship is designed to help students further their music education. The purpose of our scholarship is to provide monetary incentives to musically talented high school students. The money can be used to purchase/lease new or upgraded instrument(s) or to offset expenses for band camp or for private instrumental instruction from a qualified teacher or program. The award of scholarship support is based upon completion of the **application** and the **recommendation forms** and a two-to-five minute video/audio file. Through this program, we will be awarding \$2000 to deserving high school students in Michigan.

Our goal is to encourage long-term involvement in music performance and to make students aware of the opportunity to continue performance with a community music experience and to pursuing music education after high school.

Scholarship applicants must currently be in the ninth (9th) through eleventh (11th) grade and must be current members of their high school instrumental or orchestral music program. Please find the guidelines, application form and all reference/recommendation sheets necessary for completing the application, either online or with this packet.

Please fee free to make additional copies as needed and note that all Application and Reference Forms are due by April 1, 2023. All applicants with complete applications will be contacted with regard of scholarship status.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Debra Berry, 248/467-0592 deb@debinparis.com

or

Michelle Kauffold 313-510-6300 newmichelle@att.net

Scholarship Committee

Michigan District Optimist/Optimist International



Student Guidelines 2022-2023

APPLICATION FORMS

Forms will be available ONLINE (<https://michiganoptimists.org>), from an Optimist Club President or from High School Instrumental Music directors.

ELIGIBILITY

Ninth through Eleventh Grade students, currently enrolled in a school band or orchestra program are eligible provided they meet any one or more of the following criteria:

1. Attend High School in the state of Michigan.
2. Are sponsored by a current Michigan District Optimist Club

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Berry/Kauffold Scholarships may only be used for the purpose of furthering a student's involvement in Music Education. This can include any of the following: Private lessons, instrument rental or payment costs, summer music camp. *Payment will be made directly to the student upon receipt of expense report and costs verification for projected expenses, as agreed by committee.*

Scholarship Awards will be made at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee and must be used by September 15, 2023. The decisions of the Scholarship Committee and Judges are final.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates must complete ALL of the following by the deadline of April 1, 2023 in order to be considered for scholarship support.

1. Submit a completed and signed application.
2. Submit a reference form from their current music director, or private lesson instructor. Although a signature alone is required, a letter of recommendation is *highly suggested* and bears value in decisions.
3. Submit a two to five minute audio/video file showcasing the level of ability, such as a solo, etude or challenging section from a piece of music from class.

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Scholarships will be awarded during the Michigan District Optimists Third Quarter Conference in May. Time and date TBD and will be announced. Should this award presentation be postponed or cancelled due to Covid 19, the award announcements will be made via USPS mail.

FOR PRIVATE LESSON REIMBURSEMENT--- VERIFICATION LOG

In order to receive the award support, the Private Lesson Verification Log is to be sent to the address listed on that form by no later than _____. The award will be known to the recipient within thirty (30) days after the log has been received.

REFERENCE FORM 2022

This scholarship is available to current ninth through eleventh grade students who play a musical instrument in a traditional band or orchestra. *Please write any relevant information regarding this student. Please include observations in regards to this student's talent, scholarship, breadth of interest, work habits, need, leadership, character, etc., for all are invaluable in aiding the selection process.*

Name of Scholarship Applicant _____ **Grade** _____

Please use the back of this form or a separate letter, if you wish. Thank you for your assistance.

Director/Teacher: Please print your Name _____

Your Signature: _____

Name of School: _____

Street Address of above: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Phone Number: () _____ email: _____

**PLEASE MAIL THIS WITH APPLICATION & REFERENCE FORMS
NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2023**

**BERRY/KAUFFOLD MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP
c/o Michelle Kauffold 313-510-6300
8898 Longview Drive Stanwood, MI 49346
newmichelle@att.net**

