

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

## **Farmington/Farmington Hills**

### **Sunnyside Newsletter** April 17, 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 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

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

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#### **Meeting this Week About: A Courageous Voice**

Our speaker is Amy Mullins who is the founder of [acourageousvoice.org](http://acourageousvoice.org). Learn about what they do for children. See you at 7:30am in the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington at 11 Mile and Farmington.

#### **SUPER ZONE ZOOM W/PRESIDENT BOB 7PM, TUES. 4/18**

MI District: Super Zone Zoom on Tuesday April 18 from 7-8:30 PM, Regions 1-2. Lt. Governor, Cathy Neal is excited to let you know that O.I. President Bob McFayden and Governor Pam Batcho will be joining this 90-minute jam packed evening of OPTIMIST information, delights and fun!!! Join using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81786823216?pwd=Rmpka05wMjFVYWVHUIAxbTAyZUhTUQT09>

#### **Last Week's Business Meeting**

We tried a new thing: Chair Yoga. Carrie Cook, a Lifetime Fitness Teacher, led the group for the first 15 minutes doing yoga exercises using a chair. She runs classes online by zoom. You can check her out at [carriecookyoga@gmail.com](mailto:carriecookyoga@gmail.com).

#### **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**

We met with new club potential members this past Wednesday and shared what we do and like about Optimists. They have 14 committed to join and only need one more. They expect to charter by the end of this month.

### **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)

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

We recently welcomed Triman Jagdev and Dawn Klein to our committee! Next meeting is Thursday, 5/4 at 7:30 am via Zoom.

Online golf and sponsor registration is available on the Club's website ([www.f2hoptimists.org](http://www.f2hoptimists.org)). Golf continues to sell out so register early. Members are encouraged to obtain sponsorships and raffle donations. See attached flyer and golf letter for details.

The committee is also looking for 1 or 2 current or past golfers to coordinate all golf matters prior to, and on the day of, the outing.

If interested, please contact Roxanne Fitzpatrick (248-470-3584) or Laura Stewart (248-346-2201).

### **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, and Power MS. (Alvin and Andrea have volunteered for 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.

### **Congratulations to New Officers and Directors for 23-24**

#### **OFFICERS:**

PRESIDENT – NICOLE BLACKMON  
PRESIDENT ELECT – ALVIN LYNN II  
VICE PRESIDENT – TRIMAN JAGDEV  
PAST PRESIDENT – TERRY TIPTON

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

SECRETARY – PHYLLIS PHEENEY  
TREASURER – RICHARD BURROUS

#### **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

**New Board is in effect beginning October 01, 2023 through September 30, 2024.**

### **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. 18     | Super Zone Zoom Meeting w/O.I. President Bob                               |
| Apr. 19*    | Amy Mullins, A Courageous Voice.org, 7:30am                                |
| Apr. 23     | Miss Farmington Cities Scholarship Program<br>Chili Cookoff, Cowleys 1-4pm |
| Apr. 26*    | Leadership Awards, 7:30am                                                  |
| Apr. 30     | Jr. Optimist Team Building at Costick Ctr., 2:30pm                         |
| May 4       | Golf Committee Meeting, 7:30am zoom                                        |
| 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<br>Development Inc.               |
| May 24*     | Peggi Tabor, PhD "The Science of Happiness"                                |
| May 31*     | Business Meeting                                                           |

\* Club meetings at FPC Farmington church.

**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

## **Attachments:**

Newsletter PDF

Optimist Golf Outing Flyer PDF

2023 Golf Solicitation letter Doc

You are cordially invited to share  
in the celebration of our

Farmington/Farmington Hills

*Optimist's Club*

40<sup>th</sup>

ANNIVERSARY  
EVENT

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)



Since 1983, the **Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club** has supported youth in our communities. The main fundraiser for our programs is the Annual Golf Outing which depends on your generosity. This year our 32nd golf outing will be held **on August 1, 2023** and we are excited to invite you to participate in this event!

Please consider supporting our efforts as a sponsor, donor, or golfer.

- **Sponsor** – See attached flyer.
- **Donor** - A major part of our success is the Raffle held at the Outing. Items range from event tickets, autographed items, hotel or golf packages, themed baskets, etc. Donations can be mailed to the Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club, Post Office Box 2203, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-2203 or contact Roxanne Fitzpatrick (contact information below).
- **Golf** – Regardless of your golfing skills, playing in a scramble is fun while also supporting the Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club. This includes golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch, beverage cart on the course, and cocktails and dinner at the club house. See attached flyer for golf registration. We continue to sell out so register early.

**Our Club is a 501(c)(3) public charity, your contributions are tax deductible. Please contact your tax professional.**

We hope you are as optimistic about the future of our youth as we are! Together we can make a difference.

Thank you for your support.

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