

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

Farmington/Farmington Hills

Sunnyside Newsletter April 10, 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."

30 Days till 40th Anniversary!

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

### **Meeting this Week starts with Chair Yoga next Business**

We start off this Wednesday with a short chair yoga exercise with Lifetime Fitness Instructor, Carrie McDonald Cook, who will lead us for 15 minutes in chair yoga. (If you have never done this now is your chance.) Then next is our business meeting where we will end up **electing our officers and directors** for the next Optimist year starting in October 1. See you at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington at 11 Mile and Farmington.

### **40<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary Celebration**

We have sent out invitations by email this week to all current members, past Club Presidents and a list of dignitaries to join us at The Pines Restaurant on **Thursday, May 11 at 6:00pm**. Please make reservations for the event by the end of this month if possible so we can allow the restaurant to plan for the number attending.

### **Building New Optimist Club – Rochester Area**

Our club is helping build a new Optimist club in Rochester. The old club that was there folded, but there is renewed interest to start a new one! Tom & Cathy Neal, Phyllis Pheeny and Roxanne Fitzpatrick were going over there this past week but weather delayed them. They will go to talk about what our club has done this coming week assuming no more big weather events!

### **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. Activities: iceless curling, steel tip darts, assorted board and electronic games, dancing, beer, wine, and fun food options.

**Saturday** - Morning begins the conference and at 10:00am with the Oratorical and CCDHH (Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) competitions taking place before lunch. Business meeting after lunch. The Michigan JOI District will be hosting their district convention at the same time as our conference.

Registration for the conference weekend is open on the MI District website: [michiganoptimists.org](http://michiganoptimists.org)

### **Super Zone Zoom with National OI President April 18**

Cathy Neal, our Lt. Governor of Zone 12, has arranged a super-zone meeting with Bob McFayden, O.I. President, for 7:00pm, April 18. Bob has a deep belief in what optimism can bring to our country. Plan to join the zoom and learn his common-sense approach to spreading optimism. Details will be in a future newsletter.

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

We need all members to help recruit sponsors for this event. Hole sponsors start at \$200. Let Laura Stewart know who you want to solicit so there are no conflicts with other club members. Your help with this fundraising event is greatly appreciated. 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.

### **Looking for Help with our Jr. Optimist Clubs**

Our Jr. Optimist Clubs have over 180 members in 11 clubs. We need additional Optimist members to help support a couple of **new** school clubs. Schools that need Optimist Advisors are Kenbrook ES, Wood Creek ES, Steam Academy ES, Power MS, and Steam Academy MS. Please see Diane Eklov or Tom Neal to volunteer so you can be trained how to advise and support a new school club. Also, we could use **3 Optimists for the Team Building** event on April 30 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

### **O.I Foundation Online Fundraising**

This is in the works. If you want to help, send Pamela Barcholtz (optimistpam@gmail.com) great pictures of items you would like to donate to the Foundation. After they sell, we will talk about how best to deliver your items. Also, you will receive Foundation credit for the amount received for your items. Pam needs just 3 things to get this going:

1. Clear pictures with great backgrounds of the item
2. A description of the item and anything you think should be said about its value
3. A promise to follow through with completing the sale when your item sells. (Shipping may be one of the options with reimbursement of that cost if needed.) Even large furniture items could be sold like this but would probably have to be pick up only.

### **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.*

- Apr. 12 Chair Yoga + Business Mtg. + **Elections** 7:30am
- Apr. 13 Golf Committee Meeting, 7:30am zoom
- Apr. 19 Amy Mullins, A Courageous Voice.org, 7:30am
- Apr. 23 Miss Farmington Cities Scholarship Program  
Chili Cookoff, Cowleys 1-4pm
- Apr. 26 Leadership Awards, 7:30am
- Apr. 30 Jr. Optimist Team Building at Costick Ctr., 2:30pm
- May 10 Respect for Law
- May 11 40<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary Dinner, The Pines, 6:00pm
- May 12 & 13 District 3Q Conference in Livonia
- May 17 Danielle Ware, Founder, Danika Community Development Inc.
- May 24 Peggi Tabor, PhD "The Science of Happiness"

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

### **Birthdays**

**April** (*Could use some new members with April birthdays.*)

17 – Ruth Platt

29 – Michael Bridges

### **May**

07 – Dawn Klein

23 – Lincoln Avery

### **Attachments:**

Newsletter PDF

Optimist Golf Outing Flyer PDF



You are cordially invited to share  
in the celebration of our

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Farmington/Farmington Hills  
*Optimist's Club*  
40<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
EVENT

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Thursday May 11, 2023 6:00 pm  
The Pines  
37777 Eleven Mile Court, Farmington Hills, MI 48335

\$40 per person, Cash bar, RSVP by May 1st  
adurham@fhgov.com or 248-892-2919

Cash or Check payable to Farmington/Farmington Hills  
Optimist Club P.O. Box 2203 Farmington Hills, MI 48333



**32<sup>nd</sup>**

**Orrie Donley Golf Outing**  
in support of  
**The Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club**

— celebrating **40** years of service —

**Tuesday, August 1, 2023**

Farmington Hills Golf Club

**18 Holes Of Golf With A Cart On A Championship Course**

**9:30 a.m. Shotgun Start**

Vegas Hole • Closest To The Pin • Lowest Score • Longest Drive

Other Fun Activities • Awards, Raffles & Prizes

Sponsorships Available

**Golf Package \$150**

**Dinner Only \$35**

Farmington Hills Golf Club  
37777 Eleven Mile Court  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
248-476-5910

The Orrie Donley Golf Outing is the largest single fundraising event each year for the Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club. It enables our organization to provide financial support to many worthwhile youth programs and events in our community.

**The Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club is a 501(c)(3).**  
[www.f2hoptimists.org](http://www.f2hoptimists.org)





**Golf Package \$150**  
**Dinner Only \$35**

**8:00 – 9:15 a.m.**  
 Continental Breakfast & Registration

**9:30 a.m.**  
 Shotgun Start

**Lunch & Beverage Cart on the Course**

**3:30 p.m. (approximately)**  
 Early Dinner  
 Followed by Awards, Raffles & Prizes

**Register, Sponsor, Donate**  
**[www.f2hoptimists.org](http://www.f2hoptimists.org)**

**Credit Cards Accepted**

Or send this form with check payable to:  
 Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club  
 P.O. Box 2203 Farmington Hills, MI 48333

**For more information contact:**  
**Optimist Golf Committee Co-Chairpersons**

Laura Stewart

Roxanne Fitzpatrick  
 248-470-3584 [rfitz@kw.com](mailto:rfitz@kw.com)  
[FFHOptimistsInfo@gmail.com](mailto:FFHOptimistsInfo@gmail.com)

**Sponsor Registration**  
 Must Order By Tuesday, July 4

◆ **Diamond Level \$2,500**  
 Full page advertisement in program

◆ **Gold Level \$1,500**  
 ½ page advertisement in program

◆ **Silver Level \$1,000**  
 ¼ page advertisement in program

◆ **Bronze Level \$500**  
 ⅙ page advertisement in program

◆ **Chrome Level \$200**  
 Listing in program

◆ **Each Sponsorship Level Includes:**  
 Hole sponsor sign  
 Place promo items (min 144) in give-away bags

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Optimist Member Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Promo Item: \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfer & Dinner Registration**  
 Must Register By Tuesday, July 18

|               | # of People | Total |
|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Golf & Dinner |             |       |
| Dinner Only   |             |       |
| <b>Total</b>  |             |       |

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**DRAFT of slate to be voted on by Club Membership**  
PROPOSED BOARD OF DIRECTORS **2023-2024**  
FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS OPTIMIST CLUB

**OFFICERS:**

PRESIDENT – NICOLE BLACKMON (3rd TERM)

PRESIDENT ELECT – ALVIN LYNN II

VICE PRESIDENT – TRIMAN JAGDEV

PAST PRESIDENT – TERRY TIPTON (3rd TERM)

**Officers serve for one year unless the term is extended with Board approval.**

SECRETARY – PHYLLIS PHEENEY

TREASURER – RICHARD BURROUS

**The President appoints Secretary and Treasurer.**

**DIRECTORS – TERM EXPIRES 2024**

LISA BRACHER

DAWN KLEIN

KEN MASSEY

**INCUMBENT DIRECTORS – TERM EXPIRES 2025**

MARCIA RODEHEFFER- replacing Jim Etzin

ANDREA FIELD staying on

DONALD MUNTER- replacing Triman Jagdev

**Other positions NOT voted on by membership, approved by the new Board:**

Not technically Board members and do not have voting rights/responsibilities.

Club Foundation Representative – Tom Neal

District Liaison – Roxanne Fitzpatrick

School Liaison – Diane Bauman