

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

Farmington/Farmington Hills

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

#### **No Meeting this Week, Instead State of the Cities**

Normally we would have a meeting Wednesday, but the Chamber is hosting the State of the Cities meeting. We will have an Optimist table at the event because enough of us were able to purchase tickets for the breakfast.

#### **New Member Orientation, Wednesday, March 1**

We had two people attend, Dan Fantore and Betty Santo. Both showed interest and are considering joining.

#### **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:**

Committee's budget was approved at the Board meeting. Next step is to send out invitations and determine who will attend.

## **ST. PATRICKS DAY CHILDHOOD HEALTH AND WELLNESS FUNDRAISER – Sign up now for 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.

### **Optimism Leads to Success**

According to Barry A. Franklin, author of GPS for Success, research suggest those who score high on the optimism/happiness scales are the most successful in every field. People who believe that good things invariably happen to them find that unexpected future opportunities arise.

### **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.*

Mar. 8 State of the Cities Breakfast at The Hawk  
Mar. 9 “Dyslexia and Struggling Readers”  
Library registration required.  
Mar. 11 2<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary Celebration at The Pines

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

## **Birthdays**

### **March**

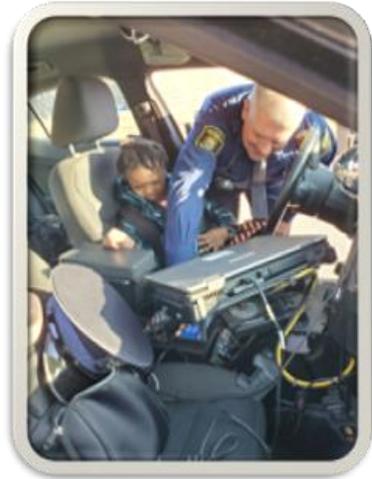
05 – Diane Eklov  
11 – Anna Durham  
19 – Gary Mekjian  
21 – Jim Walker  
29 – Doug Edwards

## **Attachments:**

Newsletter PDF  
CHW St Patrick’s Day Dinner PDF



Michigan State Trooper,  
Mark Pheeneey, visits  
Lanigan Jr. Optimists



Inside Trooper Mark's car



**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**

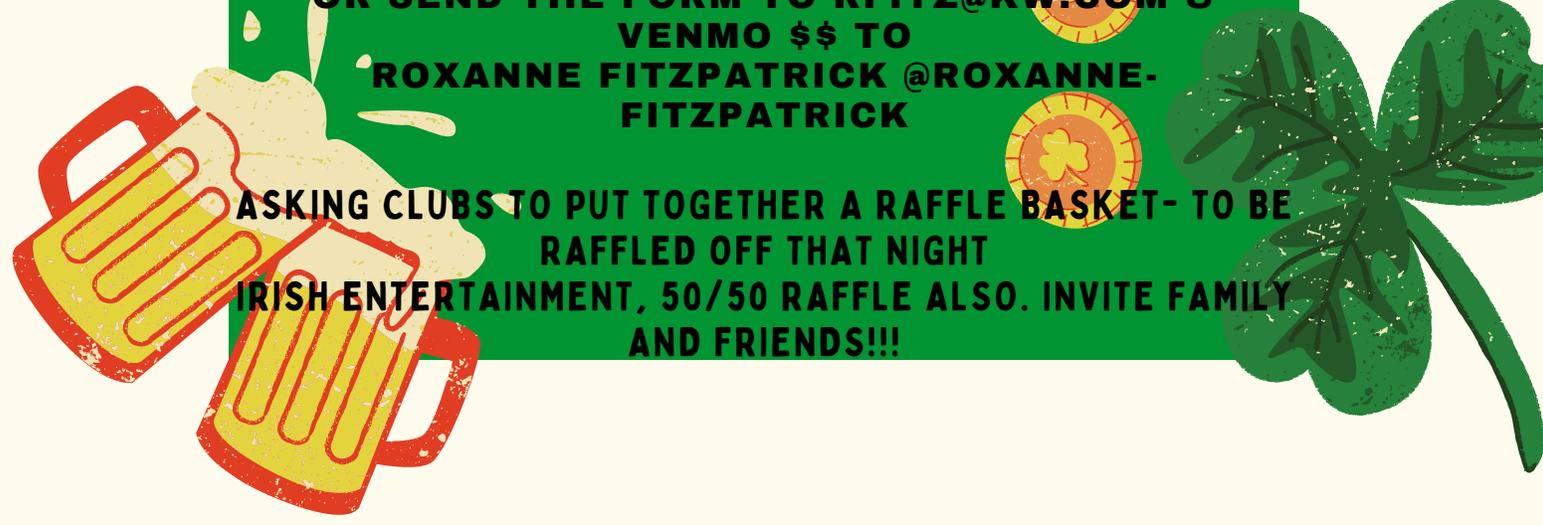
**OR SEND THE FORM TO [RFITZ@KW.COM](mailto:RFITZ@KW.COM) &**

**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**