

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

Farmington/Farmington Hills Sunnyside Newsletter

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

#### **Join Us for Meeting this Week with Essay Winners**

Come early to the meeting to socialize before we get started. The Church will be open by 7:15am, breakfast items at 7:30am. Meet the Essay winners and their parents.

#### **Board Meeting Recap**

- **Inclement Weather Policy Change:** When Farmington Public Schools are closed for inclement weather, there will NOT be an in-person Club meeting: the meeting will be via zoom. Link will be in the Newsletter.
- Club is buying Board members & liaisons business cards.
- Childhood Health & Wellness events (Bowling plus Wine & Dine Dinner) are cancelled for lack of participation.
- We had 20 essay contestants (10 Middle and 10 High). There was a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place at Middle School.
- We need more members to support dime-a-day. Tom to include details in newsletter.
- We now have a total of 57 members.
- Oratorical contest will be held at CARES on Saturday, March 18 from 10:00am to 12:30pm. All Optimists are welcome to attend.
- 20 club members ordered club polo shirts.

#### **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-nWIVPSewfC8iKIR61pCjFuj40yI0.DQMAAAATVb-VyRZiBl9NaVlaSVQ1MndHb19WaUlsMIBBAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA&pwd=NmhCUmlk eitDSnhOQU9tWEpgRDA0UT09>

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

Event scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023 at The Pines Restaurant at Farmington Hills Golf Club, 6:30-9:00P. Committee to meet 02/07/2023. Agenda to be sent out by Nicole.

### **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.

### **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. 7  | 40th Anniversary Committee meeting                          |
| Feb. 8  | Essay Winners                                               |
| 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:**

## 2021-2022 Presidential Awards

### Honor Clubs 2021-2022

#### MICHIGAN

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|-------|--------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|
| 17005 | Southfield-Lathrup Village, MI | 17494 | Detroit-Loving Community, MI     |
| 17030 | Bay City Noon, MI              | 17504 | Central Macomb, MI               |
| 17056 | Brighton, MI                   | 17569 | Mecosta County Optimist Club, MI |
| 17150 | Farmington Hills-BFT, MI       |       |                                  |
| 17234 | Grosse Pointe-Lakeshore, MI    |       |                                  |
| 17325 | Plymouth-Canton, MI            |       |                                  |



Knowing is not  
enough; we must  
apply. Willing is not  
enough; we must do.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe