

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

Farmington/Farmington Hills

Sunnyside Newsletter March 20, 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."

52 Days till 40th Anniversary!

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

#### **Meeting this Week is about City of Farmington Hills**

At this meeting Wednesday morning we will hear from Vickie Sullen-Winn the new Director of Communications & Community Engagement for the city. Join us at 7:15am to socialize. Meeting is at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

#### **Get to Know New Member: Alvin Lynn with His Bio**

I've had the privilege to serve as a career soldier for 20 years in the U.S. Army, now retired since 1996. I held leadership positions in the security alarm industry for several years in Dallas/Ft Worth, TX. I relocated to Michigan and remarried in 2013. Agatha and I have four adult children and ten grandchildren between us. Agatha is retired and a full-time grandmother, and I am actively engaged in the community as the owner of two veteran-owned small businesses. As a licensed insurance professional, my primary focus is Medicare and financial services. As the owner of an independent full-service advertising specialties company, we offer promotional items and more. Our plans are to travel more (within the U.S.) with an eye on National Parks. Hobbies, I don't have one that I practice very often, but I do like professional boxing and drag racing. My goal for 2023, is to learn how to play golf.... I believe it is an honor to serve in the community where you live and conduct business. I like the Optimist Club because of what it is...

## **Michigan District Mondays – March 20 at 7 PM Zoom**

Below is link to join in-depth discussions with club Presidents. All state-wide members are welcome.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85438081333?pwd=dzFFK3VSM1NNZjY1YjJBc3JDbk03UT09#success>

## **District 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Conference in Livonia, May 12 & 13**

Friday night – Fun and games with Optimists from throughout the state. This is a great chance to show someone new just how cool, fun, and exciting you are when you are with your Optimist pals. Saturday - Morning begins the conference with the Oratorical and CCDHH competitions taking place before lunch. Business meeting after lunch.

Registration for the conference weekend will be open on the MI District website beginning on March 20th.

## **ST. PATRICKS DAY CHILDHOOD HEALTH AND WELLNESS FUNDRAISER – Sign up now for an Irish good time!**

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.

## **32<sup>nd</sup> Orrie Donley Golf Outing August 1st**

Your Golf Committee has already started preparations for our Club's main fundraiser. This year's outing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>! Outing details can be found on the attached flyer.

The flyer has also been posted on the Club's website ([www.fhoptimists.org](http://www.fhoptimists.org)) for viewing and printing. **The website is**

**now ready for golf and sponsor registration online.** So, get your foursomes together now! The outing has sold out the past 2 years, so you will want to register early.

The Golf Committee is also looking for a few more committee members. If you are interested in helping out with this event as a committee member, please let Roxanne Fitzpatrick (248-470-3584) or Laura Stewart (248-346-2201) know. Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23 at 7:30AM via Zoom.

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

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

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

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| 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 + <b>Elections</b>                           |
| Apr. 19 | Amy Mullins, A Courageous Voice.org                                        |
| Apr. 23 | Miss Farmington Cities Scholarship Program<br>Chili Cookoff, Cowleys 1-4pm |
| Apr. 26 | Leadership Awards                                                          |
| Apr. 30 | Jr. Optimist Team Building at Costick Center                               |

May 11                    40<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary Celebration at The Pines  
May 12 & 13          District 3Q Conference in Livonia

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

## **Birthdays**

### **March**

19 – Gary Mekjian  
21 – Jim Walker  
29 – Doug Edwards

### **Attachments:**

Newsletter PDF  
CHW St Patrick's Day Dinner PDF  
Optimist Golf Outing Flyer PDF

**“We had a great meeting this week and had a visit from Terry Tipton, a Jr. Optimist Club advisor. He brought his dog Koa and taught us some good tips about dogs.”**  
**- Susan Riggs, Staff Advisor**

### **Hillside Jr. Optimists**



Fireman of the Year presented to Sgt. Nicholas Newcomb by Nicole Blackmon, Club President. Also in picture, FH Chief John Unruh and Chairperson, Marcia Rodeheffer.



**Respect for Fire Program**



**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](mailto: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 # |
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# of people together: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:**

Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Venmo: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for reserving tables: March 15, 2023**